

# A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News

Lothian and Borders  
**POLICE**



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## 'Working in Partnership for a Safer City'

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### Festive Policing – First Foot, Front Foot

A recent tourism survey once again highlighted Edinburgh's status as **the** international city to visit over the New Year. While for the majority of people, Edinburgh will provide a memorable and exciting experience, for some there can be unfortunate consequences. An influx of visitors and revellers traditionally translates to a rise in anti-social behaviour and disorder in the city. This year I have authorised a number of operations, some involving police only and some in partnership with other agencies such as the local Council and private business. These will ensure that we are on the front foot for the Christmas and Hogmanay period. I will report on the impact of these initiatives in due course. In January, there will be a number of internal changes to policing structures in the capital. These follow an internal review and will focus on improved policing in local communities. One of my main priorities is to ensure that local officers are afforded the best opportunity possible to build up a relationship with their local communities and I am confident these changes will facilitate this. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Chief Supt Allan Shanks, Divisional Commander**

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TIPS

Lothian and Borders Police would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

In an attempt to make sure your Christmas is a safe one, please follow these pieces of advice.

If you are going to a party

- Do let someone know where you're going and what time you expect to get home.
- Do stick to your plans.
- Do only take what you need.
- Do keep your jacket and bags where you can see them, NOT on the floor.
- Don't leave your drinks unattended – if in doubt, throw it out.
- Do share a lift, have a taxi booked or know where and when you can get a bus. Don't miss it!
- If challenged to a fight, don't! Get away.
- DON'T drink & drive.
- Do be a designated driver.

Christmas Presents

- Do hide them where they can't be seen from outside your house.
- Do remove them and all valuables from your car.
- Do dispose of packaging carefully, DON'T advertise that new computer.
- Do security mark them or note serial numbers.
- Keep receipts and presents apart.
- Do make your house look occupied.

**And finally, do be good boys & girls and leave a carrot for Rudolph!**

# Local News

## Fairmilehead Area 52.

This month I am pleased to report that no house in your area had the security overcome. However there was one attempted housebreaking reported. In this case the intruder alarm activated and the culprit(s) made off prior to gaining entry. It is satisfying to note that good home security can deter would be thieves.

Vandalism this month continues to cause concern with an additional 2 reported incidents based against last months figures. The incidents this month occurred in the following areas Buckstone Court, Buckstone Loan (2), Buckstone Loan East, Buckstone Row, Camus Place East, Caiystaine Avenue, East Comiston and Pentland Terrace.

Motor vehicles were once again targeted by thieves with property stolen from 4 vehicles. The loci were Braid Hills Approach, Mortonhall Golf Club, Riselaw Terrace and Swanston Loan. In addition a motor vehicle was stolen from Swanston Loan following the theft of the car keys by slip-in to the house. The vehicle has since been recovered.

This modus operandi is becoming increasingly common and I would urge you all to consider the security of car keys within the home. I fear all too often they are left in full view adjacent to an unlocked door.

Finally, a male was detained and charged in connection with drugs offences.

## Useful Numbers

Your local community beat officers are:

PC Alex Dickson  
PC Graham Harvey  
PC Brian Lothian

Oxgangs Police Station,  
270 Oxgangs Road North,  
Edinburgh,  
Tel: 0131 441 1518

They can also be contacted regarding non-urgent matters on the following e-mail address: -  
[oxgangs.cbo@pnn.police.uk](mailto:oxgangs.cbo@pnn.police.uk)

## And Finally....

With the Festive Season approaching at what seems an unrelenting speed, I would encourage you all to remember the basics in regard to crime prevention. In particular do not leave valuables etc visible in unattended cars and look after your purse/wallet whilst shopping.

You will also be aware from the media that the police are again focusing on drunk drivers over the Festive Period and officers will be active locally in this regard. Please ensure you are not one of the many who will be arrested this year.

Have a merry Christmas and happy New Year. Alan Grant, Sector Inspector.

