

# A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News

Lothian and Borders  
**POLICE**



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## 'Working in Partnership for a Safer City'

### Divisional Commander's Message

CITY

I am pleased to report that 8 months into the current recording period, levels of crime across Edinburgh are down 5% on the same period last year. Similarly, year to date solvency has improved by some 7%. Significantly, 51% of all crimes committed across the Capital were solved during November 2006.

WIDE

On a personal note, I will be retiring in January 2007 having been Divisional Commander of the City of Edinburgh for nearly 3 years. Chief Superintendent George Simpson will be taking over my position and I will be working closely with him to ensure a smooth transition. Throughout my time working in the Capital, I have been constantly impressed by the professionalism and dedication of police officers and support staff and I look forward to monitoring their efforts in the future.

**Chief Superintendent Allan Shanks, Divisional Commander**

### Have a Safe Christmas!

FOCUS

With the Christmas and New Year party season about to start, Lothian and Borders Police are urging revellers to take care, to be aware and to drink sensibly over the festive period. The advice comes amid concerns about levels of binge drinking and the link to sexual and violent crime.

The misuse of alcohol is a real concern, particularly at this time of year. Incidents of drinks being spiked or tampered with are rare, but it is wise to take sensible precautions. It is equally dangerous to underestimate the effects of too much alcohol on the human body - drinking too much affects your judgment and can lead you into dangerous situations, making you a target for criminals when you are at your most vulnerable. If you are out with friends, stick with them and be cautious of going away with strangers or people you have just met in a pub or club.

We are not saying you can't enjoy yourself this Christmas, just be sensible with the amount you drink and keep an eye on each other. Remember, crime does not stop over the festive season and we would encourage the public to not only stay safe, but look after their personal belongings when they are out enjoying themselves.

Have a Safe Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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The issues mentioned in this letter reflect incidents that took place, during the month of December.

Crime levels for the month showed a rise from the previous months figures which I have listed below for your information :-

Braid Road – smash house window  
Buckstone Lea – scratch vehicle  
Riselow Road – break vehicle mirror x 2  
Braid Road – break vehicle mirror  
Pentland View – smash house window  
Buckstone Crescent – smash house window  
Buckstone Loan – smash house window  
Buckstone Gardens – smash house window  
Buckstone Avenue – kick vehicle causing denting  
Buckstone Bank – smash house window  
Fairmile Avenue – scratch vehicle  
Swanston Avenue – possible air pellet at door  
Buckstone Avenue – break vehicle mirror  
Buckstone Road – smash house window  
Buckstone Terrace – smash display noticeboard

Furthermore there were thefts from motor vehicles in Margaret Rose Crescent, Biggar Road, Queen Margaret Close, Braid Hills Approach and Braid Hills Drive x 2. There was also a housebreaking in Comiston View.

A number of the vandalisms have a positive line of enquiry, with other solved crimes showing as Breach of the Peace x 2, serious assault, possession of offensive weapon, housebreaking ( in relation to 17 Buckstone Crescent ) , and a further minor assault.

Finally it is with some genuine sadness that this is to be my last newsletter, I have returned from a holiday period to find I am moving to St Leonards Police Station on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January to take up a Local Intelligence Officer role. I have been at Oxgangs for the last fifteen years and have met many wonderful people during that time. I can only say thank you to all who have assisted me over these years and made my job that little bit more bearable at times!!

At this time a replacement is being sought, however I have no details of that person at this time. In the meantime the Station Sergeant at Oxgangs PS Lorna Cottier is more than happy to assist.

Thanks again

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Confidential or anonymous information on all types of criminal activity can be passed to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111

## And Finally....

The national Festive Drink Driving Campaign is now under way. People who drink and drive convince themselves that they will not be caught or that they are better drivers after a drink!!! Obviously neither is the actual reality!!! However, I can predict about 10 drivers from this area will be caught during this campaign. For some that will cost them their job for others the longer-term consequences may be much worse.

If you are someone who may drink and drive then please think again, consider the consequences and avoid becoming one of my statistics.

Alan Grant  
Sector Inspector

