

# A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News

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## 'Working in Partnership for a Safer City'

### Safer Scotland, Safer Edinburgh

CITY  
WIDE

The **Safer Scotland** anti-violence initiative was launched on 03 April 2006 with Scottish police forces joining together to tackle violence on our streets.

Over the past four weeks 131 outstanding judicial warrants have been executed for crimes of violence across the Capital, with individuals wanted in connection with 1 attempt murder, 6 serious assaults, 103 minor assaults and 21 offences involving the possession of knives or offensive weapons all now arrested.

The commitment shown by officers working across the City accounted for 17% of the total number of warrants effected across Scotland during the initial phase of the campaign and builds on the success of the past year, which recorded a 16% fall in violent crime across Edinburgh, down to the lowest level for three years.

**Chief Superintendent Allan Shanks, Divisional Commander**

### Think Safe, Be Safe

HOT  
TOPICS

The next phase of the Safer Scotland campaign will feature policing activities designed to tackle violent crime involving the use of knives. Between 24 May and 30 June 2006 a knife amnesty will make recycle bins available in police stations across the Capital to facilitate the safe surrender of knives and weapons.

Socialising and the immoderate consumption of alcohol can often lead to a loss in self-control or confrontation. Simple precautions make violence preventable and not inevitable.

- **NEVER** carry a weapon, even for your own protection - it is a criminal offence
- Avoid eye contact with strangers and resist the urge to get involved in arguments
- Cross the street to avoid threatening people or groups
- Discourage friends from getting involved in volatile situations
- Make your own choices - don't let others "egg you on"
- In the event of trouble, think about your escape route and any safe haven from where you can seek help
- Moderate your drinking - stay in control & keep your wits about you

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

Although the level of crime in our area can be low compared to other parts of the city there are some crimes that cross over boundaries as criminals travel throughout. There is a problem, in the Ogangs area, with cars being broken into whilst they are parked in secluded car parks.

This includes Golf Course car parks, the parking area in Torduff Road, the car parks at the top of Bonaly Road and the parking area on the other side of the bypass at Dreghorn Link.

I take this opportunity to remind you not to leave valuables within your vehicle. The boot of the vehicle cannot be regarded as secure. A colleague attended a theft when a ladies handbag was taken from the boot of a car. It contained house keys and literature detailing the ladies address. The thief slashed the car tyres to stop the complainer from going home and then broke into the house using the door key.

It has been another busy month in the area with a rise in recorded crimes in a number of categories.

There were 9 break ins to motor vehicles. Comiston Springs Avenue, Braid Hills Drive, Biggar Road, Braid Road, Pentland Gardens, Pentland Crescent and Swan Spring Avenue.

There were 2 theft of motor vehicles. Firstly a motor scooter from a garage in Buckstone Circle and secondly a motor car from Caiystane Gardens which was later traced and recovered in Granton Place.

There were 6 x break in to vehicles with intent to steal. These occurred at Braid Mount, Pentland Gardens, Bramdean Rise and Comiston Springs Avenue X 3.

A series of vandalisms took place those of which were recorded are listed :-

Window at Buckstone Gardens – possible air pellet

Smashing garden ornaments Buckstone Terrace

Damaging garden fence – Buckstone Court

Vehicle parked in Buckstone Crescent

Vehicle parked in Buckstone Road and window of dwelling house

Window of dwelling house at Buckstone Way

Window of dwelling house at Buckstone Gardens

4 x other individual dwelling house windows. All at Buckstone Loan

Other crimes include 2 x minor assaults at Buckstone Wood and Buckstone Terrace. A theft others at Lothianburn Golf Club, and theft from insecure shed Bramdean Rise.

Some solved crimes for the month include Breach of the Peace x2, Theft from a motor vehicle, Assault x 2, Theft motor vehicle and numerous associated driving offences.

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.

## Useful Numbers

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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....

Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour remains a high policing priority and with daylight now extending well into the evening coupled with warmer weather (hopefully) more people look to enjoy outdoor activities.

Whilst unacceptable behaviour is certainly not restricted to youths I would urge them to act responsibly and avoid gathering in numbers and/or at locations where their presence will cause annoyance and negatively impact on the quality of life for others.

Alan Grant,  
Sector Inspector

