

# A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News

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## 'Working in Partnership for a Safer City'

### Drug Dealers Don't Care

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Funded from money and assets confiscated from criminals, the national Drug Dealers Don't Care campaign saw 45 people arrested across Edinburgh during the months of September and October. Police operations targeting drug dealing in the North of the City resulted in the seizure of £11,000 worth of drugs and £18,000 in cash. In addition, searches of five houses in East Edinburgh at the start of November netted £65,000 worth of drugs and £8,000 in cash.

Thanks are extended to communities who contributed to the success of police operations by responding to appeals for information - success is not measured solely on levels of seizures, but on the willingness of communities to report on criminal activities. Information about crime can be reported anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

**Chief Superintendent Allan Shanks, Divisional Commander**

### Dark Nights - Bright Lights

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Housebreakings may increase during the winter months as criminals take advantage of dark nights. Houses in darkness look unoccupied and so attract the attention of thieves; however, by taking a few simple precautions, the chances of becoming a victim of a housebreaking can be reduced.

- Fit timer switches to lights, both upstairs and downstairs, but never just leave the hall light on – who spends their evening in the hallway?
- Make sure doors and locks are sturdy and well fitted. If you live in a common stair, make sure the entry door is secure and do not let anyone in if they are not visiting you - you wouldn't let them into your house, why let them into your stair?
- Ground floor windows should be locked and all keys, including those for motor vehicles, should be kept out of sight.
- Desirable items for thieves include jewellery, digital technology, cash and credit / debit cards. Think about where you store these items and consider purchasing a safe, particularly for high value or sentimental items.

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

There were 8 recorded incidents of vandalism to motor vehicles which I have again listed below for your information:

Buckstone Terrace – wing mirror  
Buckstone Road – scrape car  
Pentlands Gardens – wing mirror  
Braid Hills Road – throw stone  
Buckstone Loan East – slash convertible roof cloth  
Comiston View – break wiper blade  
Buckstone Avenue – smash rear windscreen  
Winton Drive – scrape car

There was a business housebreaking at the Hermitage Golf Club and break ins to motor vehicles at Lothianburn Golf Club, Morton Mains Farm and Braid Hills Approach. All of these offences were as a result of the items stolen being open to view from outside the vehicle and subsequently proving too tempting for the culprit(s).

Further instances of vandalism were recorded at Buckstone Way and Buckstone Row in the form of spray paint graffiti, while a window was smashed in Buckstone Road by throwing a stone at same. Furthermore a number of illuminated parking bollards were broken from mountings in Margaret Rose Drive.

Amongst the solved crimes for the month were the Housebreaking at the Pavilion public house, a minor assault, a fireraising, drunk driver and Pedlars Act 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.

**PC 3613-A Graham Harvey Community Beat Officer.**

## 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....

The Pentlands Local Policing Area Crime Reduction Strategy continues to achieve significant results. Across Edinburgh the solved rate for crimes of vandalism is about 18% whilst in this local policing area it is now over 28%. This success reflects the effort and focus on this crime category as we know it can significantly impact on the quality of life within communities. We are confident this initial success can be built upon.

Hopefully you will now be aware of the opportunity to receive real time information from the police by e-mail, text or telephone, particularly in regard to criminal activity and policing in your local community. If you have not already registered for this service then your Community Beat Officer can provide the appropriate information.

Alan Grant, Sector Inspector

