

# A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News

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## 'Working in Partnership for a Safer City'

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### Divisional Commander's Message

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!

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.uk](http://www.lbp.police.uk).

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.

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## Ward 56 – Gilmerton

Welcome to the local section of the Police Neighbourhood Newsletter for the Gilmerton Ward. In total, 64 crimes were reported in December a welcome reduction in recent months.



## CRIME

If you have any information regarding crime contact **CRIMESTOPPERS** on **0800 555 111**  
All calls are treated in confidence.

Six older registered cars were stolen this month, all of them recovered. Smaller cars like Micras and Corsas were favourites. Two local males have been reported for stealing one of the vehicles. A positive line of enquiry is being followed to identify other culprits.

Six cars were broken into and property stolen. Gilmerton Dykes Crescent suffered three break ins. A distinctive holdall with the words Harsco Track Technologies was stolen from one vehicle. CD players and power tools were also taken. The local Initiative Team who specifically make enquiries into car crime are following several leads in an effort to identify culprits. In order to lessen the chances of becoming a victim of car crime please

**LOCK YOUR CAR, TAKE VALUABLES WITH YOU OR CONCEAL THEM AND PARK IN A WELL LIT AREA.**

Overnight on 5/12/06 two cars were extensively damaged in Carnbee Avenue when a corrosive liquid was poured over them.

Mountain bikes, gardening equipment and power tools were taken from garages and sheds in seven separate break ins. Gilmerton Road and Ellens Glen Road had five of the break ins. A male has been reported for breaking into a house in Lasswade Road.

In two separate incidents a selection of fibre glass

Garden ornaments were stolen from a house in Gilmerton Dykes Gardens. The statues are very distinctive and include 2'6" statues of a boy with a rake and a girl with a broom.

A signed Hearts FC football was stolen during a party in Hyvots Green. The suspects were both white, female, 20-21 years old, 5'04"-5'05" with blond hair. Ring any bells ?

**FACT** : Endsleigh Insurance rated residents in Edinburgh 56% less likely to suffer a house break in than the national average.

The Community Safety Department offer free advice on security and can arrange Crime Prevention Surveys if necessary.

## DRUGS

There were no drugs reports submitted for the area this month. The police depend greatly on intelligence from the public regarding drug dealing, etc. If you have any information, no matter how trivial, then contact Crimestoppers.

## MISCELLANEOUS

One Ford Mondeo was impounded from Drum Street this month as the driver had no insurance.

A local male has been reported for allowing his black and white collie dog to roam the Hyvots/Gilmerton Dykes area unsupervised. The police can report irresponsible dog owners to the courts. An additional weapon is for any member of the public to apply to the District Court for a Dog Order. Such an Order, when granted, often has more "bite" to it than any fine imposed by a court !

There have been rumours that the tragic murder of a youth in Southhouse in December was in someway connected to the murder in the Marmion Public House last year.

I would like to take this opportunity to clarify there is NO apparent connection between these two incidents.

**ITS YOUR COMMUNITY, HELP US TO KEEP IT SAFE BY PASSING US INFORMATION.**

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## And Finally....

As has been mentioned in previous Newsletters Edinburgh continues to be one of the safest cities in the UK, if not the world, in which to live and work. However it is strong communities and policing by consent that is instrumental in achieving this position. Your CBO provides one of many crucial links between the police and the community and vice versa. That officer has a wealth of police experience and significant local knowledge all of which can be used when identifying local policing priorities. If you have policing issues that concern you then please make your views known to your CBO.

