



# Oxgangs Area 52 Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter

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Oxgangs Police Station

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**D**ear Watchmembers,

Welcome to July's edition of the Fairmilehead Neighbourhood Watch Letter.

May I first of all introduce myself as one of the five Community Beat Officers covering your area since the formation of the one city division. My name is PC 4160A Brian Lothian and prior to moving to Oxgangs spent 6 years at Balerno Police Station being the Community Officer for Currie. If you have any problems that you wish to discuss please do not hesitate to get in touch with me, or any of the other officers covering your area, which are listed below.

For those of you that are on-line, if you would like to send me your e-mail address and I can arrange that the monthly newsletter be sent to you direct. This will assist those who produce their own letter or want to add messages or information to one supplied by us.

## **Housebreakings**

1800 1<sup>st</sup> 0900 2<sup>nd</sup> An attempt was made to break into a garden shed at a house in Camus Avenue.

7<sup>th</sup> A male was charged with breaking into a house in Buckstone Road.

1130-1515 14<sup>th</sup> A house in Buckstone Avenue was broken into. A positive line of enquiry is being followed.

0915 27<sup>th</sup> 2300 28<sup>th</sup> A house in West Caiystane Road was broken into.

## **Theft**

0430 4<sup>th</sup> Property was stolen from an insecure garage at Buckstone Avenue. This has since been recovered and a suspect is expected to be detained in the near future.

1930-2045 8<sup>th</sup> A handbag was stolen from licensed premises in Buckstone Terrace. A male has been identified for this crime and an arrest is expected to follow.

## **Car Crime**

1530-1600 6<sup>th</sup> A red Vauxhall Astra was broken into whilst parked in Biggar Road.

1930 6<sup>th</sup> 1230 9<sup>th</sup> An unregistered grey Yamaha motor cycle was stolen from a horsebox situated on Morton Mains Farm.

## **Vandalism**

2025 6<sup>th</sup> A silver Toyota Yaris parked in Oxfords Avenue had a window smashed.

2100 9<sup>th</sup> A house in East Comiston had a kitchen window smashed.

2130 14<sup>th</sup> 1020 15<sup>th</sup> A blue VW Beetle parked in Comiston Spring Avenue had a window smashed.

2100 18<sup>th</sup> 1000 19<sup>th</sup> In Braid Farm Road a silver Honda Jazz had a window smashed.

1540 27<sup>th</sup> A house in Caiystane Gardens had a bedroom window smashed.

## **Youths**

There were a total of 16 calls in the area regarding complaints about youth behaviour, and I'm sure you will agree that this is an improvement on the situation a few months ago.

## **Watch Co-ordinators**

I have managed to speak to a few Co-ordinators over the past few weeks, and it appears that there are people who have been holding the fort some time now. One person in particular has been the Co-ordinator for over 10 years and feels that it is now time to step down, but is reluctant to do so due to the fact that there have been no volunteers to replace him.

My experience is that when someone in a similar position steps down without a replacement then the whole watch folds and is never resurrected. So if you have a few hours to spare each month then give your Co-ordinator a much-needed break.

On the same subject if you are no longer the Co-ordinator could you pass the letter on to who is and inform me of their name and address. Thank you.

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