

A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News

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'Working in Partnership for a Safer City'

Divisional Commander's Message

CITY
MIDWAY

I am pleased to report that 8 months into the current recording period, levels of crime across Edinburgh are down 5% on the same period last year. Similarly, year to date solvency has improved by some 7%. Significantly, 51% of all crimes committed across the Capital were solved during November 2006.

On a personal note, I will be retiring in January 2007 having been Divisional Commander of the City of Edinburgh for nearly 3 years. Chief Superintendent George Simpson will be taking over my position and I will be working closely with him to ensure a smooth transition. Throughout my time working in the Capital, I have been constantly impressed by the professionalism and dedication of police officers and support staff and I look forward to monitoring their efforts in the future.

Chief Superintendent Allan Shanks, Divisional Commander

Have a Safe Christmas!

TO
HOLD
US

With the Christmas and New Year party season about to start, Lothian and Borders Police are urging revellers to take care, to be aware and to drink sensibly over the festive period. The advice comes amid concerns about levels of binge drinking and the link to sexual and violent crime.

The misuse of alcohol is a real concern, particularly at this time of year. Incidents of drinks being spiked or tampered with are rare, but it is wise to take sensible precautions. It is equally dangerous to underestimate the effects of too much alcohol on the human body - drinking too much affects your judgment and can lead you into dangerous situations, making you a target for criminals when you are at your most vulnerable. If you are out with friends, stick with them and be cautious of going away with strangers or people you have just met in a pub or club.

We are not saying you can't enjoy yourself this Christmas, just be sensible with the amount you drink and keep an eye on each other. Remember, crime does not stop over the festive season and we would encourage the public to not only stay safe, but look after their personal belongings when they are out enjoying themselves.

Have a Safe Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Local News

Kaimes Ward

Welcome to the December issue of the Ward Newsletter. Crime Prevention advice can be obtained from the Community Safety Department on the number below.

HOUSEBREAKINGS

There have been **11** recorded cases of housebreaking during the month of November as follows:

- 10/11** Kirkgate (HB with intent)
- 16/11** Lasswade Rd (HB with intent)
- 17/11** Burnhead Path East (Att HB)
- 19/11** Fala Court (Housebreaking)
- 21/11** Captains Road (HB with intent)
- 23/11** Mortonhall Park Avenue (HB w Intent)
- 24/11** Fala Court (HB with intent)
- 25/11** Gracemount Ave (theft HB)
- 28/11** Southhouse Grove (Att HB)
- 28/11** Captains Rd (HB with intent)
- 30/11** Lonformacus (Theft HB)

As you can see the break ins have been all over the place, so be careful, it doesn't pay to think it will be somebody else and not you.

Don't leave your presents where they can be seen

If anyone has any information regarding these or any other crimes please contact myself, or Crimestoppers.

AUTOCRIME UNIT

During November there were 9 reported incidents of car related crime. 12 crimes have been reported to the Procurator Fiscal for this month.

Please remember to remove or place items out of sight whenever possible.

These crimes were committed throughout the Kaimes area.

Do not give the opportunistic thief an excuse to break into your vehicle
Don't give any thief a chance

DRUGS

There were 6 instances of drug related offences detected in November. There is no doubt that drugs are being used and abused in the area. Any information is welcome and **will** be acted upon. Everybody informs me that there are problems, but we cannot act without information.

Help us to help you

As you can see information does have an effect. ***If you don't help us we cannot help you.*** If you wish to speak to me my number is on the third page. If you wish to contact Crimestoppers then phone 0800 555 111. You're information will be treated as confidential whichever method you wish to use.

IT'S YOUR COMMUNITY. HELP US TO KEEP IT SAFE BY PASSING US INFORMATION.

Useful Numbers

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PC Graeme Reid

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Of Note

- A person has been reported for breaching their ASBO and bail conditions
- A person has been reported for smashing a bus window
- A male has been reported for a serious assault.
- Two males have been reported for breaking into a house in Fala Court

From all the staff at Howdenhall Police Station we would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year

