

A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News

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'Working in Partnership for a Safer City'

CITY
WIDE

G8 - Protest, Passion and Public Safety

Few Edinburgh residents can have escaped the volume of information, speculation and rumour surrounding this year's G8 protest events in the capital. Lothian and Borders Police and the City of Edinburgh Council recognise that people hold strong and passionate views about the issues of Third World debt, poverty and world hunger. To this end, a dedicated police team has been working closely with the Council and the organisers of the various events to allow these perfectly legitimate voices to be heard. Public safety is of course paramount and policing such a large programme of events will inevitably require an extraordinary commitment on our part. All of my officers have had their days off cancelled so that we can keep this disruption to a minimum. Some will be working at specific events whilst others will be working long hours at their usual stations to ensure that normal policing standards across the city are maintained. Within sensible expectations, my aim is very much 'Business as usual'. Up-to-date information can be obtained on a dedicated enquiry line 0131 200 2343 or by visiting www.lbp.police.uk/g8 or www.edinburgh.gov.uk/g8summit - **Chief Supt Allan Shanks, Divisional Commander**

HOT
HOLIDAYS

Everyone needs a holiday some time and however much we like our homes, there is nothing like a change of scenery. But we all want to come home and find everything as we left it. Almost half of all break-ins happen when a flat or house is empty.

Before you go

- Make your home look like someone is living in it. Don't close your curtains in daytime this shows the house is empty. Use automatic timer-switches to turn your lights on.
- Cancel any milk or newspaper deliveries.
- Avoid discussing holiday plans where strangers may hear details of your absence.
- Cut the lawn before you go and trim back any plants.
- Uncollected mail is a sign that you are away.
- Consider leaving important documents and valuable items with other family members or a bank. Or use a safe.
- Do not put your home address on your luggage when you are travelling to your holiday destination.
- Consider moving any pedal cycles into the house.
- Make sure all outside doors and windows are locked, and your burglar alarm is set.

Help from your neighbours

It's a good idea to get help from your neighbours. You could ask them to collect post, sweep up leaves, mow the lawn, open and close curtains, and so on. Anything to make the place look lived in. Let your neighbour know when you will be away and, if you can, give them details so that they can contact you, or someone who can act on your behalf, in an emergency.

WARD 53 THE INCH

Welcome to the June 2005 Local Police Neighbourhood Newsletter

Hello Folks,

As of June 2005 I will become the sole Community Beat Officer for Area 53. You will have a single point of contact with the opportunity to spend more time undertaking community issues without the abstractions for the policing of sporting and other events previously associated with the role.

I can be contacted at Howdenhall Police Station
on 0131.658.5225 or 'e' mail
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Regards

John Paterson

PC 3710 A



**'Shut that door'
'Lock it behind you'
'Do not open to strangers'
'Ask for Identification'
'Unsure ? then just close the door'
Bogus person? Tell the Police**

SPREAD THE WORD

CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE

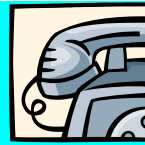
Available from our
COMMUNITY SAFETY DEPARTMENT
on
0131.221.2051



NOISE PROBLEMS
Then contact the Environment
Health Night-Time Team – Tel
0131.311.3131

REPORTED CRIME IN BRIEF

31/05 Vandalism Durward Grove
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31/05 Vandalism Hazeldean Terrace
31/05 Theft Housebreaking Alnwickhill Terrace
28/05 Vandalism Claverhouse Drive
30/05 Attempted Housebreaking Alnwickhill Terrace
30/05 Robbery Walter Scott Avenue
30/05 Theft from a motor Walter Scott Avenue
29/05 Vandalism Alnwickhill Drive
29/05 Vandalism Walter Scott Avenue
27/05 Theft Housebreaking St John Vianney School
27/05 Attempted Theft from a motor vehicle Jean Armour Avenue
26/05 Theft Housebreaking Alnwickhill Road
25/05 Vandalism Walter Scott Avenue
24/05 Vandalism Claverhouse Drive
24/05 Theft from a motor vehicle Mount Vernon Road
24/05 Attempted Theft of Motor Vehicle Liberton Brae
23/05 Vandalism Alnwickhill View
22/05 Theft Housebreaking Kirk Park
21/05 Vandalism Nigel Loan
20/05 Vandalism Claverhouse Drive
18/05 Theft of Motor Vehicle Liberton Brae
17/05 Theft Housebreaking Howdenhall Court
16/05 Attempted Theft from a motor vehicle Dinmont Drive
16/05 Vandalism Blackford Glen Road
16/05 Vandalism Howdenhall Drive
16/05 Theft of Motor vehicle Liberton Drive
15/05 Vandalism Walter Scott Avenue
14/05 Attempted Theft from a motor vehicle Liberton Drive
13/05 Vandalism Lasswade Road
13/05 Vandalism Woodstock Place
12/05 Theft from a motor vehicle Wolridge Road
12/05 Robbery Kirk Brae
10/05 Theft from a motor vehicle Walter Scott Avenue
09/05 Vandalism Claverhouse Drive
07/05 Attempted Theft from a motor vehicle Blackford Glen Road
07/05 Theft from a motor vehicle Dinmont Drive
06/05 Attempted theft of a motor vehicle Old Dalkeith Road
03/05 Vandalism Marmion Crescent
02/05 Attempted Housebreaking Netherbank View
02/05 Assault Glendinning Crescent
02/05 Vandalism Nigel Loan
01/05 Vandalism Blackford Glen Road

