

# A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News



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## 'Work With Us'

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### Divisional Commanders Message

Lothian and Borders Police 'A' Division are backing a new initiative launched on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July that aims to reduce antisocial behaviour and alcohol related crime by encouraging Edinburgh's off-sales premises to share information with each other.

The Safer Off-Sales Scheme aims to ensure a safe and secure environment for people to enjoy Edinburgh's day and night time economy. Off-sales premises will be able to share information on customers they have banned from their premises. Once a member has banned an individual they will be banned from all participating premises.

I am sure this scheme will bring great benefits to the way in which we police the city of Edinburgh and hope it will encourage more responsible drinking across all ages.

**Colin Campbell Divisional Commander**

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TIPS

Pedal cycles remain a popular mode of transport in Edinburgh, good for exercise and easy for getting around the city - very popular with bike thieves.

Bikes can cost anything between £100 and £3000, or even more. It is therefore important that you take steps to reduce the chances of your bike being stolen.

- When purchasing your bike spend at least 10% of the value of the bike on cycle security measures; you get what you pay for.
- "Sold Secure" is an accreditation scheme for locks. They perform a number of tests on locks, including attack tests. The award is granted according to how many tests the lock withstands, Bronze, Silver or Gold. A Gold award does not mean the lock is impenetrable; just that it withstood all that Sold Secure threw at it in the allocated time.
- Many cheaper locks may look the part, but you can guarantee cycle thieves know what they are about.
- Home or away; lock your bike to something immovable or solid, no matter how short the period you are leaving your bike for. Even if the bike is visible from where you are, lock it – a person cycling away is usually faster than the person running after them.
- Easily removed components such as lights, computers, saddles etc – take them with you and secure 'quick release' wheels.

For further bike security information visit [www.soldsecure.com](http://www.soldsecure.com)  
[www.crimereduction.homeoffice.gov.uk/vehiclecrime/vehiclecrime063htm](http://www.crimereduction.homeoffice.gov.uk/vehiclecrime/vehiclecrime063htm)

# Local News

Welcome to the August edition of the Fairmilehead Community newsletter.

There is welcome news in the statistics with vastly reduced numbers of thefts occurring, but unfortunately the crimes of vandalisms are maintaining their level. There were a total of 14 crimes during the month of July.

## **VANDALISM**

2 cars had their body work scratched overnight in Buckstone Road and Buckstone Avenue. A shop premise in Buckstone Terrace had writing placed over the shop front and a car has had its front and rear windscreen wipers bent whilst parked at the rear of the bank at Buckstone Terrace. Another shop premise in Buckstone Terrace had the trolley railing pulled from the ground. With regards to all the calls at Buckstone Terrace and surrounding streets there has been a recent increase in the activity of youths and in order to identify these youths, can I ask for calls to be made about these youths and their activities.

A car window was smashed by unknown means in Fairmile Avenue. Finally a car's window was smashed in Biggar Road as a result of a road rage incident, enquiries are continuing along a positive line.

## **THEFT**

A car was entered overnight in Buckstone Row and several items stolen. A car was stolen by true key after a 'slip-in theft' in Queen Margaret Close. A shed was broken into in Biggar Road but nothing appears to have been stolen. Theft of money occurred at one of the local nurseries with a locked drawer being forced open.

Can I remind everyone to secure their property whether it be a house, a car or anything else they own. By taking this simple precaution some of the above crimes might not have occurred.

## **OTHER OFFENCES**

An assault took place on Mortonhall Golf Course whereby 4 youths golfing were approached and threatened with a knife by some other youths and then made off.

The 4 young golfers did NOT have their mobiles with them but I would urge people to carry their mobile and when an emergency situation occurs the phone can be switched on and allowing the police to make a rapid response to the call.

A male was issued a conditional offer for breach of the peace through the ASBO legislation.

Finally I am still waiting on details of the person/s reported to the Procurator Fiscal with regards to some crimes committed in the area.

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....

Over the past few months there have been several thefts & attempted thefts from motor vehicles.

Some of these vehicles have been insecure. Can I remind all owners to take a few simple steps, which will help prevent such crimes occurring.

Please ensure all vehicles and property are locked and remove all electronic aids (Sat. Navs) etc. This includes the cradles.

By leaving the cradles only invites the opportunist thief to smash your window, bend back your door causing damage and thereafter looking in the glove compartment to find nothing there.

The damage has been DONE.

