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'Working in Partnership for a Safer City'

City Watch Safer Scotland, Safer Edinburgh

The **Safer Scotland** anti-violence initiative was launched on 03 April 2006 with Scottish police forces joining together to tackle violence on our streets.

Over the past four weeks 131 outstanding judicial warrants have been executed for crimes of violence across the Capital, with individuals wanted in connection with 1 attempt murder, 6 serious assaults, 103 minor assaults and 21 offences involving the possession of knives or offensive weapons all now arrested.

The commitment shown by officers working across the City accounted for 17% of the total number of warrants effected across Scotland during the initial phase of the campaign and builds on the success of the past year, which recorded a 16% fall in violent crime across Edinburgh, down to the lowest level for three years.

Chief Superintendent Allan Shanks, Divisional Commander

City Watch Think Safe, Be Safe

The next phase of the Safer Scotland campaign will feature policing activities designed to tackle violent crime involving the use of knives. Between 24 May and 30 June 2006 a knife amnesty will make recycle bins available in police stations across the Capital to facilitate the safe surrender of knives and weapons.

Socialising and the immoderate consumption of alcohol can often lead to a loss in self-control or confrontation. Simple precautions make violence preventable and not inevitable.

- **NEVER** carry a weapon, even for your own protection - it is a criminal offence
- Avoid eye contact with strangers and resist the urge to get involved in arguments
- Cross the street to avoid threatening people or groups
- Discourage friends from getting involved in volatile situations
- Make your own choices - don't let others "egg you on"
- In the event of trouble, think about your escape route and any safe haven from where you can seek help
- Moderate your drinking - stay in control & keep your wits about you

Ward 47 – Marchmont

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Welcome to the May edition of my monthly newsletter. For anyone who doesn't already know me my name is Bruce Burt, and I am your Community Beat Officer based at Howdenhall Police Station.

Council/Police Boundry For Ward 47

I thought this month I would include a map of the area that I actually cover. I have marked the boundry with a black line.



REPLICA GUNS SEIZED

Senior Police officers are warning the public of the dangers of carrying replica guns after three men were arrested in separate incidents in Edinburgh on May 1st.

Armed police were called to deal with three incidents in the space of 12 hours.

One of the three incidents related to the Marchmont area,

where officers were called to an address off Marchmont Road after a 28-year-old man was reported to be in possession of a gas-powered BB gun. He was arrested and charged and a report will be sent to the Procurator Fiscal.



The three incidents highlighted the dangers of possessing these types of weapons and the seriousness with which they are dealt by police.

A police spokeswoman said: "The public should be clearly aware of the dangers associated with air-weapons and others of this type, and that it is a serious offence to carry them in public.

"Armed officers being called out to three incidents in one day, highlights the worrying fact that people still have access to these weapons.

"People who carry guns should be aware that they are not only putting others lives at risk, but their own too. The only safe option is not to have one."

GPS THEFTS FROM CARS

Many of you may have already treated yourself

to one of the latest hi-tech navigation devices to assist you in getting from A to B.



In-car Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) systems are becoming more and more popular not only with the general public

but with local criminals. We are seeing an increase in the amounts of thefts from cars of these devices. Please be aware that if you leave these devices attached to your windscreen when you lock your car up, it may not be there when you return.

VANDALISM UPDATE

Recently the Youth Action Team arrested a male who had been vandalising the local area. He was part of a larger group who call themselves the Edinburgh Vandal Squad and use the initials EVS. The enquiry is continuing to identify the other members of the group. The male concerned is a young adult and not of school age.



INCIDENTS REPORTED TO POLICE

During the month there were 114 incidents logged by the police in respect of your ward. Of these 6 had been graded 1, i.e. emergencies, 23 graded 2 i.e. not emergencies but should be responded to within one hour. The remainder were more routine and in the main dealt with by the local Community Beat Officer or patrol officers.



REPORTED CRIME IN BRIEF

- 1.04 Bruntsfield Crescent - Vandalism to car
- 3.04 Strathearn Road - Assault
- 4.04 Warrender Park Terr. - Vandalism to car
- 4.04 Warrender Park Terr. - Vandalism to car
- 5.04 Meadow Place - Attempt Robbery
- 5.04 Argyle Park Terrace - Smashed window
- 5.04 Meadow Place - Vandalism to car
- 5.04 Warrender Pk Rd. - Theft Shoplifting
- 10.04 Warrender Pk Rd. - Vandalism to car
- 10.04 Warrender Pk Rd. - Vandalism to car
- 12.04 Thirlestane Rd. - Break-in to car
- 12.04 Thirlestane Rd. - Theft of car
- 13.04 Strathearn Rd. - Theft of car
- 13.04 Thirlestane Rd. - Break-in to car
- 13.04 Warrender Pk. Rd. - Smashed window
- 14.04 Thirlestane Rd. - Att. break-in to car
- 14.04 Spottiswoode Rd. - Att. theft of car
- 15.04 Argyle Place - Smashed window
- 16.04 Warrender Pk Rd. - Theft shoplifting
- 22.04 Marchmont Rd. - Smashed window
- 22.04 Strathearn Place - Vandalism to car
- 22.04 Marchmont St. - Theft of number plates
- 25.04 St.Margarets Rd. - Att break-in to house
- 27.04 Marchmont Cres. - Theft number plate

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AND FINALLY

You may have noticed in the contact section of the newsletter that my Inspector has changed from Graham Jones to Tom Galbraith.

This is a temporary situation, which will last for at least the next six months.

Inspector Galbraith will endeavour to attend local meetings in the community, and hopefully you will get a chance to meet him.

