

A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News



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'Working in Partnership for a Safer City'

FESTIVE FOCUS

Edinburgh is once again in the spotlight as our world famous Christmas and Hogmanay events and attractions get underway. Over the festive period we will have additional officers on duty to provide reassurance, assistance and tackle antisocial behaviour in the city centre. We will also be working closely with our partners in the council, public transport and the retail trade to help you enjoy the many seasonal events and attractions safely.

Our officers will be patrolling alongside staff from the Edinburgh Licensing Standards Authority to tackle illegal alcohol sales. Police and bus route managers will do 'Gateway Checks' on buses coming into town to prevent young people bringing alcohol and weapons into the centre.

This year two additional Special Constables who were recruited through an initiative with the City Centre Partnership will join us. They will be released from their normal duties working in stores in the city centre to join full time officers on targeted patrols.

Edinburgh is a safe city to live in and visit and I hope you have a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

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Christmas Cheer not Festive Fear

To make sure you get the most out of the festive season we would like to give you the following advice:

- ❖ Enjoy the party season, but every time you go out always let someone know where you are going and roughly when you will be back. (Remember to contact them if your plans change!)
- ❖ If using a cash machine make sure no one is close enough to see your PIN number and make sure you put your money away safely when still facing the machine.
- ❖ Look after your mobile phone and mp3 player etc. Talking on your phone or listening to music through earphones, makes you more of a target, as you will not be aware of a potential attacker. Try and stay aware of what is going on around you.
- ❖ Criminals don't want to risk being seen or caught, always stick to busy well-lit routes especially at night to make sure you stay safe.
- ❖ When travelling by bus, remember you are much safer sitting downstairs beside the driver.

Remember Edinburgh is a safe city so please follow this advice and make sure your Christmas is one to remember for all the right reasons.

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Here are the monthly crime figures for December :

There were 10 crimes or offences which occurred in the area during the month of December

There were 4 malicious mischiefs to vehicles, 2 in Pentland view, Buckstone crescent and Braid Road, one vehicle had all 4 tyres punctured and the rest had various windows smashed.

2 Vandalisms occurred in Buckstone Road and Swanston Place where front living room windows were smashed.

There was a fraud at the Royal Bank of Scotland, Biggar Road, Edinburgh.

An offence committed under the Dangerous Dogs Act in Colmestone gate where a dog was not kept under proper control, this is still being investigated.

Finally, 2 Road traffic offences were committed at Lothianburn junction A720 where a person has been reported.

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 winter weather has arrived with a vengeance and I would urge every motorist to ensure their vehicle is properly prepared for all journeys. Tyres in good condition and inflated to the correct pressure are crucial to controlling and stopping the vehicle, particularly in adverse road conditions. Allow extra time for your journey and if the road conditions are obviously dangerous then consider whether your journey is really necessary. I am pleased to report our local injury road crash statistics are very good and like me you will want that to continue. Stay safe.

Sector Inspector
Maggie Lyle

