

A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News



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'Working in Partnership for a Safer City'

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Police and Council Move In Together

Seventeen police officers from the Safer Communities Department are now co-located with Council colleagues at Chesser House, Gorgie Road. The co-location is a groundbreaking opportunity to co-ordinate and improve the delivery of services to people living and working across the Capital. Officers are working side by side with Council staff on problem solving partnerships, crime prevention through design initiatives, personal safety and the reduction of antisocial behaviour. Also located at Chesser House are specialised police officers tasked with raising awareness of the misuse of drugs and safety on public transport. The principal benefits of co-location will include

- Improved information sharing between police and Council departments
- Greater understanding of working practices and sharing of best practice
- Enhanced opportunities to plan joint working

Chief Superintendent George Simpson, Divisional Commander

HOT
TOPICS

Holiday Security Hints for Your Home

Most housebreakings happen when a flat or house is unoccupied. But, by following these simple security hints you can help make your home appear occupied and therefore more secure whilst you are out or on holiday.

- Don't discuss holiday plans where strangers might overhear
- Cancel milk or paper deliveries
- Don't leave curtains closed during the daytime
- Use timer switches to light up your home at night
- Tidy your garden
- Ask relatives or trusted neighbours to visit your home and ask them to collect mail, mow the lawn, put out bins and open and close curtains
- Let relatives or trusted neighbours know how long you will be away for and leave details of where you can be contacted in an emergency
- Consider leaving important documents and valuable items with relatives or purchase a small safe, which should be securely fixed within your home
- If you are not taking your car with you, make sure car keys are hidden

Finally, make sure that you have locked all the outside doors and windows, if you have an intruder alarm; make sure it is set. *You can find more detailed crime prevention advice at www.crimereduction.gov.uk*

Local News

FAIRMILEHEAD BEAT PF56

Here are the crime statistics for April to June in the local area.

There have been a total of 32 crimes recorded in the area between April and June.

In April there were 3 thefts from Pentland Drive, Swanston Gardens and Buckstone way one of which is dubious. Also there was a break-in to Buckstone Primary school but nothing was stolen.

There were 2 smashed windows in Swan Spring Avenue. An assault occurred in Caiyside, which has resulted in a male being reported and Breach of the Peace @ Pentland View Support Unit, where a juvenile has being reported.

In May there were 4 thefts from Buckstone Howe, Buckstone Road, Buckstone Bank and Buckstone Primary school where a bike, jewellery, camera and a projector were stolen.

There were 4 smashed windows on property located at Swan Spring Avenue, Galachlawside, Buckstone Drive, Buckstone Garden and Buckstone Primary School where the school walls were spray painted with "Zoro".

A car in Pentland View Support Unit had the bodywork dented.

In Galachlawside trees were cut down with out the owners permission.

In June there were 2 Housebreaks with intent to steal at Camus Avenue where they entered via the rear patio doors and alarm activated. Buckstone Primary was targeted again and entry was gained again at the same place at the rear of the school.

There were 2 vandalisms in Buckstone Howe and Buckstone Road where windows were smashed.

There were 2 Malicious Mischiefs to cars recorded in Swan Spring Avenue where the wing mirrors were kicked off the vehicles.

A male has been reported for various road traffic offences.

Finally, an incident occurred at Pentland View Support unit where a female juvenile was reported for assault and Breach of the Peace.

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 area 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.

