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‘Work With Us’

Divisional Commanders Message

The huge range of Winter Initiatives that have been taking place across the City over the festive period are coming to an end, and I am encouraged by the results. All officers and staff have worked hard to ensure a high visibility presence and crime prevention messages have helped keep crime levels low, and anti social behaviour to a minimum. Hogmanay policing plans were well executed by our officers in a good-natured atmosphere, and the low levels of arrests reflect a fantastic attitude between the police and the public.

I am pleased to see that some of our officers have been recognised over the past few weeks for their hard work and achievements. PC Simon Daley, CBO for Broughton, has received notable recognition for his work building relations between the Scottish and Polish Communities with the new war memorial in Redbraes Place. He will travel to London later this month to receive a Community Award from the Prime Minister at 10 Downing Street.

Daragh Gleeson from Portobello has been awarded Probationer of the Year after the Force recognised his positive attitude, commitment and excellent crime solvency rates.

Last but not least, CBO Neil Doig was nominated for the Community Policeman of the Year Awards in London for his years of dedicated service to the Broomhouse and west Edinburgh areas. Although I am understandably biased I thought Neil should have won this particular award.

While these officers have shown incredible dedication to Lothian and Borders Police, I’m encouraged by every member of staff’s continued efforts to ensure public safety and look forward to a productive year ahead.

Chief Superintendent Colin Campbell

Beauty Spot Awareness

Edinburgh is beautiful, scenic place to live and there are lots of well-known beauty spots to visit and enjoy the city’s scenery first hand. Many of these areas have parking facilities and unfortunately thieves have been taking advantage of this lately. In a number of cases, victims have arrived, parked their cars, placed valuables in the boot and on returning found that their car has been broken into while neighbouring cars with no valuables in the boot remain untouched. This would indicate that thieves may be observing from nearby and targeting only vehicles that are worth their while.

To reduce the chances of falling victim to this type of crime, we advise that you make sure you lock and secure your car whenever you leave it and don’t leave valuables on display. Car thieves often steal first and think about value later. Take your valuables with you or lock them in the boot prior to arriving at the destination where you intend to park up. Don’t be tempted to hide things under the seats or leave them in the glove box.

Satellite Navigation systems are also highly sought after and we have found that some criminals are looking for the sucker mark that is left on the inside of your windscreen by the handset, then breaking in on the off chance that you’ve hidden the goods somewhere in the car. TAKE YOUR SAT NAV UNIT WITH YOU.

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Local News

Welcome to the January edition of the Fairmilehead News letter.

First of all, may I wish everyone a happy and prosperous New Year.

Here are the crime statistics for December:

There were 7 crimes /offences against property Camus Avenue, Oxgangs Road, Buckstone Gate, Buckstone Terrace x 2 and Caiystane Crescent x 2.

With regards to the last 4 crimes I have a positive line of enquiry and will hopefully have some good news in next month's letter.

There were 4 crimes of dishonesty in Braid Road, Pentland View, Buckstone Road and Winton Loan. These are excellent figures compared to November where there were a total of 27 crimes recorded in the area. There were 7 vehicles damaged in Buckstone Avenue during the middle of the month and 3 males have since been charged with these crimes.

In recent weeks there has been a marked increase in vehicle crimes being committed in the Oxgangs sector. Can I remind everyone to take some simple precautions which will prevent you become a crime statistic. Remove ALL items from view and take them into your homes, do NOT hide items like Sat. Nav's in the glove compartment or the side pockets in the doors. If you can remove the saddle and the marks on the windscreen/dash, it is less likely your vehicle will be broken into and all the resulting inconvenience.

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.

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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.

Sue Wilson
Oxgangs Sector Inspector.

