

# A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News



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## 'Work With Us'

### Divisional Commanders Message

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A number of unplanned incidents over the last few months have demonstrated the unpredictable nature of policing and provided requirement to address investigation and resource issues across the City. I wish to highlight that the focus, despite these unexpected demands, is still very much on the provision of an appropriate service to our community. The ability for police officers and staff to continue to provide this service is aided through joint working arrangements with our partners as well as liaison with the community.

The demand on police resources continues throughout June, which is traditionally a very busy month for us with a number of events taking place across the city. This is also a forerunner to the summer months of July and August, which incorporate the school holidays and a number of major events such as the Edinburgh International Festival and the Royal Military Tattoo, as well as the increased number of smaller events across the Division. We will, however, strive to continue to provide the same level of service in local communities as we do at all other times in the year.

As always, if you have any concerns you wish brought to our attention your Community Beat Officer can provide invaluable advice and support.

Chief Superintendent Colin Campbell

### Summer "Slip In" Thefts

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TOPICS

At this time of year we regularly notice a rise in the number of "Slip In" thefts. These are committed in a number of ways, the most common being when you are in the garden and the thief slips into your house through an insecure door or window and steals your valuables. Similarly if it's a nice day and you leave windows or doors insecure whilst you go about your business inside the house you are leaving your property open to criminals.

Remember, it only takes a second to slip in and steal cash, credit cards, jewellery, digital camera, MP3 player, laptop or even your car.

If you are in your back garden, make sure that your front door is locked and secured, not just on the Yale lock as these are easy to overcome. Similarly if you have a conservatory or patio doors at the rear of your home it is important to secure them to prevent anyone slipping in whilst you're working in your garden. In the rare event that we experience a particularly warm and pleasant summer, do not be tempted to leave your windows open when you're out the house. Open windows can be an invitation to thieves and please remember to keep your car keys safe. Modern cars are virtually impossible to steal without the true key so don't leave them lying around in vulnerable areas. Keep your keys with you or secure them in a safe place, not on a key hook or near the front door.

# Local News

Welcome to the June edition of the Fairmilehead Newsletter

In June there was a total of 15 crimes recorded for the area which can be broken down as follows:

## **Damage to property**

There were 8 reports of damage to property Camus Avenue, Swan Spring Avenue, Queen Margaret Close, East Caiystane Road, Oxfangs Road and Buckstone Wood with no specific pattern or method of damage. Additionally there were 2 reports of fire-raising where property was set on fire.

## **Crimes of Dishonesty**

There were 2 crimes of dishonesty, where a break-in occurred at a flat in Caiystane Gardens and a motor vehicle was stolen from Pentland Gardens.

## **Other crimes or offences**

There were 5 other offences committed in the beat 4 of which were minor road traffic offences and the fifth offence was under the communications act.

The good news is that 7 of the crimes and offences reported were solved and related to 2 individuals who have been reported for them.

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.

**Pc 3279A Kenneth Welsh**

## Useful Numbers

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## And Finally....

The good weather seen at the beginning of the month saw large numbers of youths frequenting the Pentland Hills. These persons in the main transit through Torphin Hill Golf Club and the Bonaly areas.

Additional there have been groups camping near to or in the "T" woods which is affecting both Lothianburn and Swanston Golf courses

Some have been responsible for calls regarding anti social behaviour, general nuisance and low level crime.

As a result of this I recently attended a meeting with the Pentland Rangers, L & B Fire Service, MOD Police, Royal Military Police and other Community Police Officer's whose beats also encompass parts of the Pentlands. As agencies we are all stakeholders for the Pentlands and are looking at joint initiatives to try and combat the issues outlined above by taking a joined up approach at problem solving.

PC Kenny Welsh

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