

A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News

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'Work With Us'

Divisional Commanders Message

The Easter period and school holidays can bring challenges for officers in A Division and have in the past signalled a rise in certain types of crime such as vandalism and anti-social behaviour in its various forms. Whilst acknowledging that the overwhelming majority of young people throughout Edinburgh act and behave very responsibly we need to be ready to react to any such incidents. A Division officers are working hard to combat this by engaging with young people through a variety of means and, together with our partners and local groups, are organising a range of diversionary activities across the city to encourage young people to use their holiday to explore new interests and to stay safe and healthy.

One of our key priorities for 2009/2010 will be to promote crime prevention, both in the strategic sense of this being a Lothian and Borders Police force priority and, more importantly, at the local level. While we have always stressed the importance of taking measures to keep yourself and your property safe, the Force has recognised that we must strive to do more in conjunction with local people in communities and our main partners such as the City of Edinburgh Council. Along with the diversionary activities previously mentioned, we are looking at a raft of preventative measures across our local policing priorities as well as listening to the concerns of local people and groups. All of this activity, together with the continuous hard work of our reactive patrol and investigative officers, is intended to prevent giving criminals the opportunity to commit crime against people and their property

Chief Superintendent Colin Campbell

A Budding Time for Crime

Spring has arrived and with it the 'traditional' visits from the Bogus Worker fraternity so be prepared. It is nice for friends to point out that your hedge and grass needs cutting!

But what of the unexpected knock at the door...?

- **'Cold Callers'/Bogus Workmen** turn up on the doorstep unannounced - with good excuses such as 'just happen to be working the area' ' you have some loose slates!' Don't let any casual caller do any work on your property; be that gardening; roofing or laying/repairing your drive. Most reputable companies do not operate in this manner. Thank them and inform them that your tradesman will look at it.
- **What do Bogus Workmen look like?** They are usually very plausible people dressed for the part.
- **Who is at risk from them and when?** They tend to prey on the more vulnerable in society and will usually call through the day.
- **What can you do?** Be prepared. Are you expecting someone to call? Check the person on the doorstep is genuine; most service providers carry identification, use the phone book to get the telephone number to contact the company to confirm.
- **Be a good neighbour** – keep an eye on those who could possibly be a victim of 'Bogus Callers'. If suspicious persons are in the area - phone the police – give as good a description of them as you can including the registration number, make/model, and colour of any vehicle involved.

Local News

Welcome to the April issue of the Fairmilehead community news letter.
There were 17 crimes recorded in the Fairmilehead area during April

Crimes of Dishonesty

There has been an increase in the number of break-ins and attempted break-ins.

Properties in Buckstone Loan East, Galachlawside, High Buckstone, Fairmilehead Parish Church, Colmestone Gate, Comiston Spring Avenue and Pentland Crescent were all broken into and in addition Buckstone Loan East had Sat Navs stolen from there cars & Galachlawside had both its cars stolen. Finally, a palm plant was stolen from a garden in Caiystane

Can I remind everyone to make sure your property is secure whether you are going to work or going to bed?

Crimes of violence

There were 2 assaults which occurred at the Pentland View Close support unit and a young person has been reported.

Crimes of damage against property

3 cars were damaged in Pentland View, Buckstone Avenue and Camus Avenue and a window was smashed in Buckstone Way.

Crimes of Disorder

Buckstone Gardens - a male was returning home from a night out when he was subjected to abuse whilst walking home.

Can I take this opportunity to remind everyone to be vigilant and to report anything suspicious?

Useful Numbers

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And Finally....

During April there has been a noticeable increase in the break-in of property whether it be during the day or night some simple precautions may prevent you becoming a victim of crime.

Lock all doors and windows prior to leaving for work or going to bed, if you wish to leave a window open for ventilation, think about how a thief would try to enter your property.

For further information just click onto the link provided in useful numbers which will provide you with a wealth of information.

Alternatively, contact your local community beat officer at Oxgangs Police Station and arrange for a crime prevention survey.

Inspector Sue Wilson



CRIMESTOPPERS 0800 555 111

