



# Oxgangs Area 52 Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter

*Lothian and Borders Police*

Oxgangs Police Station

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**D**ear Watchmembers,

We start this month's edition with good news on two fronts.

The first being that after diligent work by our Housebreaking squad a male has been arrested and remanded custody for numerous break ins which took place in the Oxgangs Station area, some of which were in Fairmilehead. This is excellent news and the squad are continually following positive lines of enquiry regarding housebreaking in Oxgangs and elsewhere in the city.

Continuing our fight against drugs, officers searched domestic premises in the Fairmilehead area under warrant and drugs with estimated street value of £25,000 were recovered. A total of 9 charges were preferred against the persons responsible.

## **Housebreaking**

2100 2<sup>nd</sup> 1800 3<sup>rd</sup> A male has been charged with breaking into a house at Caiystane Gardens.

1220-1449 21<sup>st</sup> A house was broken into at Buckstone Terrace.

0710 19<sup>th</sup> 2140 22<sup>nd</sup> An attempt was made to break into a house, also at Buckstone Terrace.

## **Theft**

1600 1<sup>st</sup> 1000 2<sup>nd</sup> Items were stolen from a house whilst insecure at Comiston Springs Avenue.

1300-1800 9<sup>th</sup> Property was stolen from a house in Comiston View, also whilst insecure.

2100 12<sup>th</sup> 0900 13<sup>th</sup> Garden plants were stolen from a house in Fox Spring Rise.

1500-2100 13<sup>th</sup> Garden furniture was stolen from a house in Camus Park.

1630 19<sup>th</sup> 0800 20<sup>th</sup> A trailer was stolen from outside a house in Braid Road.

1200 22<sup>nd</sup> 1500 23<sup>rd</sup> A pedal cycle was stolen from a house in Buckstone Circle.

2230 29<sup>th</sup> 1100 30<sup>th</sup> A garden tree was stolen from a house in Buckstone Terrace but later recovered.

## **Car Crime**

1620-1700 7<sup>th</sup> A blue Vauxhall Vectra was broken into at Braid Hills Drive.

1300-1530 16<sup>th</sup> In Pentland Terrace a black Honda motorcycle was stolen whilst left unattended.

2350 24<sup>th</sup> 0430 25<sup>th</sup> Items were stolen from the insecure boot of a black Taxi parked in Pentland Drive.

## **Vandalism**

0001-2359 6<sup>th</sup> A garden wall at a house in Buckstone gardens was sprayed.

0030-1030 9<sup>th</sup> A blue Audi parked in Biggar Road was scratched.

1400 8<sup>th</sup> 1030 9<sup>th</sup> A tyre was slashed on a grey BMW parked in Colmestone Gate.

2300 8<sup>th</sup> 0030 9<sup>th</sup> A white Toyota, red Nissan and red Sharan belong to the same family had tyres slashed and bodywork scratched. A positive line of enquiry is being pursued.

2200 8<sup>th</sup> 0900 9<sup>th</sup> A red VW Golf parked in Colmestone Gate had a tyre slashed.

1800 20<sup>th</sup> 1430 21<sup>st</sup> A garage window at a house in Camus Road East was smashed.

0030 23<sup>rd</sup> In Pentland View a blue Renault Espace had its headlight smashed.

1340 23<sup>rd</sup> A Mercedes car parked in Braid Hills Drive had its window smashed.

1930 30<sup>th</sup> 0930 31<sup>st</sup> Paint stripper was thrown over a red Peugeot 406 in Fox Spring Rise.

## **Assault**

1430 18<sup>th</sup> A female youth was assaulted by other females at Fairmilehead Park.

## **Force Communications Centre**

As you maybe aware the force has opened its new Force Communications Centre (FCC) at Bilston where all telephone calls to Lothian and Borders police from the public will be received. It has not been without its teething problems but these are currently being addressed.

All incidents reported to the Police will be taken by staff at the centre who are in direct radio contact with officers in every area of the force. They are however operating a call grading system within A division with most urgent calls 1 and 2 being attended to by Response officers who are mobile and working from various locations throughout the city. Local Community Beat officers for your area will attend to less urgent calls 3 to 6.

Grade 1 calls, 999 or other which require immediate response, without delay.

Grade 2 calls, 999 or other which require attendance as soon as possible, if instant attendance is not possible then it should be within the hour.

These calls are almost always answered by officers within a response vehicle. These vehicles are stationed at Costorphine, Craigmillar and Drylaw and cover the whole of A Division.

Grade 3 calls, these can be attended in excess of one hour but should be attended to within 4 hours.

Grade 4 calls, these can be attended in excess of four hours, some can also be scheduled for later attendance.

Grade 5 and 6 calls, these can often be resolved by the person taking the call by giving advice or taking a report over the phone or advising to attend at a local station. These calls can also sometimes be referred to other agencies. Sometimes a phone call by a police officer will suffice.

Regardless of which police station you contact you will automatically be transferred to the FCC. You should tell the operator the nature of your call and not simply ask to be transferred to your local station, they will then create an incident to have police attend.

There will be times when you do not wish the police to attend but if it is an on-going problem then we ask that you simply phone in and log the incident for the attention of the local community officer. All too often we are told that incidents are recurring but we have no records of them.

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