

A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News



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'Working in Partnership for a Safer City'

A FESTIVAL OF FUN

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In August, Edinburgh becomes the Festival City with thousand of performers and visitors coming to the city to participate in and enjoy our world renowned cultural and arts events. With five major festivals, Royal Visits, the Tattoo and the start of the football season, to name but a few events taking place this month, the demands on A Division officers will be significant.

In previous years we have demonstrated that we can meet the challenges of this busy period. To ensure the safety of our communities and the smooth running of these events, officers will be deployed in key areas across the city with additional support from council funded teams such as the Safer Community Units and Youth Actions Teams. Through the commitment of our staff and the support of our partners we will strive to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour during this busy period and send our visitors home with a positive image of the city.

Divisional Commander – Chief Superintendent George Simpson

HOUSEBREAKINGS

FOR
HOMES

Over recent weeks there have been a number of thefts by house breaking at the homes of the predominantly Chinese community. Most of these crimes occurred from late afternoon onwards, whilst the occupiers were out. In several of the crimes; suspicious persons have been seen near to the homes that have been broken into. The perpetrators of these crimes appear to be a small criminal group of males and females.

Please, if you see anyone acting suspiciously near to these homes; or anywhere else; as a priority phone the police giving the best description that you can of the persons or any vehicles involved.

Some simple advice

By taking a few simple steps we can make it more difficult for the thief and reduce the chances of becoming a victim of crime. Most often the housebreaker will attack the most vulnerable point of entry to a house.

So before leaving your home, even for a short time

- Lock all doors and windows and use all the locks fitted to doors and windows
- If you an alarm system use it – every time you leave the house
- During the hours of darkness consider using timer switches for lights etc.

You should ensure that your home is secure at all times, even when you are at home.

Local News

FAIRMILEHEAD PF56 BEAT

Here are the crime statistics for Fairmilehead area for August:

There was a vandalism in Buckstone Terrace with garden ornaments damaged. Two vehicles were damaged in Swanston Gdns and Caiystane Avenue.

There were 7 cars which had the number plates removed in Caiystane Crescent, Swanston Green, Swanston Drive and 2 in Caiyside.

A vehicle parked in Frogston Road West had a wheel stolen and later on the vehicle itself was stolen.

In Buckstone Avenue a theft occurred where jewellery was stolen, Winton drive a garage was forced open and ladders removed which where used to try force entry to the house without success.

At Mortonhall Golf Course a secure shed was forced, insecticide and pesticide were stolen and Lothianburn Golf Course had garden equipment stolen.

A person was seen in suspicious circumstances in a garden in Buckstone Lea possibly with the intention to commit a theft.

Finally, a person has been reported for driving whilst exceeding the prescribed limit in Biggar Road. A male has been reported for Breach of the peace and being in possession of an offensive weapon after an incident in Caiystane Crescent and two youths have reported for stealing 2 mini motorbikes from a property at Buckstone Circle.

If you wish to contact me with regards to any issues raised, advice or any other matters please do not hesitate to contact myself at the address below.

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And Finally....

The unusually 'hot' summer weather has been welcomed by many but it also provides increased opportunities for thieves.

Valuable property that is normally kept in secure storage is left around the garden and driveways often overnight. More concerning is the number of ground floor windows left ajar overnight for ventilation.

Whilst understanding and having experienced the discomfort of warm nights, windows left wide open overnight, particularly on the ground floor, is an invitation that a housebreaker can't resist.

Please do not drop your guard, maintain your security and avoid becoming a victim.

Susan Wilson
Sector Inspector

