

# A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News



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## 'Working in Partnership for a Safer City'

### A MECHANICAL KILLER

CITY  
WIDE

I think that we would all agree that we would struggle without our cars. They get us to work, they hold all of the shopping after the weekly supermarket trip, and they take us on holiday and help us to visit our family and friends. However, our mechanical friend can very easily become a mechanical killer when driven by the irresponsible and the reckless.

The last few weeks has seen two males being sentenced to over ten years a piece after both were found guilty, in separate cases, of culpable homicide when their driving resulted in the deaths of two children. Such selfish and reckless behaviour changes the lives of many forever. It also acts as a stark reminder to us all that every vehicle that is driven must be respected as the potential killer that it is.

Drug and drink driving is not an option and will be dealt with in the most severe sense by Police. Speeding and carelessness will not be tolerated either.

What chances have our young drivers when the example that more experienced drivers set for them is blatant disregard for the most basic of Road Traffic Legislation.

**George Simpson**

### Stay Safe this Bonfire Night

Remember, Remember the 5<sup>th</sup> of November! Across the country, people will celebrate Bonfire Night with colourful and exciting firework displays. If you do have a firework party at home, take care and always follow the Firework Code:

HOT  
HOLDS

#### The Firework Code

- Don't drink alcohol if setting off fireworks
- Keep fireworks in a closed box
- Follow the instructions on each firework
- Light them at arms length using a taper
- Stand well back
- Don't return to a firework that has been lit
- Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them
- Always supervise children around fireworks
- Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves
- Never give sparklers to children under five
- Keep pets indoors
- Don't set off noisy fireworks at night, and never after 11pm
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You can download copies of the code in English, Hindi, Urdu, Punjabi, Bengali and Gujarati at [www.dti.gov.uk/fireworks](http://www.dti.gov.uk/fireworks)

# Local News

Here are the crime figures and trends for October:

There were 5 vandalisms which occurred in the area: Swan Spring Avenue, Buckstone Crook, Buckstone Loan East, Pentland View Support Unit where windows were smashed by various means and a broken sign in Camus Avenue.

There were 2 cars damaged, one vehicle in Swan Spring Avenue had a slashed rear plastic windscreen and in Biggar Road a vehicle had a wing dented.

There were 4 thefts in Buckstone Howe (handbag left in taxi), Trench Knowe (Tax disc stolen from insecure vehicle), Buckstone Loan East (buspass dropped whilst alighting from bus ) and Lothianburn Golf Course (admission from an accused person).

There were 2 crimes of disorder at Pentland View Support Unit(solved) and Comiston View (further enquiry to trace named suspect)

There was 1 crime of violence in Buckstone Neuk (solved)

There was a communication offence which is being investigated further.

Finally there 6 road traffic offences , 5 occurred on the city bypass and 1 on Biggar road all of which area solved.

Can I draw your attention to the following scam which is on the rounds especially with Christmas approaching.

## Postal Scam

Can you circulate this around especially as Xmas is fast approaching - it has been confirmed by Royal Mail. The Trading Standards Office are making people aware of the following scam:

A card is posted through your door from a company called PDS (Parcel Delivery Service)suggesting that they were unable to deliver a parcel and that you need to contact them on 0906 6611911 (a premium rate number). DO NOT call this number, as this is a mail scam originating from Belize.

If you call the number and you start to hear a recorded message you will already have been billed £15 for the phone call. If you do receive a card with these details, then please contact Royal Mail Fraud on 02072396655 or ICSTIS (the premium rate service regulator) at [www.icstis.org.uk](http://www.icstis.org.uk)

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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## Useful Numbers

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## And Finally....

May I introduce myself, I am Inspector Maggie Lyle and I have taken over the position of sector Inspector at Oxgangs.

I have moved from Wester Hailes Police station where my role was a review of the Safer Community Unit (SCU) and Youth Action Team (YAT).

It is my intention to carry on the good work done in the past and to meet the local community to progress the aims of the Pentland police area.

Maggie Lyle

