

A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News

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'Working in Partnership for a Safer City'

Divisional Commander's Message

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Speaking to you in my first Divisional Newsletter, I am pleased to announce that at the end of December 2006, recorded crime across the Capital was 5% lower than at the same time last year. Detection rates also improved with a 6% increase in the number of crimes being solved citywide. Improved performance can be attributed to many factors, not least the fact that the police, the City of Edinburgh Council and many private and voluntary agencies across the Capital are now working closely together to improve safety.

Work is progressing towards 1st April 2007, when existing police beats will be realigned to match proposed changes to Council wards. I am confident that the change will further strengthen partnership working by allowing us to better coordinate our resources and so improve the implementation of crime reduction and community safety measures.

Chief Superintendent George Simpson, Divisional Commander

Lothian & Borders Police are now Podcasting!

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Podcasting emerged in 2004 and offers a way to provide information in the form of video and audio files. These files can be downloaded and played free of charge on any personal computer or portable MP3-playing device and provide an additional communication channel for the public to access police information.

Podcasts on the **Festive Drink Driving Campaign**, **Crimestoppers** and **Personal Safety** are now available on the Lothian and Borders Police Website at www.lbp.police.uk.

We hope you find this service useful and informative.

REMEMBER,

If you see a crime being committed contact us on 999 in an emergency when urgent police assistance is required or on telephone 0131 311 3131 to report a crime.

If you have information regarding crime or criminal activity, you can call the independent charity **CRIMESTOPPERS** anonymously on 0800 555111.

Local News

Fairmilehead Beat 52.

As you will be aware, PC Harvey has recently moved to a new role within the Police. His replacement is not due to join us till the beginning of April so I am ensuring that all Beat 52 matters are being looked after, by myself or the other Oxfangs Community Beat Officers.

In the meantime a breakdown of the crimes reported in January, much reduced from December's level, is as follows:

29/12/06 – 02/01/07 a vehicle parked in Buckstone Lea was scratched by use of an unknown instrument

01/01/07 – a Mercedes badge was pulled off the vehicle whilst parked in Comiston Springs Avenue.

04/01/07 – in Braid Road, a garage window was smashed by unknown means

06/01/07 – 07/01/07 another vehicle parked in Buckstone Lea was scratched

13/01/07 – a vehicle parked in Buckstone Loan East had its tyres slashed.

13/01/07 – 14/01/07 premises at Braid Hills Drive were subject of a break in

14/01/07 – 15/01/07 a DVD player and CDs were stolen from an insecure vehicle in Winton Terrace. During that same night, a vehicle parked in Swanston Avenue was broken into when the window was smashed. The Satellite Navigation system was stolen from within.

19/01/07 – premises at Swan Spring Avenue were broken into during the evening.

With reference to the cars broken into on 14/01 - 15/01, please be aware that by leaving any item, and this includes clothing and empty bags, within your vehicle, means the chance of it being broken into greatly increases. All property should be removed when leaving the vehicle.

There have been a large number of Sat Nav thefts throughout the west side of the city and it is suspected that some attempt thefts, where the vehicle is broken into but no property stolen, is because the holder of the Sat Nav has been left in place on the windscreen. The criminal sees the holder and breaks in to the vehicle, sometimes to find the Sat Nav in the glove compartment, other times to find that the Sat Nav has been removed altogether from the vehicle. However the damage is done. To try and prevent this problem getting worse, we now have cards made up which you can place on the dashboard, highlighting that the Sat Nav has been removed from the vehicle. These cards do not cost anything and are available at Oxfangs Police Station

In addition to this, I can report that 3 vandalisms from October 2006 have recently been solved and persons charged in relation to this.

If you have any information regarding any of the above incidents or any other matter please contact me at the address below.

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Useful Numbers

Confidential or anonymous information on all types of criminal activity can be passed to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Victim Support Helpline
0845 603 9213

The Scottish Helpline for Older Persons
0845 125 9732

Know the Score
(information and advice on drugs)
0800 587 5879

For matters relating to roads, refuse and vegetation overgrowing the pavements contact the council on 0131 200 2000

And Finally....

After more than thirty years police service I have decided it is time to move on to pastures new. It is with sadness and a little regret that I now say goodbye.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here at Oxfords and would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your help and support over the past few years.

Inspector Alan Grant

