



Oxgangs Area 52 Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter

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Dear Watchmembers,

Welcome to November's edition of the Fairmilehead Neighbourhood Watch News.

Could I start this month's edition by asking those who have e-mail and haven't already supplied us with an address please do so. This means that we can send it direct as soon as it's written and give you the opportunity to add any messages of your own. So far we have only received 6 e-mail addresses from a total 31 watches.

Housebreaking

1700 20/10/03 1000 04/11/03 The garage of a house in Swanston Avenue was broken into.
2300 9th 0545 10th A house in Pentland Gardens was broken into by entering through an insecure hopper window.

Theft

1630-2100 6th Property was stolen whilst left insecure and unattended at a golf club at Braid Hills Approach.
1800 10th 0900 11th A child's bike was stolen whilst left insecure and unattended at a house in Caiystane Gardens.
1456 23rd A bank card was stolen from bank premises in Buckstone Terrace.
0730-1500 24th A pedal cycle was stolen whilst left insecure and unattended in Caiystane Gardens.

Car Crime

1700-1800 8th A green Peugeot 106 was broken into whilst parked Braid Road.
1420-1533 10th A silver BMW was broken into in Braid Hills Road.
1550-1630 10th A black Rover 25 was broken into in Braid Hills Road.
1500-1710 16th In Braid Hills Road a grey Nissan Almera was broken into.
1550-1630 17th In Braid Hills Approach a grey Toyota Land cruiser was broken into.
1700-1720 18th A blue Ford Focus was broken into in Braid Hills Drive.
1500-1530 A black Ford Mondeo was broken into in Biggar Road.
1500-1530 21st An attempt was made to break into a blue Ford Orion in Swanston Avenue.
2300 27th 0700 28th A blue Piaggio motorcycle was stolen from Buckstone Loan East.
1500-1530 A blue Ford Fiesta was broken into in Biggar Road.

As you can see from the above several cars have been broken into this month, some of which had property secured in the boot but others had belongs in full view in the car within full view. Also you will see that some of the vehicles had been left for short periods of time, which may have led the owners to believe that their cars were safe, but as we all know that is not the case. It only takes a few minutes to break into a car. If you leave your car in an isolated spot, as many do to go walking, please don't take any valuables with you at all.

Vandalism

1630-2100 6th Golf Club premises at Braid Hills Approach had exterior lighting smashed.

2245 8th A house in Buckstone Gate had a front window smashed.

1100-1730 A house in Buckstone Gardens had a window smashed.

2130 14th A garden gate was broken at a house in Pentland View.

1930-2130 16th In Buckstone Loan a green Citroen Xantia was damaged.

2200 22nd Stones were thrown damaging a red Fiat in Braid Hills Drive.

Under Age Drinking

A youth was charged for attempting to purchase alcohol from shop premises in Biggar Road. He was also charged with attempting to pervert the course of justice.

Youth Disorder

The period leading up to Fireworks night highlighted the impact that youth disorder has on the community as a whole. It's a problem that the Police are well aware of and we pay particular attention to areas that have been identified as hot spots by the public. But we also rely on the help from the general public to eradicate youth disorder the related problems such as vandalism and under age drinking. We need to know what's going on and where, and all the better when it's actually happening.

We would also urge parents to take the responsibility of knowing where their children are, what they are doing, and whom they are associating with. We are not saying that all kids are bad, in fact it's exactly the opposite, but if they are associating with the minority who are intent on causing trouble they will eventually get dragged in. As the saying goes, "Fly with crows and get shot down with them". We would all like our community to be a safer and more desirable place to live, and I'm sure if we all take a collective responsibility it can be achieved.

There were a total of 115 incidents reported to the Police in the month of November, 10 of those were related to Youth behaviour.

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