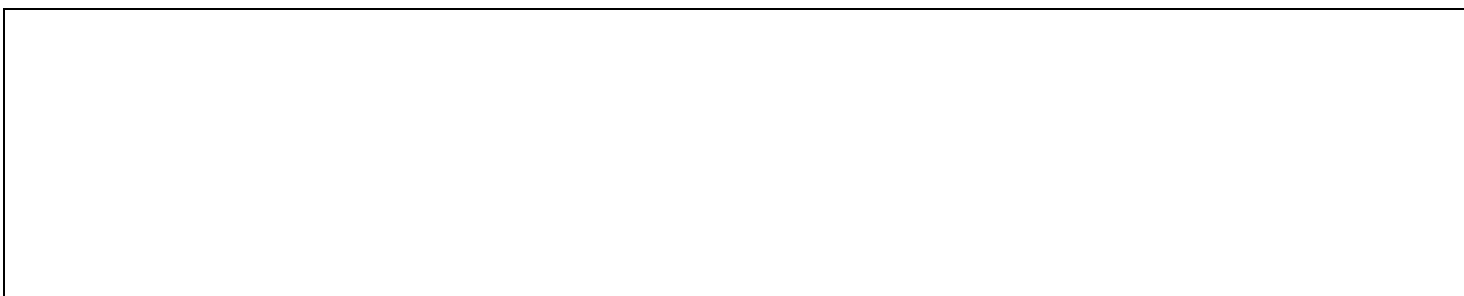


WHAT'S GOING ON?

There were 196 incidents logged by the police. Of these 6 were graded 1 (emergency requiring immediate attention), 59 were graded 2 (not emergencies but should be responded to within an hour). The remainder were more routine and were dealt with by the local community patrol officers or given advice over the phone. Over the last month or two there has been a noticeable increase in the number of thefts from Garden huts and Garages in and around the Alnwickhill Area. Further into the newsletter you will find some crime prevention information that may be of some use.

Motorcycles - once again a problem in the Inch area. The field on the east side of the Old Dalkeith Road (next to Benny's Yard) has been fenced off and hopefully this will go some way to alleviating the problem. But as we all know the problem will be displaced somewhere else. I can only appeal to any parents of motorcyclists **THINK OF THE DANGER, NOT ONLY TO YOUR CHILD BUT TO PEDESTRIANS**

As was already mentioned last month the off road Traffic motorcyclists assisted us in an Operation on 30th May and 2nd June. A stolen motorbike was recovered as was a mini moto for further enquiry. A number of individuals were also reported for RTA offences. We will try to repeat this Operation again during the summer.



With regard to the above I'm sure there are a lot of questions that the local residents would like answered, so here follows a collection of the best websites to get the best up to date information.

Lothian & Borders Police www.lbp.police.uk/g8

City of Edinburgh Council www.edinburgh.gov.uk

Make Poverty History www.makepovertyhistory.org

Official G8 website www.g8.gov.uk

NADICS National Driver Information & Control Centre www.nadics.org.uk

Crime stoppers www.crimestoppers-uk.org

Scottish Executive www.scotland.gov.uk

Crime Prevention - garages & garden sheds

Never leave a garage or garden shed unlocked, especially if it has a connecting door to the house - a thief could get in and work on the inner door in privacy.

Lock ladders inside the garage or shed to stop a thief using them to reach inaccessible areas. If there is no room inside, chain or padlock them to a sturdy bracket on an outside wall.

Ensure that items such as lawnmowers and bikes are secured using chains attached to floor anchors.

Carry out security marking on valuable items and advertise the fact with a sticker on external doors and windows.

Fit shed and garage doors with a strong padlock and make sure that they are solid enough not to be kicked in.

Over the weekend of 11th June two young males were arrested following the break in to a garden hut in the Burnhead area. They went on to admit another recent 42 similar crimes. We would much rather prevent this crime than to solve it and you can help by securing your property.

Useful Numbers

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COMMUNITY SAFETY DEPARTMENT

And Finally....

Problems still persist in the Walter Scott general area and Glenvarloch area with local youths causing annoyance. Please report this on every occasion in order that we can build up an accurate picture of the full nature of the problem.

