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Working Together for a Safer Capital 2007/08

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I am very pleased to be able to report that at the end of the recording year April 2006 to March 2007, recorded levels of crime across Edinburgh fell by 3% on last year and solvency improved by 7% with 44% of all crimes committed solved.

The City of Edinburgh Policing Plan 2007/08 will help us build on this performance and tackle the competing priorities of national security, the protection of communities, the policing of events and the reduction of crime and disorder. The Plan emphasises that the sharing of information remains key to providing the highest quality of service and we will continue to engage with our partners and the diverse communities across the Capital to ensure that police officers are working where they are most needed.

Chief Superintendent George Simpson, Divisional Commander

Police Warning – Capital Scams

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TODAYS

The police are warning the public to be on their guard against buying fake goods from street sellers in Edinburgh. The alert comes after concerned members of the public were offered **fake jewellery** in the city centre during March. Police later arrested six people in connection with the incident.

A police spokesperson said, "We would urge members of the public to be cautious about purchasing anything from people approaching them in the street. People can be caught out buying inferior goods that are not worth the price being asked. If you have any concerns about street traders, you should get in touch with your local Council to report it."

In addition, three elderly residents in Edinburgh lost thousands of pounds after falling victim to a Canadian **lottery scam**. Victims were contacted by letter or telephone by the alleged operator of the lottery and communications have also been received from a Spanish lottery. Both promise vast sums of money in exchange for an administration fee.

A police spokesperson said, "We would urge people not to enter into any type of agreement to part with money to anyone offering them substantial prize winnings. Anyone being contacted should contact Consumer Direct on www.consumerdirect.gov.uk or 0845 4040506 or their local trading standards department."

Local News

FAIRMILEHEAD – BEAT 56

Here are the crime statistics for the local area in March:

A racial incident occurred on public transport in Pentland Terrace ,resulting in 3 female teenagers being identified and reported.

During the month 3 thefts occurred at business premises, 2 shoplifters were identified at Threshers, the Fairmile Inn was entered and scenes of crime examination obtained evidence which is being actively pursued. A theft from Tusitala remains undetected.

3 vandalisms occurred, 2 vehicles were damaged in Buckstone Drive and Pentland Terrace, along with the 16th green at Mortonhall Golf Course.

2 Assaults occurred in Buckstone Terrace with enquiries continuing .

An incident occurred at Pentland View Support Centre resulting a resident being charged with various crimes and offences.

Several motoring offences detected and persons have been reported.

Finally, my name is Kenneth Welsh PC 3279A and have taken over the community beat role carried out by Graham Harvey who has moved on to pastures new.

It is my intention to continue the good work done by Graham.

If you wish to contact me with regards to any issues , advice or any other matters please use the details provided in this letter.

Useful Numbers

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And Finally....

With daylight hours now extending our Children/youths will be about the streets in greater numbers into the evenings. It is Important for the safety and enjoyment of everybody in the community that parents monitor where their children are congregating and what they are doing. Large groups of youths do seriously impact on the quality of life for many people.

In addition , a great deal of police time is taken up dealing with 'youth disorder' complaints preventing the officers from focussing fully on those engaged in more serious criminal activity. Your support is essential to ensure the whole community lives in harmony.

Sue Wilson , Sector Inspector.

