

A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News



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‘Work With Us’

Divisional Commanders Message

CITY
WIDE

On 2nd May 2008, ‘A’ Division launched a Test Purchasing Scheme to tackle the number of underage people purchasing alcohol across the city. By working with 16-year-old volunteers we were able to target premises we believed were selling alcohol to under age people. Over 70 premises have been tested so far with an extremely low failure rate where young people were actually able to buy alcohol.

A good deal of antisocial behaviour faced by our communities results from under age people buying and consuming alcohol. To continue to address this issue and to support the upcoming Safer Scotland Initiative Campaign and alcohol fuelled violence we will continue with test purchasing operations in the coming months.

If you have any information concerning licensed premises selling alcohol to people under the age of 18 please contact your local police station.

Colin Campbell Divisional Commander

HOT
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SCOTSCS

Now that the summer holiday season is upon us, it is natural for people to relax and enjoy the warm weather. During the summer months, the population of Edinburgh swells with tourists from all over the world who come to enjoy our scenery, architecture and International Arts Festivals. Unfortunately the summer also presents additional opportunities for criminals keen to exploit people who have momentarily lowered their guard.

By considering the following advice you will make it difficult for these criminals to operate. This advice is equally relevant when you are abroad holiday.

- Before you leave the house, ask yourself “Do I need my Laptop, MP3 player, camera and cash with me?” If you don’t leave them at home.
- If you’re parking your car, make sure you don’t leave anything of value inside and make sure the windows are closed.
- Keep hold of your valuables. Don’t leave your jacket, bag, laptop, phone, camera or wallet unattended even for a few seconds. That’s all it takes for thieves to help themselves.
- Beware of pickpockets. Don’t keep your wallet or purse in your bag. Carry cash in a pocket close to your body. It’s less likely to be stolen from there.
- Always secure your bicycle with a good quality padlock to an immovable object in a busy well-overlooked area.

Remember; we live in a safe city but don’t tempt fate. Stay alert but above all enjoy the summer and take advantage of the host of attractions available in Edinburgh.

Local News

Welcome to the July edition of the Fairmilehead Community newsletter.

There was considerable increase in the number of crimes committed in the area over June with the vast majority being thefts from cars, compare this with April and May when there were 14 and 17 crimes respectively.

THEFT

There were 20 thefts in the area mostly from vehicles, entered by smashing a window. The thieves have seen the cradles for sat navs and mobile phones thereafter searched the glove compartment and found them hidden there. Also work tools and equipment have been taken. Some of the vehicles were insecure thus making life easier for the thief.

Please ensure you lock your vehicles and remove all valuables into your home.

A garden ornament was stolen from Buckstone Way, some prescription drugs and cash was stolen from a house in Caiyside, and MP3 player was stolen from a young girl in Fairmile Park. Finally cash was stolen from a house in Pentland Terrace and a female has been reported for this.

VANDALISM

There were 3 vandalisms in Buckstone overnight 7/6 –8/6, 2 cars were damaged and front living-room window smashed. A mobile phone was smashed by youths in Fairmile Park and a car had its bodywork scratched in Buckstone Road.

OTHER OFFENCES

There were 3 traffic offences detected, a drunk driver, careless driving and driving with no licence, all drivers have been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

As a result of a domestic incident a male has been reported to the Fiscal for 2 assaults and Breach of the Peace.

A female received threatening letters which currently being investigated.

I would urge everyone to report any suspicious behaviour no matter how trivial.

I can report some good news that recently person/s have been reported for several of the crimes in the area and it is anticipated that this figure will increase as ongoing enquiries come to a conclusion.

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 summer weather has arrived and welcomed by many but it also provides increased opportunities for thieves.

Valuable property that is normally kept in secure storage is left around the garden and driveways often overnight. More concerning is the number of ground floor windows left ajar overnight for ventilation.

Whilst understanding and having experienced the discomfort of warm nights, windows left wide open overnight, particularly on the ground floor, is an invitation that a housebreaker can't resist.

Please do not drop your guard, maintain your security and avoid becoming a victim.

Margaret Lyle
Sector Inspector

