

# A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News

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**'Working in Partnership for a Safer City'**

## Divisional Commander's Message

CITY  
WIDE

Speaking to you in my first Divisional Newsletter, I am pleased to announce that at the end of December 2006, recorded crime across the Capital was 5% lower than at the same time last year. Detection rates also improved with a 6% increase in the number of crimes being solved citywide. Improved performance can be attributed to many factors, not least the fact that the police, the City of Edinburgh Council and many private and voluntary agencies across the Capital are now working closely together to improve safety.

Work is progressing towards 1st April 2007, when existing police beats will be realigned to match proposed changes to Council wards. I am confident that the change will further strengthen partnership working by allowing us to better coordinate our resources and so improve the implementation of crime reduction and community safety measures.

**Chief Superintendent George Simpson, Divisional Commander**

## Lothian & Borders Police are now Podcasting!

FOR  
YOUR  
EARS

Podcasting emerged in 2004 and offers a way to provide information in the form of video and audio files. These files can be downloaded and played free of charge on any personal computer or portable MP3-playing device and provide an additional communication channel for the public to access police information.

Podcasts on the **Festive Drink Driving Campaign**, **Crimestoppers** and **Personal Safety** are now available on the Lothian and Borders Police Website at [www.lbp.police.ukT](http://www.lbp.police.ukT).

We hope you find this service useful and informative.

REMEMBER,

If you see a crime being committed contact us on 999 in an emergency when urgent police assistance is required or on telephone 0131 311 3131 to report a crime.

If you have information regarding crime or criminal activity, you can call the independent charity **CRIMESTOPPERS** anonymously on 0800 555111.

**Ward 55 – Moredun**

# Ward 55 - Moredun

*Welcome to the local section of the Neighbourhood Newsletter for your ward. In December 2006, there were 43 crimes / offences recorded within our area.*

## HOUSEBREAKING

There have been no domestic housebreakings reported within our sector this month, although a number of garages and garden huts have been broken into, predominantly in the Ferniehill area. It would appear that the persons responsible are primarily looking for tools and gardening equipment. One incident that did occur this month was a break-in to a garden hut in Gilmerton Road. The culprit on this occasion had entered the rear garden of the property smashed the hut window, reached into the hut and thereafter stole a pair of bolt cutters. The culprit returned and used the bolt cutters to cut the lock and hasp and remove more tools from the hut.

## AUTOCRIME

Over the last few weeks we have suffered at the hands of local car thieves who appear to be concentrating much of their efforts in and around the area of Craigour Green. On one particular occasion the youths responsible for breaking into two vehicles were caught on camera and are now being actively sought by officers attached to our Initiative Team. It is hoped the culprits will shortly be brought to book and reported to the Procurator Fiscal for his consideration. Again as previously stated the lure of items being left on open display within their owner's vehicles contributed too much of the Auto crime this month. In view of this I have again circulated letters to the registered keepers of vehicles I find displaying property in the hope this may have some effect on their behaviour.

## DRUGS

Following on from last month's success and the intelligence supplied by concerned members of our community, particularly in relation to premises being used for the supply of controlled drugs. I can reveal that officers attached to the Divisional Drugs Unit paid us a further visit and as a result a flat in Forteviot house was searched and a quantity of drugs recovered. The occupants of this flat were subsequently charged with various contraventions of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971.

I can also reveal that the Divisional Drugs Unit continued the good work in our area and although not connected to the aforementioned house search, they had cause to stop a known drug dealer in the area of Moredunvale Place and as a direct result a further dwelling was searched. This resulted in two individuals who are both residents of the high flats being reported for a number of drugs related offences.

Crimestoppers is an independent UK-wide charity working to stop crime. Crimestoppers works for you, your family and your community. Call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111. Just tell us what you know, not who you are.

**DRUGS  
DON'T  
WORK**

## YOUR COMMUNITY BEAT OFFICERS

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## POINTS OF NOTE

Often the issue of Roads Policing is forgotten about by many of the residents of our area and as such we receive little if any information relating to this issue. I can only assume the reason for this is the belief that we are primarily involved in investigating crime and residents feel that this is not one of our priorities. However it has become apparent over recent months that we are receiving increasing amounts of intelligence from locals. Often this intelligence relates to individuals who are believed to be driving without the appropriate documents or using vehicles for criminal activities.

One particular piece of information supplied by a resident this month resulted in a local boy racer having his vehicle confiscated and being reported to the Procurator Fiscal. So if you have information please let us know and make our roads a safer place.

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## And Finally....

### 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**

