

A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News



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'Working in Partnership for a Safer City'

PARTNERSHIP WORKING

CITY
WIDE

'A' Division continues to lead the way for partnership working across the country. Relationships with our partners have never been stronger. Through our funded officers, such as the Safer Community Units and Youth Action Teams, we have made a real difference in a number of areas across the city. We are now in a position to build on this success through the introduction of the Capital Partnership Model.

This model is the first of its kind in Scotland. In simple terms we now work more closely with our partners, in a focussed manner, on a daily basis to identify problems that affect our communities. By working together we can share information and ideas and make the best use of the wide range of resources available to us. The model was piloted with great success in the south of the City and I am confident that it will help us to make a real difference in improving the quality of life across 'A' Division.

George Simpson

BE SURE AT YOUR DOOR

TOP
TIPS

You may have read in the newspapers and heard the media reports about the few recent instances in Edinburgh where bogus callers have pretended to be police officers carrying out security surveys on houses. We do not routinely cold call on houses offering a security survey and advice. These are arranged by appointment when a householder phones the police asking for security advice.

Bogus callers come in many guises; meter readers, workmen offering to do building or gardening work, charity collectors or even people asking for help. Whatever their guise if you follow some simple steps you can prevent yourself from becoming a victim:

- If you do not know or expect a caller, do not let them into your home.
- Check the identity of anyone who calls at your door unexpectedly **before** you open the door. Use the phonebook to check with the company. A genuine caller won't mind waiting.
- Use your door chain, spy hole or window to see whose at your door without having to open it.
- Fit and use a light outside your front door so you can see any callers.
- Arrange building, gardening work etc through firms with the proper trade accreditation or who are recommended by relatives/friends.
- If you see anyone suspicious in the area contact the police.

IF IN DOUBT KEEP THEM OUT

Local News

Fairmilehead Beat

Here are the crime statistics for Fairmilehead area for November:

There were 3 assaults which occurred at Buckstone Primary, Buckstone road and outside the Pavilion, Buckstone Terrace, further enquiries are being made to trace a suspect from the last assault.

There were 3 thefts, Buckstone Circle where a wheelie bin was taken, Buckstone gardens where a plant pot was stolen and a charity box was taken from the Fairmilehead church halls.

There were 4 motor vehicles damages, a wing mirror was broken off a vehicle in Camus Avenue, the nearside door was kicked on a vehicle in Caiystane Gardens, the nearside of a vehicle was scratched by unknown means in Fox Spring Avenue, the rear windscreen of a vehicle was smashed in Buckstone Drive.

There was 1 vandalism in Swanston Crescent where the living room window was smashed by unknown means.

Finally, can I draw your attention to Fairmilehead Community Council which holds its meeting every first Tuesday of the month, within Fairmilehead Church Halls Frogston Road West, Edinburgh where local issues are discussed. This meeting is open to members of the public and they are welcome to attend.

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 national Festive Drink Driving Campaign is soon to be launched. People who drink and drive convince themselves that they will not be caught or that they are better drivers after a drink!!! Obviously neither is the actual reality!!! However, I can predict about 10 drivers from this area will be caught during this campaign. For some that will cost them their job for others the longer-term consequences may be much worse. If you are someone who may drink and drive then please think again, consider the consequences and avoid becoming one of my statistics.

Maggie Lyle
Inspector

