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'Working in Partnership for a Safer City'

Policing the Beat – a Local Success Story

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Earlier this year, 58 Community Beat Officers took to Edinburgh's streets. Their remit? To reinforce police and community links across the capital by re-energising the role of the traditional 'beat bobby'. Last week I had the pleasure of hosting a conference attended by these officers. From Portobello to South Queensferry, officers told me what they had achieved. Amongst other things, I learned of a student safety scheme in the city centre and of immensely successful Problem Solving Partnership work in the Leith area. One officer in the west of the city has even managed to obtain thousands of pounds from a charitable source to revamp a children's play area. There are obviously challenges facing these officers. We are continually looking at shift patterns to optimise the 'contact time' they have with their respective communities. We need to guard against their deployment at special events for the same reason. In overall terms though, I was very impressed by the commitment and enthusiasm these officers have clearly shown as they settle into their new role. I know some of you will have felt the benefits already. I look forward to reporting on more local successes.

Chief Superintendent Allan Shanks, Divisional Commander

The Pantomime with a Special Message

The fight against Bogus Caller crime remains one of the main priorities of the police in Scotland.

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All too often it is the elderly who are most likely to fall victim to the people who commit these crimes.

Our Safer Communities Department has taken the lead role in working with partners to find an innovative and enjoyable way to reach these people. We have now found money to pay for over 700 older people to attend a matinee performance of 'Mother Goose' at the Kings Theatre on 14th December 2005. The Chief Constable has been the main contributor with money from the Proceeds of Crime Fund. The Edinburgh Community Safety Partnership, Scottish Power and Scottish Water have also put their hands in their pockets.

The pantomime cast will also highlight Bogus Caller crime advice and Mr Dickson, the Deputy Chief Constable, will address the audience at the end. Audience members will also be provided with 'goody bags' containing personal safety items and useful information.

Ward 53 Alnwickhill

Merry Christmas



Welcome to the December Police Neighbourhood Newsletter.

On behalf of my Community Beat Officer's may I wish you a Merry Christmas and hope that you get all that you want and deserve ? If possible a stress free time for parents and a fun time for the kids over the christmas break. *John.*

Season to be Canny!!

Dear Santa

I know I wasn't very good last year, so here is a list of things I don't want for Christmas. I don't want...

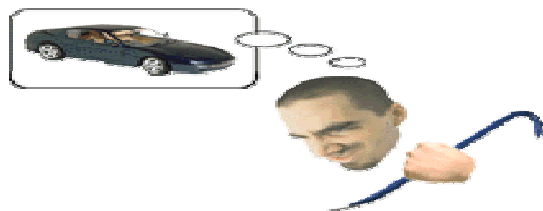
- *To stagger home alone*
- *To forget to eat*
- *To ruin my career*
- *To wake up with a stranger*
- *To get into a fight*
- *To spend a night in the cells*
- *To ruin my Christmas outfit*
- *To embarrass myself*
- *To have to go home early*
- **TO LET TOO MUCH DRINK RUIN MY XMAS NIGHT OUT**

On a serious note, this is the time of year for parties and nights out. Don't let it be spoiled by excess alcohol. Be vigilant against your drink being 'spiked' and remember not to drive until a sufficient amount of time has passed since your last drink. If in doubt, take the bus.

Don't Give Car Thieves An Easy Ride

There are over 2 million vehicle related thefts reported to the police every year. The following is some appropriate advice, which will make it more difficult for car thieves and in turn reduce the likelihood of your car being broken into or stolen.

- Ø When parking your car, make sure you have closed your windows, sunroof and locked your doors and boot. Never leave your keys in the ignition.
- Ø Don't leave anything on display in your car. Even an old coat or a cigarette packet can be a temptation for someone to 'smash and grab'. They steal first and think about value later.
- Ø Your car stereo is one of the most sought after items in your car. If you have a removable stereo, **ALWAYS** remove it when you leave your car and take it with you.



- Ø Take all your valuables with you when you leave your car. If you can't, lock them in the boot, preferably before you start your journey. The following items are particularly attractive to car thieves
 - § Laptops
 - § Mobile Phones
 - § Satellite Navigation
 - § Shopping Bags
- Ø Always try to park in a well-lit open area. Thieves like to steal from cars parked in places where they run the least risk of being seen.

CRIME FIGURES IN BRIEF

29/11 Mannering Place : Theft Sattelite Navigation system from Peugeot Van. **O/N**
29/11 Liberton Brae : Vandalism to Jeep. **O/N**
29/11 Howdenhall Cresc : Theft of CD player from Ford Fiesta. **E**
28/11 Robert Burns Drive House window smashed. **O/N**
26/11 Claverhouse Drive House windo.w **E**
26/11 Kirkbrae : Bus window smashed. **E**
25/11 Double Hedges Road : Attempt theft from Renault Minibus. **E**
23/11 Hawkhead Cresc : Theft of car BMW. **E**
22/11 Glenallan Drive : Theft of Honda Car : Recovered burnt out Gifford. **E**
22/11 Lasswade Road : Theft from Renault Clio car : Rucksack & contents : Recovered **D**
18th-21st Kenilworth Drive : Theft HB : Cash stolen.
5th- 21st Double Hedges Park : HB
20/11 Cumnor Cresc : Vandalism to House window smashed. **E**
20/11 Peveril Terr : Theft HB : Cash stolen. **E**

20/11 Dinmont Drive : Vandalism car. **O/N**
19/11 Claverhouse Drive : Vandalism to Car. **E**
18/11 Glendinning Crescent : Theft from car : MP3 Player Tools. **O/N**
8th 18th Liberton Brae : Attempt to steal Peugeot Car.
15th- 16th Orchardhead Road : Theft Registration Plates.
15/11 Dinmont Drive : Theft HB. **D**
15/11 Claverhouse Drive : Vandalism : Renault car. **D**
15/11 Double Hedges Park : Theft HB : Cash & Credit card. **E**
15/11 Robert Burns Drive : Theft HB : camera computer equipment. **O/N**
8/11 Backlee: smashing rear house window.
1st - 3rd Howdenhall Court : Theft of Car Registration Plates.
1st - 2nd Howdenhall Way : Attempt to force garage doors.
01/11 Howdenhall Court : Theft from Car : Audio Equipment.

Key: HB - Housebreaking

D/T - Daytime : E - Evening : O/N - Overnight

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And Finally:

If you are a **Pedal Cyclist** then please wear reflective clothing and have lights for both the front and back of your bike. It is incredible the number cyclist who have a 'Death Wish' and wear dark clothing with no lights.

School Kids take your time before crossing any road. Be very aware of cars and never assume they are aware of you. When crossing please don't dawdle or chat to you best pal. It would be best to wear bright or reflective clothing when walking too and from school.

NOW BE CAREFUL OUT THERE !!

