

A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News

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'Working in Partnership for a Safer City'

Divisional Commander's Message

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I am pleased to report that 8 months into the current recording period, levels of crime across Edinburgh are down 5% on the same period last year. Similarly, year to date solvency has improved by some 7%. Significantly, 51% of all crimes committed across the Capital were solved during November 2006.

On a personal note, I will be retiring in January 2007 having been Divisional Commander of the City of Edinburgh for nearly 3 years. Chief Superintendent George Simpson will be taking over my position and I will be working closely with him to ensure a smooth transition. Throughout my time working in the Capital, I have been constantly impressed by the professionalism and dedication of police officers and support staff and I look forward to monitoring their efforts in the future.

Chief Superintendent Allan Shanks, Divisional Commander

Have a Safe Christmas!

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With the Christmas and New Year party season about to start, Lothian and Borders Police are urging revellers to take care, to be aware and to drink sensibly over the festive period. The advice comes amid concerns about levels of binge drinking and the link to sexual and violent crime.

The misuse of alcohol is a real concern, particularly at this time of year. Incidents of drinks being spiked or tampered with are rare, but it is wise to take sensible precautions. It is equally dangerous to underestimate the effects of too much alcohol on the human body - drinking too much affects your judgment and can lead you into dangerous situations, making you a target for criminals when you are at your most vulnerable. If you are out with friends, stick with them and be cautious of going away with strangers or people you have just met in a pub or club.

We are not saying you can't enjoy yourself this Christmas, just be sensible with the amount you drink and keep an eye on each other. Remember, crime does not stop over the festive season and we would encourage the public to not only stay safe, but look after their personal belongings when they are out enjoying themselves.
Have a Safe Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Ward 45 – Merchiston / Polwarth



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This is the December edition of your monthly newsletter.

There were 31 reported crimes in respect of your ward for the month of November 2006.



DOMESTIC HOUSEBREAKING

There were three housebreakings.

Between the 6th/7th a break in occurred in Forbes Road when entry was gained by forcing the front door by unknown means.

On the 7th, high value electrical equipment was stolen from Bruntsfield Place. On this occasion the householder left the ***key in the lock*** whereby the culprit has simply used the key to enter and steal from within.

On the 16th there was a break in at Merchiston Crescent. Entry was gained by exerting bodily pressure upon a sash window. Electrical items were stolen.

BUSINESS HOUSEBREAKING

There was one business housebreaking.

Overnight between the 16th/17th premises in Bruntsfield Place were broken into. On this occasion entry was gained by raising an insecure sash window and climbing in.

AUTO CRIME

There was one theft of a motor vehicle.

The vehicle concerned was an unregistered Bedford Dumper truck stolen from Bruntsfield Avenue overnight between the 15th/16th.

There were no attempted thefts of vehicles.

THEFT FROM VEHICLES

There were five thefts from motor vehicles this month.

On the 3rd there was a theft of a Mazda 'hard rooftop' from Chamberlain Road. The Mazda was broken into by smashing the front nearside window and then forcing the roof from the vehicle.

On the 4th, a registration plate was stolen from a Nissan motorcar in Viewforth.

On the 12th at Gilmore Place an IPOD and CD player were stolen from the INSECURE boot of a VW Polo.

Also on the 12th a transit van was broken into in Bruntsfield Gardens and a digital camera was stolen.

On the 13th at Montpelier Terrace a Peugeot was entered and Satellite Navigation equipment stolen.



OTHER NEWS



A 26 year old male was reported for three separate counts of theft by shoplifting. These incidents occurred on the 9th, 16th and 27th. These three crimes all occurred within shop premises at Polwarth Gardens.

A 19 year old male was reported for a theft shoplifting at Colinton Road on the 9th.

A 29 year old male was reported for a theft shoplifting at Colinton Road on the 16th.



SECURITY ADVICE

Can I reiterate once again the need to secure your property. As can be seen by the crimes this month windows and doors are still being left unlocked when property is unattended.

Please take the time to ensure that you lock up your home / vehicle when it is left unattended. By taking simple measures and using all locks you may prevent crimes occurring.

TAGGED INCIDENTS

During the month there were 151 incidents logged by the police in respect of your ward. Of these only 2 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....

As we approach the end of another year, I would just like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank you for your continued support in the community.

Alan Hopper

