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Working in Partnership for a Safer City'

Drug Dealers Don't Care

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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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HOMES

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.

Ward 56 – Gilmerton

Welcome to this monthly newsletter which is designed to give you an idea of local policing issues relevant to your area. It is compiled by PC Eric McLeod your local Community Beat Officer. The ward covers a large area including the Gilmerton, Hyvots, Candlemaker, Kilngate, Carnbee, Malbet and Guardwell estates. Our newsletter is compiled on a monthly basis and incorporates up to date police issues which we hope you will find informative.



CRIME

A total of 73 crimes were reported this month. Like any part of the city there are drug problems in the area. This month a vehicle was stopped by officers and the driver subsequently reported for possession of a quantity of drugs including cocaine and cannabis. In another separate incident 2 males were reported for possession of cannabis.

Enquiries are ongoing into several incidents of fire rising which occurred in the early hours of 01/10/06. Six wheelie bins were set alight in the Moredun Dykes Road/Hyvots Loan area.

Two unattended and insecure pedal cycles were stolen in Gilmerton Dykes Drive and Ellens Glen Road. Positive lines of enquiry are being followed.

Once again thieves have targeted old style cars. Cars were stolen or attempts made to steal them in Gilmerton Dykes Road, Carnbee Park and Crescent and Ellens Glen Road. The Initiative Team reported a male for the theft of the vehicle in Gilmerton Dykes Road.

Properties including golf clubs were stolen from an insecure car in Greenend Gardens while an MP3 player and an ipod were taken from vehicles in Gilmerton Road and Gilmerton Dykes Avenue.

A local youth has been reported for racially abusing staff at Morison's car park and a male reported for numerous offences including racial abuse during a disturbance at Morrisons.

If you have any information regarding these crimes or crime in general contact the police or CRIMESTOPPERS on 0800 555 111
All calls are treated in confidence.

MISCELLANEOUS

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

Due to numerous complaints from staff and members of the public regarding youths acting anti socially including throwing stones near to Morrisons, matters are in hand to have the problem addressed.

A joint approach with the store, the councils Anti Social Behaviour Investigation Unit and the police will look to find ways of discouraging this anti social behaviour.

In general calls regarding youth complaints have fallen off over the last couple of months with many residents commenting how quiet the area is. This decline is welcome and in no small part due to the excellent work undertaken by the Youth Action Team, the Safer Communities Unit and the Anti Social Behaviour Investigation Team all of which are based at the Housing Offices in Captains Road.

Recently there have been reports of youths in Gilmerton Dykes getting their thrills hanging off the back of moving vehicles driving in the area. Obviously this is a "thrill" that must be discouraged before an accident happens. If you have any information regarding those responsible then please notify the police.

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

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