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Reporting on Your Local Policing Issues

I am delighted to introduce this first issue of Edinburgh's new policing Newsletter. Policing in the capital has undergone some major changes recently and one of our main aims has been to improve the way we communicate with other agencies, community groups and most importantly you, the city's residents. This Newsletter is a crucial part of that strategy. Wherever you live in the city, each edition will offer you a mix of topical policing issues, crime prevention advice and local news items. I trust you will find this format both interesting and useful.

Allan Shanks, Chief Superintendent

TOP
TALKS

Crimestoppers is a charitable organisation that is based within the Scottish Criminal Record Office in Glasgow. The scheme originated in the USA and is now operated in Canada, Australia and Ireland. Crimestoppers works through a single Nationwide freephone number **0800-555-111** which can be used to give confidential information. This number can be called at any time with information about any crime type. Anonymity is guaranteed and you will not be asked for your name. Calls are not traced or recorded and they will not appear on your phone record. Callers are offered cash rewards if their information leads to an arrest and charge of an offender. In 2003 Crimestoppers, Scotland, received 7,793 actionable calls resulting in 502 arrests and the seizure of drugs and property to the value of £590,066.

A crime trend to be aware of this month involves a number of housebreakings across the city where car keys and subsequently the cars themselves have been among items stolen. It is recommended that you keep your vehicle and house keys in a safe place that is easy for you to access but is not obvious to a potential housebreaker. In addition do not leave house keys in the lock as this can aid the thief in their escape.

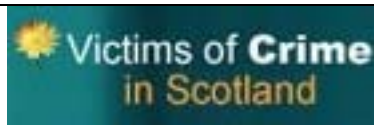
If you would like further Crime Prevention advice please contact the West End Community Safety Department on 0131-221-2050/2090.

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NEWS

NEWINGTON SECTOR (WARDS 49, 49 & 50)

I hope this newsletter find you refreshed and batteries re-charged after the summer break. On the crime front there is good news. In the Newington Sector overall the number of crimes has dropped by 3% when compared to last years figures and at the same time the number of crimes solved has risen by 13%. However, as I'm sure some of you know crime continues to happen and therefore we all must guard against complacency. Keep vigilant ! A more localised breakdown is continued overleaf.

'Brian Nisbet' – Newington Sector Inspector



Ward 49 - Newington

Welcome to the local community beat section for the Newington Ward for the month of August 2004. This month there has been an increase in the number of recorded crimes in the area, with a total of 82 recorded. It should be noted, however, that 12 of these were road traffic offences, which have occurred within the area, and 15 of them were shoplifting offences, mainly within Cameron Toll Shopping Centre.

DOMESTIC HOUSEBREAKING

This month there was only one incident of domestic housebreaking to a garage in Mid Liberton where golfing equipment was stolen.

An attempt was made to enter 4 lock ups on Lady Road on 23rd and to a further garage on 27th. Enquiries are continuing into these incidents.

Someone entered a house in Ross Gardens on 28th, by unknown means and a quantity of cash, jewellery and electrical equipment stolen.

Looking After Your Home !

- Check List

- **Fit and use good quality locks on doors and windows.**
- **Install a burglar alarm.**
- **Always keep house and car keys in a safe place away from the windows and doors.**
- **Lock away ladders, garden tools and other items that burglars could use.**
- **Make your home appear occupied when out or away by using timer switches or leave the lights on or radio on.**
- **Make sure your property is security marked by engraving or by using an ultra violet marker pen.**

Remember – if you can get into your home without your keys – so can a burglar.

ALWAYS LOCK FRONT AND BACK DOORS EVEN WHEN YOU ARE IN.

BUSINESS HOUSEBREAKING

This month there were two incidents of house breakings to business premises. On 11th a laptop computer was stolen from a property in Lady Road after the suspect climbed through an insecure rear window.

On 29th, a washing machine was stolen from a new but unoccupied flat on East Suffolk Road.

THEFT of / from MOTOR VEHICLES

This month there were a total of 3 x cars broken into and property stolen. Two of these crimes occurred on Gilmour Road where personal belongings and a car stereo were stolen. The other was in Burgess Terrace where again a car stereo was stolen.

A vehicle was also broken into on Dalkeith Road on 1st, where no doubt the intention was to steal, although on this occasion nothing was taken.

3 x motor vehicles were stolen during the month, a motorbike from Lady Road, a car from Ross Road and a car from Suffolk Road. Both cars have been recovered and enquiries are continuing.

The following web links offers good impartial advice on vehicle security.

<http://www.secureyourmotor.gov.uk/>

DAMAGE TO VEHICLES

There were five incidents of malicious damage to motor vehicles across the ward this month. These incidents appear to be acts of mindless vandalism. If you see anybody hanging around parked cars –

LET US KNOW!

THEFT of PEDAL CYCLES

This month there has been a decrease in bike theft with only two bikes being reported stolen from Cobden Crescent and the Kings Buildings.

Nonetheless officers on the beat regularly see bikes chained to railings and within insecure common stairs. **Don't give the opportunist thief a chance – lock your bike away out of sight!**

The following web link offers good impartial advice on cycle security.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/crime/prevention/cyclesecurity.shtml>

OTHER ISSUES

Drugs – Our plain clothes officers arrested a 26 year old male at Blackford Hill in possession of cannabis.

Another 28 year old male was also reported for possession of controlled drugs in Langton Rd.

LOGGED INCIDENTS

During the month there were 167 incidents logged by the police in respect of your ward. Of these 12 were Graded 1 i.e. 'emergencies'. 51 were 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 Officers.

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And Finally....

We Will be hosting a conference to promote Neighbourhood Watches / Associations within the Morningside and Newington Police Sectors.

All NHW Coordinators and known Residents Association contacts within Wards 45 – 51 will be invited to attend this informal evening.

The venue will be James Gillespie High School on Monday 4th October, 2004, between 7.00 – 8.30pm.

Please take this opportunity to meet and speak with the local police officers who work in and for your ward.