

# A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News



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## 'Working in Partnership for a Safer City'

### IMPROVING THE WAY WE COMMUNICATE

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This month we are undertaking a review of the way we communicate with the broad range of groups across 'A' Division. I want to make sure that we get relevant, up to date information, to the right people in the most appropriate format. To ensure that we are meeting your needs I would like you to take a few minutes to answer the following questions about the 'A' Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter:

- Why do you receive the newsletter?
- How do you receive the newsletter?
- Is the information in the newsletter relevant? If not what other information would you like?
- Is the format of the newsletter appropriate? If not what format would be more suitable?

Please forward your replies by **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2008** to [ADivWebmaster@lbp.pnn.police.uk](mailto:ADivWebmaster@lbp.pnn.police.uk) or PS Beverly Bowles, Command Support, St Leonards Police Station, 14 St Leonards Street, Edinburgh, EH8 9QW

**George Simpson**



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'A' Division Safer Communities Department launched 'School Watch' in December 2007 to address vandalisms and break-ins to Edinburgh schools. When school equipment is damaged or stolen it takes time to be replaced and, due to high insurance excesses, schools often have to replace equipment themselves. School Watch is similar to 'Neighbourhood Watch'. It is a multi agency initiative and encourages individuals and families to join together to protect their local schools from criminal behaviour.

The Scheme aims to:

- Reduce the opportunity for crime
- Build on the community spirit in local areas
- Save money for education instead of repairs to school property

When a School Watch is established trained police officers will provide the school with a crime prevention survey to reduce opportunities for crime. All members will receive an information pack and will be invited to a seminar to address local and relevant issues.

For further information on joining a School Watch contact your local Crime Prevention Officer on 0131311 3131.

# Local News

Here are the crime figures for January 2008 for Fairmilehead beat PF56:

There were 15 crimes/offences of damage to property

There were 10 vehicles damaged in the area, 5 of which had their rear windscreens smashed by unknown means, Fairmile Avenue X 2, Swanston Park & Swanston Green X 2 . 4 had the bodywork of the vehicles damaged, Pentland Crescent X 2, Oxfangs Road & Caiystane Crescent. 1 had all 4 tyres slashed in Buckstone Howe.

There were 4 properties damaged during this period by smashing or damaging windows by means unknown, Buckstone Gardens, 2 different properties in Buckstone Road and Buckstone Loan.

A vehicle was damaged on Braid Road whilst being driven passed the entrance to Mortonhall Golf Club.

There were 6 crimes of dishonesty committed during the month.

Theft by housebreaking occurred @ Caiyside where entry was gained by forcing open ground floor kitchen window with unknown instrument and jewellery, electrical goods and clothing were stolen.

2 Attempted housebreakings occurred @ Buckstone Avenue where person/s attempted to force open the patio doors with garden tools. Buckstone Primary had a window smashed where computer equipment was stolen from previously.

A vehicle had property stolen (sat nav & remote controlled car) whilst it was parked near to The Steading it would appear the vehicle was insecure at the time.

There were 2 thefts from Fairmile Avenue where number plates were stolen and Buckstone Way where a pedal cycle was tone whilst left unattended in the garden.

There were 2 crimes of violence committed during the month:

2 Assaults occurred in Oxfangs Road where both complainers were punched to the face resulting in minor injuries.

Finally, there was 1 crime of disorder in Biggar Road where a complainer was subjected to snowballing and verbal abuse, a positive line of enquiry is being followed.

As can be seen there has been a significant increase in vandalism and malicious Mischief.

In response I carried out a plain clothes initiative over the weekend 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb which resulted in no crimes occurring.

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 winter weather has arrived with a vengeance and I would urge every motorist to ensure their vehicle is properly prepared for all journeys. Tyres in good condition and inflated to the correct pressure are crucial to controlling and stopping the vehicle, particularly in adverse road conditions. Allow extra time for your journey and if the road conditions are obviously dangerous then consider whether your journey is really necessary. I am pleased to report our local injury road crash statistics are very good and like me you will want that to continue.

Stay safe.

Maggie Lyle  
Sector Inspector

