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'Working in Partnership for a Safer City'

Drug Dealers Don't Care – Do You?

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In past months, information received from local communities across the Capital has led to the disruption of drug dealing activities and the seizure of large quantities of controlled drugs. Recent police operations involving uniform and plain-clothes officers recovered cocaine to the value of £120,000 on 9th September 2006, amphetamine to the value of £75,000 on 30th August and cocaine to the value of £38,000 on 12th August 2006.

Following the success of last year's national campaign Drug Dealers Don't Care - Do You?, the campaign has now been relaunched across the City. You can help by sharing information about drug dealing in your community.

Call **CRIMESTOPPERS** anonymously on 0800 555111.

Chief Superintendent Allan Shanks, Divisional Commander

Safety on Public Transport

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BUS

The **Police Public Transport Liaison Officer** continues to work in close partnership with both Lothian Buses and First Bus to reduce crime and antisocial behaviour on our bus networks. The two companies currently incur repair costs of almost £1 million per year through acts of vandalism and the role of the Liaison Officer is to monitor crime patterns and devise initiatives to tackle prevalent issues.

Two current initiatives are the '**Decoy Bus**', which carries plain clothes police officers on routes where bus windows are regularly broken and '**Gateway Checks**' where uniformed officers work alongside bus Revenue Inspectors on routes where incidents of antisocial behaviour have been recorded.

In a new initiative, an educational input will be delivered to schools to raise awareness amongst pupils about how their behaviour can affect other passengers and how they can improve bus travel for themselves and for others. It is hoped that the input will also provide pupils with 'choices' on how to deal with incidents, which they may witness or be the victim of. If you witness a crime or antisocial behaviour whilst travelling on a bus please contact your local police station to report the incident.

Your information may assist in the detection of the culprit.

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

Firstly I'd like to take this opportunity to warn you of a 'scam' that is in operation and leaving people out of pocket. A local gentleman received a letter from Spanish Lottery company Loteria Primitiva, stating that he had won a large amount of money in a recent draw. Although he had not entered any draw he phoned the number in the letter. He was advised that to claim the money he had to send cash transfers to a banker/agent to cover administrative costs. The letter appears genuine and the reward money vast. The initial payment seems small but the company usually phone back and ask for further payments. Individuals have paid thousands in the past and received nothing in return. All these types of letters are fraudulent and the prizes fictional. We strongly advise you to rip the letter up on receipt of it and not to phone the number stated on the letter. Never send money to anyone on receipt of this sort of letter.

There were six incidents of vandalism recorded, namely windows smashed at houses in Buckstone Crescent, Buckstone Terrace, Buckstone Circle and Caiystane Gardens whilst two vehicles were damaged in Buckstone Terrace and Buckstone Avenue.

There was the theft of a pedal cycle from Buckstone Lea, a theft of a motor scooter from Buckstone Circle, a theft slip in for car keys from Buckstone Howe, and a theft of vehicle number plates in Buckstone Circle.

A further theft from a motor vehicle occurred in Comiston Road, whilst an attempt was made on a vehicle in Frogston Avenue.

During the evening on the 20th of the month, the Fairmile Inn premises were broken into, whilst during the early hours of the morning an attempt was made to break into the premises of Costcutter at Biggar Road. Further enquiries are ongoing regarding these crimes.

Lastly there were two recorded assaults which occurred in Buckstone Terrace and Buckstone Crescent.

On a slightly more positive note there were twelve recorded solved crimes in the area for the month including drugs offences, breach of the peace, possession of offensive weapon and other anti-social incidents.

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....

The new seatbelt law concerning the carriage of children in motor vehicles is now in effect. Hopefully drivers will be aware of the changes but concern has been expressed that the new rules have not received sufficient publicity. If you are a driver please ensure you are familiar with the changes. An explanatory leaflet is available from your local police station. Whilst for some the new law may be an inconvenience I would highlight the changes are specifically aimed at further improving safety for our children.

Alan Grant
Sector Inspector

