

# A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News

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## ‘Work With Us’

### Divisional Commanders Message

The Force Excellence Awards took place last month at Murrayfield Stadium, and I was very pleased to attend this event particularly as A Division received much recognition for our community work, in particular the Neighbourhood Action Units and the Leith Outdoor Space Partnership. It's encouraging to see so much good work going on across the city, and highlights the fact the policing in Edinburgh isn't only about catching criminals, but also about improving quality of life for communities. My thanks and congratulations to all who took part for all their hard work.

November brought with it the annual fireworks celebrations which is a fun event for many however a minority are intent on spoiling the occasion for everyone else. Our officers however responded to calls swiftly, particularly in support of our Fire and Rescue colleagues, and worked extremely hard to keep anti-social behaviour to a minimum.

The Division is currently busy launching our Winter Policing Initiatives across the city. A range of operations are ongoing to target crimes such as shoplifting, anti-social behaviour and drink related violence. A Division Officers are dedicated to making sure all of the people in Edinburgh at this time of year are kept as safe as possible and that people are allowed to enjoy themselves throughout the festive period.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish all of you a very happy and peaceful Christmas and festive period, and a very good New Year.

**Chief Superintendent Colin Campbell**

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### All That Glitters .....

May not be gold but it usually catches someone's eye...try not to make it the thief's. The 'Festive' season is with us once again when most people are busy, decorating the house, shopping and wrapping presents .....or watching where you put your purse or wallet, checking to see what's been left on display in the back of the car or below the 'christmas' tree.....!

Don't let a thief ruin your Christmas, follow these simple tips

#### Out Shopping

- Stay alert in crowded shops and streets and be wary of pickpockets.
- Be careful with your wallet or purse –keep it close to your body and don't carry too much cash and look after bank and credit cards.
- If using your car; always park in a well-lit area, lock all the doors, windows and boot; and do not leave any presents or other valuables on view.

#### At Home

- At home or out; remember to lock the doors and windows and if you have an intruder alarm – use it.
- If you go out for the evening, make it look like someone is at home – leave the lights and the radio on – use a timer switch.
- Don't leave your curtains open so anyone can see your decorations - this makes it easy for thieves to look in to your house.
- If you are on holiday over the 'Festive' season, put your lights on a timer and ask a trusted neighbour to look after the house removing unopened mail from behind the letterbox.

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# Local News

Welcome to the December edition of the Fairmilehead Newsletter.

There were a total of 27 crimes & offences committed during November.

## **Vandalism**

There were 12 reports of damage to property and vehicles, 10 of which were in the Buckstone area and 2 others in Winton and Pentland.

## **Crimes of dishonesty**

There were 13 reports of theft with 5 occurring overnight in Buckstone Loan east and the surrounding streets. Also similar crime types occurred in Buckstone Terrace x 2, Buckstone Hill, and Buckstone Road. Swanston Avenue, Swanston Park, Pentland View and Margaret Rose Drive all saw similar crimes committed during the month.

## **Other crimes or offences**

A person was reported for drink driving on the City By-pass.

A person was reported for an assault in Oxfangs Road.

Finally, 7 vehicles were damaged in Buckstone Avenue and we are currently following a positive line of enquiry.

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/offences might not have occurred.

If anyone feels concerned about any of the information in this letter and wish to have crime prevention advice, please do not hesitate to contact myself. I am a trained Crime prevention officer for domestic property and would be delighted to carry out a survey on your property.

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.

**Pc 3279A Kenneth Welsh**

## Useful Numbers

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## And Finally....

The national Festive Drink Driving Campaign is now under way. 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.

**Inspector Sue Wilson**  
**Oxgangs Police Station**

