

A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News



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'Working in Partnership for a Safer City'

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“Sharing Information, Valuing Diversity & Working in Partnership for a Safer City”

The *City of Edinburgh Policing Plan 2006/07* has now been published, to help us tackle competing policing priorities during the next 12 months in terms of national security, the protection of vulnerable members of our communities, the policing of a multitude of events and the reduction of crime and disorder. The Plan emphasises that the sharing of information remains key to providing the highest quality of service and so we will continue to proactively engage with our partners and the diverse communities across the City to ensure that police officers are working where they are most needed.

An electronic copy of the Plan will accompany this month's e-mailed newsletter.

Chief Superintendent Allan Shanks, Divisional Commander

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TIPS

Nipping Garden Crime in the Bud

Spring is upon us and many of you will be dusting down the lawnmower and garden tools in the hope of producing an award-winning garden. Unfortunately, at this time of year, break-ins to garden sheds and thefts from gardens become more common. Many people store bicycles, power tools and expensive gardening equipment in sheds, making them an attractive target for criminals. These criminals consider this type of crime to be low risk, as there is no need to force entry to your home. However, there is much that can be done to outsmart garden thieves.

- Use a good quality closed shackle padlock on your shed door - the hasp should be attached using coach bolts rather than screws
- You should keep valuable items in the house - if they must stay in the shed, chain and lock them up
- Loop a bike lock through the handles of garden forks, spades, etc. - these items can be used as tools to force entry to your home
- Security mark your bicycles, lawnmowers, toolboxes and garden furniture by engraving, painting or utilising a security marker pen
- Fit an internal wire mesh grille to protect your shed window
- Install security lighting to illuminate your garden.
- Fit a shed alarm - they can be purchased for a few pounds from DIY retailers

Local News

Craigleith

Constable Charlie Everitt will join the team as the new Community Beat Officer for Craigleith Beat from the 1st May. I know that Charlie has been in consultation with Iain McFarlane and I am sure that he will endeavour to meet as many of our partners as possible in the coming months. A fairly quiet month in relation to crime in the Craigleith area but since the last publication there are a couple of items of note. A house in Columba Road was the subject of a break-in through the conservatory overnight 26th/27th March, and during the day, 6th April, a house in Craigmock Road was entered by the culprit smashing a lower pane in a rear door, reaching in and unlocking the door by means of the true key – these two incidents highlight the need to remove keys from doors when the premises are vacated and prevent access to the main house from the conservatory. A motorcycle was stolen overnight (14th April) from North Webber Place – no one was seen.

Dean

I would like to highlight an unusual break-in in the Dean Beat this month that is somewhat allied to the crime prevention message above. On the 23rd April a house in Alva Street was broken into. The perpetrator reached through the letterbox and removed the key that was hanging there and simply used the key to enter the house – this example again emphasises the need to secure keys when your premises are vacant. There continues to be break-ins to commercial premises, general anti-social and criminal behaviour situated in and around the West End. This area will be the subject of a local policing initiative in the near future involving targeted high visibility patrols and the use of covert means to target criminal activity in the vicinity. I hope to bring you an update in the next newsletter. On a cheerier note a male was arrested on the 10th April following an attempt to break in to premises in Dean Park Crescent. The male was found in possession of stolen property and tools and this arrest was directly attributed to neighbours telephoning the police and reporting on the suspicious activities of the male concerned. Well done and thank you.

PC 5096 Steve Neill CD16 – Community Beat Officer

Stockbridge

About 4am 10th April, an attempt was made to break-in to business premises at 164 Dundas Street by forcing the front doors. Two males were arrested for this crime and appeared at Edinburgh Sheriff Court the following day charged with housebreaking with intent to steal. During the afternoon of Tuesday 11 April, an 80 year old man was standing at a bus stop in Raeburn Place, when a male engaged him in conversation then went to the elderly males flat where he attempted to sell him 'bargain' leather jackets. Due to lack of funds, the suspect left without having duped the elderly complainer into parting with money. The male is described as white, Italian in appearance, slim, clean-shaven with sharp features, early 30's and smartly dressed. He is also thought to be driving a small silver motorcar with foreign registration plates. There have been no real problems regarding youths over the holiday period. Please contact me if you have any complaints about youths drinking and getting up to anti-social behaviour in the area. Lastly, there were two attempted break-ins to private dwelling houses in both Oxford Terrace and Inverleith Place. Both of these attempts were during late afternoon, early teatime. The mode used to try and break in was the same for both, with the culprits smashing ground floor side windows and attempting to gain entry. No one was seen or suspected, and nothing was stolen at either address. It is believed that the suspects may have been disturbed by the "burglar" alarm that sounded at one of the properties when they smashed a window. If you see anyone suspicious in these areas, or hear any unusual movements or sounds to the rear of your property, please check to see if there is nothing untoward. Again do not hesitate to contact the police if you are unsure.

