

# A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News

Lothian and Borders  
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## ‘Work With Us’

### Divisional Commanders Message

October marked the first ever Leith ‘week of action’, a joint partnership initiative which proved incredibly successful. Lothian and Borders Police linked in with the City Council, the Fire and Rescue Service, Neighbourhood Watch groups and local residents. As well as tackling crime at a local level head-on, our officers were able to build links with the local community and develop an ongoing mutually beneficial relationship. The scheme has the potential to be rolled out in other areas as time goes on.

The darker nights have brought their own challenges over the past month. In the run-up to Halloween and Fireworks night, A Division officers worked extremely hard to ensure residents enjoyed these events safely. We focused on targeting seasonal anti social behaviour and imparting vital safety advice.

Lothian and Borders Police have also been supporting a group of local nightclubs with their ‘Unight’ scheme, which aims to combat crime and anti social behaviour. New statistics released show crime has dropped by a fifth in the year since it was launched. These are encouraging figures and great news for anyone who wants to enjoy Edinburgh’s vibrant nightlife.

**Chief Superintendent Colin Campbell**

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### Door Step Crime

At any time of year they could arrive on your doorstep, cold callers or bogus callers, call them what you may.

They take on many faces pretending to be from a utility company, charity collector, the ‘plumber’ working next door, selling over priced goods, using hard selling techniques or overcharging for work, they all want one thing; your money, and will try many ways to get it.

It is important to take some simple precautions so that such people do not take advantage of yourself or others.

- **What do these people look like?** They are plausible people, dressing and talking in such a way to inspire confidence in you to ‘trust’ them. Do not get taken in.
  - **Who is at risk and when?** Many bogus callers will call during the day – times that you would expect trades people and service providers to call. Charity collectors will call at various times.
  - **Bogus Callers are always inventing new ways of getting into people's homes to steal valuables or money.** If you do not know or expect a caller, do not let them into your home.
  - **What can you do?** Always check who is at your door before you open it. If you have a door chain use it.
  - **An expected a caller.** Check they are genuine, they will show you ID and you can contact the company; using the phone book to get the company telephone number to confirm the callers identity.
  - **Doorstep workman.** Don't let any casual caller do work on your property, for example roofing, driveway or gardening work.
- Be aware.** Be careful yourself and lookout for neighbours, if suspicious people are in the area, contact the police.

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# Local News

Welcome to the November edition of the Fairmilehead Community newsletter

There have been a total of 13 crimes & offences recorded during October

## **Crimes of Dishonesty**

There were 6 reports made during October, 3 to properties in Frogston Road West, Pentland View, Pentland Gardens and 3 to vehicles in Pentland Gardens, Pentland View and Swan Spring View.

## **Vandalism**

There were 5 reports of damage to vehicles and property in Pentland View, Buckstone Court, Comiston Spring View, Buckstone Terrace and Pentland Terrace.

## **Other Crimes and Offences**

A person was struck by a paintball near to the Hillend ski slope and a person has been reported for a breach of the peace in Oxfangs Road.

Finally a male was arrested in Swan Spring Avenue after several calls were received regarding 2 males acting suspiciously walking up driveways looking at garages

One male was traced nearby and subsequently with charged with 9 offences and detained to appear at court.

If anyone feels concerned about any of the information in this newsletter and wish to receive 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 of the 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....

With the approach of Christmas, the opportunist thief will be looking for a quick steal. Can I remind all owner/occupiers of property be vigilant and don't leave their Christmas gifts in full view under the tree. This is only an invite to the unwanted guest.

Likewise it will be the start of the Christmas party season, with the over indulgence of alcohol personal safety becomes an issue.

The drink drive campaign will commence in the beginning of December with high profile publicity campaign and extra attention being given by all officers.

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year when it comes.

**Inspector Sue Wilson**  
**Oxgangs**

