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'Working in Partnership for a Safer City'

Drug Dealers Don't Care

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WATCH

Funded from money and assets confiscated from criminals, the national Drug Dealers Don't Care campaign saw 45 people arrested across Edinburgh during the months of September and October. Police operations targeting drug dealing in the North of the City resulted in the seizure of £11,000 worth of drugs and £18,000 in cash. In addition, searches of five houses in East Edinburgh at the start of November netted £65,000 worth of drugs and £8,000 in cash.

Thanks are extended to communities who contributed to the success of police operations by responding to appeals for information - success is not measured solely on levels of seizures, but on the willingness of communities to report on criminal activities. Information about crime can be reported anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Chief Superintendent Allan Shanks, Divisional Commander

Dark Nights - Bright Lights

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Housebreakings may increase during the winter months as criminals take advantage of dark nights. Houses in darkness look unoccupied and so attract the attention of thieves, however, by taking a few simple precautions, the chances of becoming a victim of a housebreaking can be reduced.

- Fit timer switches to lights, both upstairs and downstairs, but never just leave the hall light on – who spends their evening in the hallway?
- Make sure doors and locks are sturdy and well fitted. If you live in a common stair, make sure the entry door is secure and do not let anyone in if they are not visiting you - you wouldn't let them into your house, why let them into your stair?
- Ground floor windows should be locked and all keys, including those for motor vehicles, should be kept out of sight.
- Desirable items for thieves include jewellery, digital technology, cash and credit / debit cards. Think about where you store these items and consider purchasing a safe, particularly for high value or sentimental items.

Local News

Kaimes Ward

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

HOUSEBREAKINGS

There have been **9** recorded cases of housebreaking during the month of October as follows:

- 01/10** Captains Drive (Att Housebreaking)
- 02/10** Fala Court (Att Housebreaking)
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- 02/10** Burdiehouse Drive (Housebreaking)
- 07/10** Gracemount Avenue (Housebreaking)
- 10/10** Captains Drive (Housebreaking)
- 11/10** Mortonhall Cemetery (Housebreaking)
- 16/10** Lasswade Grove (Housebreaking)
- 22/10** Marmion Public House (Att H/B)

Please remember that even though break ins were low last month it does not mean that you are safe to leave your doors and windows open. It only takes seconds to break in to your house but it could be years of memories that are stolen.

There are positive lines of enquiry with regards to all these crimes, but that doesn't mean we do not require your help. If anyone has any information regarding these or any other crimes please contact myself, or Crimestoppers.

AUTOCRIME UNIT

During October there were **18** reported incidents of car related crime. **6** persons have been reported to the Procurator Fiscal for some of these crimes. Enquiries are ongoing to trace the culprits for other crimes.

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 **9** instances of drug related offences detected in October. 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. Your 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

Sector Inspector

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E-Mail: stephen.paul@lbp.pnn.police.uk

Community Beat Officer

PC Graeme Reid

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Youth Matters

PC David Millar (Youth Action Team)

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COMMUNITY SAFETY DEPARTMENT

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Of Note

- One male has been reported for growing cannabis plants.
- 6 persons have been reported for stealing cars in the area over the month.
- 4 person have been charged with Racially Aggravated Harassment

Guy Fawkes Night passed off relatively quietly in the area. The Police and Fire Service made visits to local schools on the south side emphasising the Fireworks safety message. These visits were well received by the staff and pupils.

We do require your continued support. Please keep in touch and contact us below on 0131 666 2222 if it is a non-emergency otherwise dial '999'.



Howdenhall Police Station

Suffice to say that with your help we are beginning to see more culprits for crime in your area being reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

