



Oxgangs Area 52 Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter

Lothian and Borders Police

Oxgangs Police Station

JUNE/JULY 2004

Dear Watchmembers,

It's been a similar month to May as far as crime figures are concerned, which is lower than what we experienced earlier in the year. There has been a decrease in the number of vandalisms reported but an increase in the number cars broken into from last month.

Under Age Drinking

Under age drinking is a problem that can affect everyone in the community, as it often leads to anti-social behaviour, vandalism, and even more serious offences. On the whole licensed premises within our watch area are good at self policing, but they also need your assistance in tackling the problem.

A member of staff at one of our off licenses was dismayed at the number of adults who are willing to buy alcohol for under age persons. That sort of news is very disappointing, considering that the persons concerned may be the same people who will be the first to complain when they have property damaged or their peace disturbed by the very youths.

We may be preaching to the converted but can I remind everyone that it is an offence for a person to purchase alcohol on behalf of anyone under the age of 18.

Housebreaking

1600 3rd 0915 4th A garage at a house in Braid Hills Approach was broken into.
2000 21st 0630 22nd A garage was broken into at house in Pentland View and a pedal cycle taken.

Theft

2150 4th One youth was charged with theft and one with reset relating to a credit card taken from a house in Swanston Gardens.
2140 17th A mobile phone was stolen from restaurant premises at Buckstone Terrace.
0001-0730 Property was taken from an insecure house in Frogston Terrace.

Car Crime

2200-2355 3rd A blue Vauxhall Nova was stolen from Pentland Terrace and later recovered.

1700 4th 1000 5th A silver Honda Civic was broken into whilst parked in Swanston Gardens.

1630 4th 1040 5th A green Suzuki parked in Swanston Terrace was broken into.

1615-1654 4th A motor van was broken into whilst parked in Biggar Road.

1435 5th A white Mercury Sprinter was broken into in Pentland Terrace.

1930 11th 1000 12th A grey BMW X5 had plastic trim stolen whilst parked at Caiyside.

1730 14th 0815 15th A Honda Civic in Pentland View was broken into.

1800 18th 1000 19th A red Vauxhall Zafira had property stolen from within whilst parked in Buckstone Court. The property was later recovered.

2200 19th 1000 20th A black Fiat Punto was broken into whilst in Pentland Terrace.

2330 24th 0730 25th A red Fiat Punto and a red Mercedes were broken into at Buckstone Hill.

Vandalism

2030 19th 0930 20th A Black Suzuki had a window smashed whilst parked in Swanston Avenue.

1800 18th 1030 20th A green Vauxhall Corsa had its rear windscreen smashed in Braid Road.

2100-2200 19th A grey Renault parked in Swanston Place had its radiator deliberately damaged.

2100 19th 1100 20th In Swanston Park a red Renault Clio had a window smashed.

2045 19th 0800 20th A green Vauxhall Corsa in a car park off Braid Road had a window smashed.

0900 20th 1500 28th A toilet window at a house in Swanston Crescent was smashed.

Assault

1550 1st 4 youths were charged with assaulting another youth which took place in Buckstone Road.

Due to the fact that this report has been late getting to you it was decided to combine it with July's. Here are the crimes reported in July.

Housebreaking

1530 2nd 0630 3rd A attempt was made to break in to green keepers hut at a golf course off Braid Road.

1255 –1830 7th A house in Braid Farm Road was broken into.

2230 27th 0730 28th A house was broken into in Pentland View.

1200 27th 1800 28th Four garden huts were broken into attached to houses in Camus Avenue.

Theft

0500-0600 13th Property was stolen whilst left unattended outside shop premises in Biggar Road.

1215 16th Money was stolen from shop premises in Biggar Road when the staff were distracted.

17th A male was charged with shoplifting from licensed premises in Buckstone Terrace.

1000-1030 19th The contents of a collection box were stolen from hospital premises at Frogston Road West.

1800-1900 26th Clothing was stolen whilst left unattended outside a house in Caiyside.

Car Crime

1650 14th 0830 15th Petrol was stolen from a vehicle in Winton Loan.

1700 30th 1200 31st An attempt was made to steal a Ford Fiesta in Pentland Drive.

Vandalism

0600 14th 1200 15th A living room window at a house in Braid Road was smashed.

0005-0700 15th A window was smashed on a blue Nissan Sunny in Caiyside.

0900 27th the rear window of a red Fiat Cinquecento in Camus Avenue was smashed.

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