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'Working in Partnership for a Safer City'

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Turning the Volume Down on Noisy Neighbours

Edinburgh is a city renowned for its old tenements and modern flats. 'Stair life' has always been important in the capital. For most this means the opportunity to enjoy good relations with one's neighbours or, at the very least, the chance to live in peace and quiet in one's own home. For some though, the picture is very different. It can mean cheek by jowl living with so-called 'neighbours from hell' - a day-to-day life blighted by loud music, late night DIY, dog barking and so on. This is why I particularly welcome the launch of the Council's new noise teams of Environmental Health Officers. The creation of this unit follows some excellent joint working between the police and Council and breaks new ground in Scotland. Traditionally, noise complaints have fallen to the police to deal with. Now specially trained and equipped non-police staff will be the first point of contact for such calls. This will free up a considerable amount of police time and should allow quicker resolution of noise complaints. The teams have set themselves ambitious targets and - with attendance at over 100 calls in their first 4 days - they promise to be very busy. I wish them success in their new role.

Chief Superintendent Allan Shanks, Divisional Commander

Shaping up for Summer

Many people will take up cycling as method of getting in shape for summer so here's how to secure your bike when out and about.

- Secure your bike using two quality locking mechanisms such as a chain and padlock with a D Lock
- Remove valuable components (lights, saddle etc)
- An expensive bicycle – consider having it security tagged by a recognised company.

And when cycling, remember to give yourself a chance to be seen...wear something bright, lights at night...keep ahead ... wear a helmet.

Minor Fire Raising – A Simple Solution

Most instances of minor fire-raising are of an opportunistic nature. The damage caused by such incidents is generally minimal but it is clear that there could be more serious consequences. Abandoned or dumped rubbish is the most common material set on fire. Examples include 'wheelie bins, abandoned cars, collections of rubbish and waste materials and un-occupied dwelling houses.

You can assist us by having such materials removed before they become the fire raisers target.

Materials that have been dumped on the street or in open spaces can be removed by contacting the City of Edinburgh Council Rapid Response Unit on Freephone 0808 100 33 66.

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Ward 50 – Prestonfield / Priestfield

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Welcome to the APRIL 2005 Local Police Neighbourhood Newsletter.

There is a new authority service available to combat anti-social behaviour. The Neighbourhood Response Team (NRT) was established in October 2004 by the City of Edinburgh Council and is now fully operational.

The main aims of NRT are

- a) Supply community solutions for Community Problems.
- b) To allow people to live in peace and quiet
- c) Contribute to reducing exclusion where identified.

Most anti-social behaviour in the community is confined to low level nuisance that can have a major impact on people's lives.

The purpose of the NRT is to provide an early response to problems of anti-social behaviour. To complement existing services eg 'The Polis' to co-ordinate activities, address and resolve the problems.

Referrals can come from Housing Teams, Elected members, Senior Officials of other council departments, registered landlords, community / voluntary organisations and most importantly 'You the Public'.

You can contact the Neighbourhood Response Team as follows;

City of Edinburgh Council
Housing Services,
23 Waterloo Place,
Edinburgh EH1 3BH

Tel: 0131.529.7250 / Fax: 0131.529.2282

Crime Prevention Advice

Available from our

Community Safety Department

On 0131-221-2051

Weak Six Pack

A well known group of 6 youths involving 2 x 2 brothers and 2 local lads (would like to name and shame!) have come to our attention this month. One such incident involved a unprovoked assault on a u/16 boys hockey team who were visiting the Cameron Toll Shopping Centre.

It strikes me that the new Anti-Social Behaviour Team (ASBIT) who work in conjunction with the NRT would be in a position to pursue a request for a 'Anti-Social Behaviour Order'.

Hopefully they will read this and realise that this is a warning shot just to be clear that their behaviour will not be tolerated.



If there is something going on in your community you think we should know about then please give us a call.

Don't keep this to yourself as our crystal ball has its limitations. We can help!.

Neill & Stevie

VICTIM SUPPORT

If you or someone you know has been a victim of crime, the above can help by supplying a free, independent and confidential service. They can help with emotional support, practical help, support in court, help with compensation and forward information about the criminal justice system .

They can be contacted on
0131.668.2556

Housing Department :

Greig Henderson Tel 0131-529-5148
E-mail: greig.henderson@edinburgh.gov.uk

Cameron House Community Educ. Centre :
Tel: 0131-667-3762

Prestonfield Primary School :
Tel: 0131-667-1336

Prestonfield Neighbourhood Centre :
Linda Wright
Tel: 0131.620.7222 / Fax. 0131.620.7221
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Local Councillor :
Gordon McKenzie Tel: 0131.529.3101
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Priestfield Church :
Tel: 0131.669.7762

Prestonfield House Hotel :
Tel: 0131.668.3346

Commonwealth Pool
Tel: 0131.667.7211

Pollock Halls of Residence
Tel: 0131.651.2016 – Security Manager

REPORTED CRIME IN BRIEF

- 02/03 Prestonfield Gardens – *Vandalism to motor car*
- 02/03 Commonwealth Pool – *Theft of money*
- 03/03 Oxford Street– *Attempt Housebreaking*
- 03/03 Commonwealth Pool – *Theft from locker*

And there's more!!

- 11/03 Hotel, Marchhall Crescent - *Theft*
- 12/03 Commonwealth Pool – *Theft from locker*
- 12/03 East Preston Street–*Theft of Pedal Cycle*
- 15/03 Shop, Newington Road–*Theft Housebreaking*
- 16/03 Clearburn Crescent – *Theft*
- 18/03 Commonwealth Pool – *Minor Assault*
- 19/03 Peffermill Playing Fields – *Theft*
- 19/03 Causewayside – *Theft Housebreaking*
- 20/03 Prestonfield Hse Hotel – *Theft from motor car*
- 20/03 Priestfield Avenue – *Breach of the Peace & Police Assault*
- 20/03 Simmers Biscuits - *Vandalism*
- 21/03 Cameron Hse Nursery – *Vandalism*
- 22/03 Cameron Toll Grdns – *Vandalism*
- 22/03 Parkview Nursing Home –*Theft motor car*
- 22/03 Cameron Hse Ave – *Breach of the Peace*
- 24/03 Simmers Biscuits – *Theft*
- 27/03 Pizza Hut- Newington – *Theft*
- 30/03 Blackwood Crescent – *Theft MV*

The statistics for the month of March were seen to show a total of 28 reported crimes in Ward 50. There were 150 incidents logged by the police in respect of your ward. Of these 9 were graded at 1 i.e. Emergencies requiring immediate attention. 49 calls were graded 2 i.e. not emergencies but should be responded to within one hour. The remainder were more routine and mainly dealt with by the local Community Beat Officers or advice given over the telephone.

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And Finally....

Brian has bid farewell...Inspector Nisbet has decided to retire from the Force to pursue other interests, he wishes you well for the future.



Inspector Graham Jones has taken over from Brian and is looking forward to making a positive contribution to the quality of life for residents and visitors to the area. Graham will be attending various community meetings over the coming weeks and months and is looking forward to meeting you then.

