

A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News



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'Work With Us'

Divisional Commanders Message

CITY

I am delighted to announce the launch of our new community policing structure in Edinburgh. From 21st September, the Safer Neighbourhood Team structure will be rolled out across the city. Our SNTs have already had a successful trial in the South and East areas of Edinburgh and I am delighted that our officers are going to be even more committed to community engagement than ever before. For more details, please see our website or contact your local community officer.

WIDE

With the busy summer season now in full swing, I am encouraged by the dedication our officers are showing in keeping communities safe while the Division is working hard to police the many events taking place across the city. Our Community Officers provide a vital role throughout this period, by ensuring that local issues remain at the fore. The city of Edinburgh comes alive throughout the months of August, and A Division is committed to making sure everyone who works, lives, and visits Edinburgh can do so safely.

Chief Supt Gill Imery, A Division Commander

PUBLIC TRANSPORT SAFETY THIS FESTIVAL

HOT
TOPICS

It's festival time again and many of you will be joining the many visitors to the city at Festival and Fringe events throughout August. While out and about socialising, many people leave the car at home and opt for public transport.

While Edinburgh's public transport network is safe, there are simple steps that can be taken to minimise the risk of becoming a victim of crime while travelling on public transport.

When taking the bus:

- Plan your route in advance and research the bus schedule to minimise time spent waiting at stops.
- Have your ticket or change handy. This ensures your wallet or purse stays out of sight.
- If a bus is quiet, sit downstairs, close to the driver.
- Don't be afraid to approach the driver if you have a problem or feel uneasy.
- Keep your bag fastened and close to you.
- Switch your mobile from ring to vibrate and be discrete when using it.

Remember only 'black hackney' taxi cabs are entitled to pick you up on the street without a pre-arranged booking. For safety reasons if using a private hire car always:

- Choose a reputable firm and carry their telephone number with you.
- When the taxi arrives, ask the name of the company as well as the person the driver is to collect.
- Never get into a taxi you have not asked for.
- If possible share a taxi with a friend
- Sit in the back and don't give personal information to the driver.
- If the driver makes you feel uneasy ask them to stop at a busy public place and let you out.

Stockbridge

2-males were arrested in July for being in the grounds of Edinburgh Academy and attempting to break-in to a flat in Clarence Street, one of the males was also charged with breaking into vehicles in Glenogle Road, Dean Terrace and Hamilton Place, where sat-navs were stolen. Another 2 cars were broken into in Clarence Street where golf clubs and a sat-nav were stolen and from The Grange car park in Portgower Place where documents were stolen. There were 7 pedal cycles stolen across the beat all whilst secured to railings or within common stairs. A garage was entered in Dean Bank Lane and the lawnmower and a petrol can were stolen. Vehicles were the subject of minor vandalisms in Inverleith Place and Portgower Place.

PC Greig Stephen – Stockbridge Community Beat Officer

Craigeleith

Craigeleith Retail Park was subjected to the traits of an unscrupulous criminal who drove his vehicle alongside a shoppers trolley in the car park and lifted her bag through his open window and drove off, on another occasion he opened an insecure vehicle in the car park and removed the occupants bag from the seat while she was still in the car. Diligent police enquiries identified the male and he has been reported accordingly. Two local youths were identified for a break-in to a house and theft of property including car keys and the subsequent theft of the car from Telford Road, a break-in to a house in Forthview Road and theft of a motorcycle from Craigeleith Road, and a 9-yearold youth has been reported for smashing a bedroom window in Telford Drive. There were 3 pedal cycles stolen across the beat and vehicles had windows smashed in Rocheid Park and East Fettes Avenue. Penny Hair Stylist in Strachan Road had their front window smashed overnight 12/13th July, by persons unknown. A house was broken into in Telford Road and an x-box games consol stolen.

PC Alan Millar – Craigeleith Community Beat Officer

Drylaw

July saw attempt break-ins to houses in House O'Hill Road, House O'Hill Avenue, Hillpark Way and Craigcrook Road premises were violated in Corbiehill Avenue and Drylaw Crescent. A local youth was detected for attempting to break-into a car in Telford Road, being within premises in Easter Drylaw Avenue with intent to steal, attempting to break-into a house in Easter Drylaw Drive, and breaking into a car in Telford Road and a juvenile was reported for smashing a house window in Easter Drylaw Bank. Vehicles were damaged in Telford Road, Drylaw Crescent and Easter Drylaw Place and a bicycle was stolen from a back garden in Groathill Road North.

PC Keith Dickson – Drylaw Community Beat Officer

Dean

The theft of 2 large metal lions and a large metal, between Friday 16th July and Sunday 18th July, from the Dean cemetery featured in the press this month, enquiries are still ongoing to try and trace these unusual items. There were 6 vehicles reported as having been vandalised throughout the beat with a Ford Ka being turned on its side overnight in East Fettes Avenue. 4 pedal cycles were reported stolen in Comely Bank, Comely Bank Street, Comely Bank Avenue and Learmonth Park. A male was arrested for a late night assault and robbery on a young man in Belford Road and 2 males were arrested after unsuccessfully attempting to break-in to a flat in Dean path.

PC John Tod – Dean Community Beat Officer

Useful Numbers

Community Beat Officers (CBO's)
Community Beat Officers Inverleith Sector.

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Stockbridge: PC Greig Stephen
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Drylaw: PC Keith Dickson
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Officer in Charge of Inverleith Sector
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Police Telephone Numbers

Force Communication Centre
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Crimestoppers:

0800 555 111

Environmental Wardens:

0131 469 5328

or email env.wardens@edinburgh.gov.uk

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date	time	place
29th July	12pm-2pm	Western General Hospital
26th Sep	12pm-2pm	Drylaw Police Station
9th/10th Oct	12pm-2pm	Ocean Terminal

A limited number of bikes will be registered and marked for free, arrive early so you don't miss out!



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