

# A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News

Lothian and Borders  
**POLICE**



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## 'Working in Partnership for a Safer City'

### Sharing Information, Valuing Diversity & Working in Partnership for a Safer City"

CITY  
WIDE

The *City of Edinburgh Policing Plan 2006/07* has now been published, to help us tackle competing policing priorities during the next 12 months in terms of national security, the protection of vulnerable members of our communities, the policing of a multitude of events and the reduction of crime and disorder. The Plan emphasises that the sharing of information remains key to providing the highest quality of service and so we will continue to proactively engage with our partners and the diverse communities across the City to ensure that police officers are working where they are most needed.

An electronic copy of the Plan will accompany this month's e-mailed newsletter.

Chief Superintendent Allan Shanks, Divisional Commander

### Nipping Garden Crime in the Bud

Spring is upon us and many of you will be dusting down the lawnmower and garden tools in the hope of producing an award-winning garden. Unfortunately, at this time of year, break-ins to garden sheds and thefts from gardens become more common. Many people store bicycles, power tools and expensive gardening equipment in sheds, making them an attractive target for criminals. These criminals consider this type of crime to be low risk, as there is no need to force entry to your home. However, there is much that can be done to outsmart garden thieves.

HOT  
TOPICS

- Use a good quality closed shackle padlock on your shed door - the hasp should be attached using coach bolts rather than screws
- You should keep valuable items in the house - if they must stay in the shed, chain and lock them up
- Loop a bike lock through the handles of garden forks, spades, etc. - these items can be used as tools to force entry to your home
- Security mark your bicycles, lawnmowers, toolboxes and garden furniture by engraving, painting or utilising a security marker pen
- Fit an internal wire mesh grille to protect your shed window
- Install security lighting to illuminate your garden.

Fit a shed alarm - they can be purchased for a few pounds from DIY retailers

## Ward 53 Alnwickhill

# WARD 53 ALNWICKHILL



## GOOD NEWS From Last Month:

A person has been charged with attempt theft of a car from Robert Burns Drive.

A person has been charged regarding an Attempt house Breaking Netherbank.

A person has been reported for a Racial Breach of the Peace, shop premises Glenvarloch Crescent.

Ongoing enquiries to trace a named suspect for another racial Breach of the Peace, shop premises Glenvarloch Crescent.

## AND THERES MORE

A motor cycle initiative took place in the Craigmillar, Old Dalkeith Road area . On 25 th March 2006 to tackle Ant –social behaviour stemming from the use off road motorcycles.

Nine riders were warned under The Anti -social legislation.

Two off road motorcycles were seized from local youths after previous warnings.

One male was reported for driving whilst disqualified.

One male was arrested for obstruction, Breach of the peace, Driving offences.



On the 26<sup>th</sup> March 2006 it became an offence in Scotland to smoke in many public places, including all offices, workplaces, pubs, clubs and restaurants. It is also illegal to smoke at some bus stops.

Smoking in these enclosed public spaces can lead to a £50 fixed penalty. Environmental Health Officers have the power to issue these £50 fixed penalties to anybody caught smoking in an enclosed public area. Refusal or failure to pay could result in court action and an even larger fixed penalty of up to £2,500.

Help and support is available to anybody who wants to give up smoking by calling the National Smoking Helpline on 0800 848 484 anytime between 12 noon and 12 midnight 7 days a week.

To find out more about the smoking legislation and how it will affect you log onto the Scottish Executive's website at:  
[www.clearingtheairscotland.com](http://www.clearingtheairscotland.com)

A leaflet explaining the impact of smoking restrictions across Scotland has also been sent to every home in Scotland.

The Scottish Executive will introduce the 'Smoke Free National Compliance Line' – Telephone number 0845 130 7250. This service will be staffed from 12 noon until midnight each day and will provide members of the public with the ability to identify premises that are failing to comply with the legislation or contact the Council on 0131 529 3030 or by email at [nosmoking@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:nosmoking@edinburgh.gov.uk)

## Crime Figures For March 2006

30/03 Hazeldean Terrace: vandalism: House window smashed: E  
 26/03 Marmion Crescent: Vandalism: House window smashed: E  
 26/03 Double Hedges Park:Vandalism: Car window: E  
 25/03 Marmion Crescent:Vandalism: Car window: E  
 25/03 Cumnor Crescent:vandalism: Car window: E  
 25/03 Liberton Drive: Attempt theft from garage: E  
 24/03 Robert Burns Drive:Vandalism: House window: E  
 24/03 Glendinning Crescent: :vandalism:House window: E  
 21/03 Park Crescent:Theft from Motor vehicle :Smashing window: D  
 20/03 Glendinning Crescent:Vandalism: House Window : E  
 18/03 Dinmont Drive :Theft from shed :Garden tools: E  
 17/03 Inglewood Place : Person with Crossbow :Charged with three offences: E  
 13/03 Dundrennan Cottages :Vandalism:Kicking open front door: E  
 13/03 Robert Burns Drive: Attempt Theft Car:Person charged : E

13/03 Wolrige Road :Vandalism: Car mirror smashed: Person reported: E  
 13/03 Wolrige Road: Car mirror: Insufficient evidence: E  
 11/03 Howdenhall Crescent:Attempt theft car:Person charged: O/N  
 10/03 Glenvarloch Crescent: Racial Breach:Person to be reported: E  
 09/03 Glenvarloch Crescent:Racial Breach: Person reported: E  
 08/03 Blackford Glen Road : Theft Car Honda :Burnt out Dalkeith Road : O/N  
 07/03 Netherbank :Attempt House breaking: Conservatory door : D/T  
 06/03 Dinmont Drive:Theft Car: Landrover: Recovered burnt out:Wisp: O/N



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

### Contact Numbers

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#### HOWDENHALL POLICE STATION

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#### COMMUNITY SAFETY DEPARTMENT

0131-221-2050 / 2100

### NEW SQUAD SET UP !

It is being hailed as the British FBI. The Serious Organised Crime Agency (SOCA) is a new law enforcement agency created to reduce the harm caused to people and communities in the UK by serious organised crime.

