



# Oxgangs Area 52 Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter

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Oxgangs Police Station

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**D**ear Watchmembers,

Welcome to this months edition.

Again vandalism remains the biggest problem in the Fairmilehead area with 15 reported incidents. This is closely followed by car crime with 9 cases reported this month.

What is disappointing about some of the cases of car crime is that the owners have left property within the vehicle in full view. This is just making it easy for the thief, especially in areas that are secluded, like car parks near to common walks. Even placing items in the boot when leaving the car is risky, as you don't know who is watching. Best thing to do is leave it at home.

### **“Making the Difference”**

Youth crime and disorder creates genuine fear among those members of the public who become victims and place a heavy demand on police resources. The impact of youth crime and disorder seriously affects the quality of life of many local communities throughout Edinburgh.

Most people recognise that many young people congregate in public places because they see this as an opportunity for social contact whilst also providing a sense of security. Hanging about on street corners or in the local park is a natural element of growing up for most young people. The vast majority of them that do behave themselves, however there are few that disrupt local communities.

Making the Difference is our long-term strategy to reduce antisocial behaviour and crime by young people in Edinburgh. The intention is to provide a structure by which the police service can respond to youth crime and disorder whilst dealing with young people in a positive manner. In essence this will hopefully result in a better collation of intelligence and identification of young, especially the troublemakers, and the areas that are of particular concern to local communities. Using this intelligence known youths and hot spots can be targeted, and other agencies help sought to find a long- term solution.

### **Housebreaking**

0001 4<sup>th</sup> 0120 5<sup>th</sup> There was a break in to business premises in Margaret Rose Way where a television was stolen.

1915-2140 17<sup>th</sup> A house in Buckstone Avenue was broken into and property stolen from within.

### **Theft**

1300 1<sup>st</sup> 1300 2<sup>nd</sup> A public telephone was stolen from hospital premises in Frogston Road West.

1530 4<sup>th</sup> 0700 5<sup>th</sup> A golf club at Braid Road had flag posts stolen.

1945-2015 19<sup>th</sup> A pedal cycle was stolen whilst left unattended at a house in Buckstone Road.

1400 21<sup>st</sup> A mobile phone was stolen whilst unattended in Swanston Avenue.

1930-2130 31<sup>st</sup> A pedal cycle was stolen whilst left unattended in Camus Avenue.

## **Car Crime**

1730 –1930 1<sup>st</sup> A silver Mitsubishi was broken into whilst parked at Braid Hills Road.  
1900 9<sup>th</sup> 0800 10<sup>th</sup> A male youth was charged for stealing a motorcycle in Frogston Road West.  
1200-1900 10<sup>th</sup> A silver Volvo was stolen from the car park at licensed premises in Biggar Road.  
2300 10<sup>th</sup> 0700 11<sup>th</sup> A Fiat Punto was broken into at Swanston Way.  
2000 15<sup>th</sup> 0700 16<sup>th</sup> A black Taxi and red Nissan were broken into whilst parked in Buckstone Road. On the same evening a black Saab was broken into in Buckstone Crook.  
2200 16<sup>th</sup> 0750 17<sup>th</sup> A blue Vauxhall Astra was stolen from Pentland Terrace and recovered nearby.

## **Vandalism**

1100 19/2/03 0900 5<sup>th</sup> A outer pane of glass was smashed at a house in Fox Spring Rise.  
0900 3<sup>rd</sup> 1030 5<sup>th</sup> A front living room window was smashed at a house in Pentland Crescent.  
0420 7<sup>th</sup> A blue Peugeot parked in Buckstone Loan had a window smashed.  
0300-0900 5<sup>th</sup> A black Mercedes parked in Riselaw Crescent had a badge pulled off.  
1800 6<sup>th</sup> 1500 7<sup>th</sup> A living room window at a house in Fox Spring Crescent was smashed.  
1830 A youth was charged with damaging a door at premises in Pentland View.  
2100 12<sup>th</sup> A house at Colmestone Gate was damaged after a firework was placed through the door.  
2250 12<sup>th</sup> 3 youths have been charged with putting a firework through the door of a house in Frogston Road West.  
2145 12<sup>th</sup> 1025 13<sup>th</sup> A window of a Rover parked in Colmestone Gate was smashed.  
1830 12<sup>th</sup> 0900 13<sup>th</sup> A Nissan Almera parked in Buckstone Howe had a mirror damaged.  
700 14<sup>th</sup> 1100 15<sup>th</sup> A silver VW Passat parked in Winton Terrace had its windscreen smashed.  
0000 11<sup>th</sup> 1000 15<sup>th</sup> A house in Buckstone Howe had a window smashed.  
1200 15<sup>th</sup> 1830 16<sup>th</sup> A blue Vauxhall Astra parked in Buckstone Gate had a window smashed.  
1545-1605 24<sup>th</sup> A black Ford Ka had its windscreen smashed whilst parked in Buckstone Gardens.  
1200 27<sup>th</sup> 1730 28<sup>th</sup> A red Rover parked in Buckstone Road had its windscreen smashed.

## **Assault**

2240 13<sup>th</sup> A male was charged with an assault on a Police Officer In Camus Avenue.  
2130 26<sup>th</sup> 3 males were charged with assaulting a male in Comiston View. In a related incident 2 males were charged with assaulting a male, also in Comiston View.

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