PC 4384 Greig Stephen CD17 – Community Beat Officer

Useful Numbers

Community Beat Officers (CBO's)

The three Community Beat Officers for the Dean Sector can be contacted on 0131 221 2008 or by e-mail as follows

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And Finally....



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crimereduction.gov.uk

providing information and resources for people working to reduce crime in their local area



City of Edinburgh Policing Plan



2006/07

The challenge of policing the vibrant and evolving city of Edinburgh is one I relish. We have gained from our experiences over the past twelve months and will use this knowledge to help us make decisions over competing priorities in terms of national security, protecting vulnerable members of our communities, policing a multitude of events and reducing crime and disorder.

For us to be responsive and provide the highest quality of service to everyone in our socially and culturally diverse communities, we need to ensure that officers are working where they are most needed. Information is an essential element in this regard. We must engage with individuals from every walk of life to be alive to changes within their communities.

We are assisted in our endeavours to tackle concerns in relation to anti-social behaviour through officers funded by the City of Edinburgh Council. These officers deal with issues around the city centre night-time economy and engage with individuals and groups within their own residential community. I appreciate that many crimes and incidents of disorder are fuelled by drug and alcohol abuse and am committed to doing all that we can to limit this. Together we will continue to be innovative when interacting with those involved, using anti-social behaviour legislation if appropriate.

This City of Edinburgh Policing Plan sets out our priorities for the year ahead. It reflects the Force Goals published in the Annual Service Plan and takes cognisance of our commitment to the National Intelligence Model. We have strengthened our focus on performance management in appreciation of the importance of not only being more accountable, but also being balanced in our approach to improving our service to you. We will measure our performance in all areas of activity in order to ensure that this is achieved.

Finally, it is essential that our service meets the needs of those who work, live in and visit Edinburgh and I would ask you to take the time to pass your comments to me. I have highlighted how you can do this within the plan.

Allan Shanks
Divisional Commander
April 2006



Lothian and Borders Police

Our Vision

'Sharing Information, Valuing Diversity and Working in Partnership for a Safer City.'

Divisional Operational Targets

As highlighted in our vision statement, we appreciate the strength of working in partnership. We enjoy a particularly fruitful relationship with the City of Edinburgh Council and will strive to achieve our commitments made with them and other Community Planning Partners. Our joint Community Safety Strategy pledges us to:

- **Reduce the incidence of violence/housebreaking and anti-social behaviour**
- **Reduce the harmful effects of drugs and alcohol**

To assist us in achieving these outcomes we will focus on the following targets. These have been set as goals throughout the Force:

Drug Dealing

- Sustain current level of performance in relation to drugs supply offences

Crimes of Violence

- Achieve a 60% detection rate

Crimes of Housebreaking

- Reduce recorded levels over a five-year average
- Achieve a 40% detection rate.

We also pledge to:

Reduce the number of road casualties

- By 2010, and in line with nationally set targets, we will seek to achieve a significant reduction in the number of people killed and injured on our roads.



What do You Think?

Write to: Inspector of Command Support
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Focusing our Resources

In order to deliver policing across Edinburgh, we appreciate the need for us to work efficiently and effectively in all areas of activity. For this reason, we have identified four priority business perspectives: Public Confidence; Financial Management; Continuous Improvement and People Management. This focus will maintain a balance between achieving our operational targets and our supporting activities. Each of these areas will be continually measured and local performance in relation to them reviewed on a monthly basis:



Public Confidence

- Achieve the Divisional Operational Targets
- Reduce levels of anti-social behaviour and make communities feel safer
- Achieve targets in relation to time taken to attend calls from the public
- Consult with the public on how we are performing

Financial Management

- Strive to operate within our budget
- Seek alternative funding sources
- Recover costs whenever feasible
- Work as efficiently as possible

Continuous Improvement

- Provide a quality service through compliance with operational procedures
- Fulfil our commitment to Community Planning
- Encourage creativity and maximise the use of technology to improve our processes and procedures
- Compare ourselves with similar Forces and like organisations to benefit from best practice

People Management

- Manage our resources effectively and thoughtfully
- Facilitate a respectful working environment and enable a diverse valued workforce
- Be proactive in promoting equality of opportunity
- Build a workforce that takes a professional pride in its achievements and works proactively to achieve our Divisional Operational Targets.

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