

A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News

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'Working in Partnership for a Safer City'

Divisional Commander's Message

CITY
WIDE

Speaking to you in my first Divisional Newsletter, I am pleased to announce that at the end of December 2006, recorded crime across the Capital was 5% lower than at the same time last year. Detection rates also improved with a 6% increase in the number of crimes being solved citywide. Improved performance can be attributed to many factors, not least the fact that the police, the City of Edinburgh Council and many private and voluntary agencies across the Capital are now working closely together to improve safety.

Work is progressing towards 1st April 2007, when existing police beats will be realigned to match proposed changes to Council wards. I am confident that the change will further strengthen partnership working by allowing us to better coordinate our resources and so improve the implementation of crime reduction and community safety measures.

Chief Superintendent George Simpson, Divisional Commander

Lothian & Borders Police are now Podcasting!

FOR
YOU

Podcasting emerged in 2004 and offers a way to provide information in the form of video and audio files. These files can be downloaded and played free of charge on any personal computer or portable MP3-playing device and provide an additional communication channel for the public to access police information.

Podcasts on the **Festive Drink Driving Campaign**, **Crimestoppers** and **Personal Safety** are now available on the Lothian and Borders Police Website at www.lbp.police.uk.

We hope you find this service useful and informative.

REMEMBER,

If you see a crime being committed contact us on 999 in an emergency when urgent police assistance is required or on telephone 0131 311 3131 to report a crime.

If you have information regarding crime or criminal activity, you can call the independent charity **CRIMESTOPPERS** anonymously on 0800 555111.

Ward 45 – Merchiston / Polwarth

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This is the January edition of your monthly newsletter.

There were 30 reported crimes in respect of your ward for the month of December 2006.



DOMESTIC HOUSEBREAKING

There was one housebreaking.

On the 7th a break in occurred in Napier Road . Entry was gained by forcing the front door by bodily pressure. Nothing was stolen from within.

BUSINESS HOUSEBREAKING

There were no business housebreakings.

MALICIOUS DAMAGE

There were 15 incidents of malicious damage to motor vehicles this month.

Two of these incidents occurred on the 2nd with the rest of the damage being caused sporadically from the 14th - 28th.

The majority of the damage caused were wing mirrors being ripped from car doors and five incidents of windows being smashed.



AUTO CRIME

There were two theft of a motor vehicles.

On the 21st a blue Volkswagen Polo was stolen from Merchiston Avenue. This vehicle has since been recovered.

Between the 22nd and 31st a Hyundai motor car was stolen from Viewforth. This vehicle has not yet been recovered.

Overnight 25th/26th there was an attempted theft of a Vauxhall motor car in Forbes Road.

THEFT FROM VEHICLES

There were four thefts/attempted thefts from motor vehicles.

On the 18th there was a theft from a Renault Clio in Colinton Road and a theft from a Toyota in Merchiston Avenue. On both occasions a window was smashed and Satellite Navigation equipment was stolen.

On the 21st a Ford Fiesta was broken into in Napier Road although no property was stolen.

Between the 21st-22nd an attempt was made to break into a Cherokee jeep parked in Merchiston Avenue. Again, no property was taken.

OTHER NEWS



Following protracted enquiry, a 33 year old male was reported for a sequence of breaches of the peace between the 1st September 2006 and the 5 December 2006.

A 21 year old male was reported for assault, breach of the peace and for possessing false identification at Colinton Road on the 3rd.

A 24 year old male was reported for a theft shoplifting at Colinton Road on the 29th.

SECURITY ADVICE

I continue to have letters sent to vehicle owners / users who insist on leaving valuables on open display to the public.

As has been seen in recent months with Satellite Navigation equipment, it is vital that property of value be either removed from a vehicle or hidden from sight. It is imperative that we minimise the risks to our property and help to *reduce* crime.

TAGGED INCIDENTS

During the month there were 145 incidents logged by the police in respect of your ward. Of these only 10 were graded 1, i.e. emergencies; 39 were Graded 2 i.e. not emergencies but should be responded to within one hour. The remainder were dealt with by the Community Beat Officer or patrol officers.

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And Finally....

There has been an increase in the amount of graffiti over the last month.

One of the more prominent tags is the word 'NICO'.

I am keen to know of all graffiti but I am extremely interested in 'NICO'. If you have any sightings of this word could you please contact myself by either phone or email with the location of this word.

Your help in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Alan Hopper