It takes over the functions of the National Crime Squad (NCS), the National Criminal Intelligence Service (NCIS), the role of HMRC in investigating drug trafficking and related criminal finance and some of the functions of the UK Immigration Service (UKIS) in dealing with organised immigration crime. SOCA assumed its functions on Saturday 1 April 2006.

Further information on this department can be found at [www.soca.gov.uk](http://www.soca.gov.uk)



# City of Edinburgh Policing Plan



2006/07

The challenge of policing the vibrant and evolving city of Edinburgh is one I relish. We have gained from our experiences over the past twelve months and will use this knowledge to help us make decisions over competing priorities in terms of national security, protecting vulnerable members of our communities, policing a multitude of events and reducing crime and disorder.

For us to be responsive and provide the highest quality of service to everyone in our socially and culturally diverse communities, we need to ensure that officers are working where they are most needed. Information is an essential element in this regard. We must engage with individuals from every walk of life to be alive to changes within their communities.

We are assisted in our endeavours to tackle concerns in relation to anti-social behaviour through officers funded by the City of Edinburgh Council. These officers deal with issues around the city centre night-time economy and engage with individuals and groups within their own residential community. I appreciate that many crimes and incidents of disorder are fuelled by drug and alcohol abuse and am committed to doing all that we can to limit this. Together we will continue to be innovative when interacting with those involved, using anti-social behaviour legislation if appropriate.

This City of Edinburgh Policing Plan sets out our priorities for the year ahead. It reflects the Force Goals published in the Annual Service Plan and takes cognisance of our commitment to the National Intelligence Model. We have strengthened our focus on performance management in appreciation of the importance of not only being more accountable, but also being balanced in our approach to improving our service to you. We will measure our performance in all areas of activity in order to ensure that this is achieved.

Finally, it is essential that our service meets the needs of those who work, live in and visit Edinburgh and I would ask you to take the time to pass your comments to me. I have highlighted how you can do this within the plan.

**Allan Shanks**  
**Divisional Commander**  
**April 2006**



## Our Vision

### 'Sharing Information, Valuing Diversity and Working in Partnership for a Safer City.'

#### Divisional Operational Targets

As highlighted in our vision statement, we appreciate the strength of working in partnership. We enjoy a particularly fruitful relationship with the City of Edinburgh Council and will strive to achieve our commitments made with them and other Community Planning Partners. Our joint Community Safety Strategy pledges us to:

- **Reduce the incidence of violence/housebreaking and anti-social behaviour**
- **Reduce the harmful effects of drugs and alcohol**

To assist us in achieving these outcomes we will focus on the following targets. These have been set as goals throughout the Force:

#### Drug Dealing

- Sustain current level of performance in relation to drugs supply offences

#### Crimes of Violence

- Achieve a 60% detection rate

#### Crimes of Housebreaking

- Reduce recorded levels over a five-year average
- Achieve a 40% detection rate.

We also pledge to:

#### Reduce the number of road casualties

- By 2010, and in line with nationally set targets, we will seek to achieve a significant reduction in the number of people killed and injured on our roads.



## What do You Think?

Write to: Inspector of Command Support  
Lothian and Borders Police  
St Leonard's Police Station  
14 St Leonard's Street  
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e-mail: [inspectorcommandsupport@lbp.pnn.police.uk](mailto:inspectorcommandsupport@lbp.pnn.police.uk)

## Focusing our Resources

In order to deliver policing across Edinburgh, we appreciate the need for us to work efficiently and effectively in all areas of activity. For this reason, we have identified four priority business perspectives: Public Confidence; Financial Management; Continuous Improvement and People Management. This focus will maintain a balance between achieving our operational targets and our supporting activities. Each of these areas will be continually measured and local performance in relation to them reviewed on a monthly basis:



### Public Confidence

- Achieve the Divisional Operational Targets
- Reduce levels of anti-social behaviour and make communities feel safer
- Achieve targets in relation to time taken to attend calls from the public
- Consult with the public on how we are performing

### Financial Management

- Strive to operate within our budget
- Seek alternative funding sources
- Recover costs whenever feasible
- Work as efficiently as possible

### Continuous Improvement

- Provide a quality service through compliance with operational procedures
- Fulfil our commitment to Community Planning
- Encourage creativity and maximise the use of technology to improve our processes and procedures
- Compare ourselves with similar Forces and like organisations to benefit from best practice

### People Management

- Manage our resources effectively and thoughtfully
- Facilitate a respectful working environment and enable a diverse valued workforce
- Be proactive in promoting equality of opportunity
- Build a workforce that takes a professional pride in its achievements and works proactively to achieve our Divisional Operational Targets.

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