

# A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News

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**POLICE**



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## 'Working in Partnership for a Safer City'

### Capital Demands on Policing

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WIDE

The ongoing investigation and resourcing of a number of high profile unplanned incidents across the Capital plainly illustrates the unpredictable nature of policing and the intense demands placed on police personnel to maintain expected levels of public service.

Despite current operational challenges, I would like to take this opportunity to reassure you that every effort is being made by police officers and support staff across the City to maintain high levels of professionalism and performance during this difficult period.

Credibly, for the year to date, recorded levels of crime across Edinburgh are **down 5%** on the same period last year with crime solvency **up by 2%**.

**Chief Superintendent Allan Shanks, Divisional Commander**

### Royal Highland Show, Ingliston

#### "Calling Time on Crime"

TOP  
TALK  
US

- How do I reduce the chances of my house or business being broken into when it is unoccupied?
- How do I reduce the chances of thieves breaking into my car and stealing my stereo or satellite navigation system?
- How can I make my child's mobile phone less attractive to potential thieves?

These questions and many others can be answered by visiting police officers from the '**A' Division Safer Communities Department** who will be present in the Lifestyle Village at the Royal Highland Show from Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June to Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2006.

Experienced officers will be available to answer your queries and offer a wide range of leaflets and guidance on all aspects of crime prevention and security.

There will also be competitions and prizes for children.

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The issues mentioned in this newsletter reflect incidents that took place during the month of June.

Another busy month for the area with vandalisms to motor vehicles counting for some 17 offences. 3 x wing mirrors were broken from vehicles overnight on 28/29 in Buckstone Terrace, a further 8 x cars were similarly damaged in Caiystane Gardens in the early hours of 10<sup>th</sup>. 3 x vehicles were scratched in Comiston Springs Avenue with further damage caused to vehicles parked in Pentland Drive, Pentland Gardens and Braid Hills Drive.

Break ins to motor vehicles occurred in Braid Hills Approach, Pentland Drive, Pentland Gardens, Biggar Road and Braid Road with a further intent to steal in Fox Spring Crescent.

2 x Robberies were reported, one in Buckstone Loan East on the 18<sup>th</sup> where two males threatened the victim and caused him to hand over an amount of money. The other was a bag snatch from an elderly lady in Swanston Park on 16<sup>th</sup>.

There was a theft of a pedal cycle and a motor scooter both from insecure garages and also a theft of wheels from a car in Buckstone Circle. A motor car was stolen from Buckstone Loan East which was later recovered, and lastly a window of a house was broken by a stone at East Comiston.

I will take the opportunity this month to inform you of the newly created Community Crime Reduction Strategy happening in the Pentlands area :-

During 2005-2006 over 75% of all crime recorded in Pentlands was “ high volume low value “ in nature i.e. vandalism during that period accounted for 29% of all crime, while a further 50% related to crimes of dishonesty. Traditionally solvency levels have been low in relation to high volume low value crime; however after community consultation such crimes have been identified as the main problems affecting communities in the Pentlands area. The main objectives therefore are to reduce the number of reported high volume crimes and to further increase the solvency levels, which should be seen as a long term approach to positively influencing the quality of life of the community within Pentlands. The specifics of this strategy are wide and varied but suffice to say our efforts are being targeted and co-ordinated specifically with this as a focused aim.

As always feel free to contact me directly via e-mail or otherwise with any issue or advice you require, or if you are able to assist with any of the crimes mentioned.

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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....

We are fast approaching the summer holidays and many of you will be leaving your homes unoccupied whilst enjoying a well-earned vacation. Unfortunately there are others who see this as a 'window' of opportunity! Can I urge that you take the time to consider the security of your home and what can be done to dramatically reduce the likelihood of unwelcome visitors in your absence.

Your Community Beat Officer will be more than willing to give guidance.

Alan Grant  
Sector Inspector

