

A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News



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'Work With Us'

Divisional Commanders Message

CITY

October traditionally sees the start of the autumn season, and our policing work in the city modifies to fit the changing needs of the city. Working in partnership with other agencies in the city, we are engaging with members of the public on community safety issues ranging from personal safety during darker nights right through to firework night awareness. The period leading up to 5th November is traditionally busy with calls about unauthorised bonfires and firework displays. I would always encourage members of the public to attend official displays as they are much safer ways to enjoy the festivities.

WIDE

I am delighted to pass on the news that two of our officers are being recognised for their outstanding contributions to the community. Leith Community officer PC Simon Daley has been nominated for the Community Policeman of the Year award for his dedication to the local area. Another A Division officer, PC David Nelson, will attend a reception ceremony at the Scottish Parliament to recognise the hard work he has put in as part of the Junction project, which helps young people with health and wellbeing issues. I must congratulate and commend both officers for their much deserved recognition. I am continually encouraged by the good work that every one of our Community Beat Officers undertakes to make our communities safer places to live, work, and visit.

Fireworks and Bonfire Safety

HOT
TOPICS

This year, as in previous years, the weeks surrounding the 5th of November will place considerable demands on the public services across the city, including the Police. Many people are needlessly injured and a great deal of nuisance is caused to the public due to the misuse of fireworks and the irresponsible building of bonfires.

Bonfires are often constructed in inappropriate places, near to people's homes or businesses or built to such a size that they present a danger to life and property.

Lothian and Borders Police are working closely with our partners within the Fire and Rescue Service, council services and local health services within our local communities to reduce the potential dangers to the public by;

- removing any unauthorised bonfires that pose a threat to life or property
- educating children and young persons about the dangers of fireworks
- ensuring the retailers involved in the sale of fireworks act responsibly
- identifying individuals involved in the misuse or illegal sale and supply of fireworks

Call 999 in an emergency and urgent police assistance is required or 0131 311 3131 to report a matter to the police. To report unauthorised bonfire sites you feel are dangerous contact City of Edinburgh Council on 0131 200 2000 or report it directly to Lothian and Borders Fire and Rescue. If you have any information regarding a crime or criminal activity, you can give this anonymously by calling Crimestoppers on 0800 555111

Welcome to the October edition of the Fairmilehead Neighbourhood newsletter.

During the month of September there were 19 crimes recorded in the area:

Crimes of Dishonesty

There were 10 crimes committed of which the majority were insecure vehicles being entered and property stolen from within.

These were located in Buckstone Terrace, Buckstone Circle, Winton Terrace, Winton Park and Frogston Road West.

Can I remind everyone who owns a vehicle to secure it and to remove all articles from it.

There was a theft of property from an insecure shed in Buckstone Howe. Likewise there was a theft from the newsagents at Buckstone Terrace where newspapers and rolls were stolen.

An attempt was made to enter a property in Colmestone Gate during the night but was disturbed by the occupant.

A theft of golf equipment occurred from a vehicle at Mortonhall Golf Club.

Finally, bogus workman fraud occurred in Swanston Avenue.

Criminal damage to property

There were 7 properties which were damaged during the month in East Camus Road, Buckstone Road, Buckstone Circle, Buckstone Wynd, Buckstone Terrace, Swanston Gardens and Swan Spring Avenue.

Other crimes or offences

An assault occurred in Swanston Drive and a communication offence occurred in Buckstone Loan.

Can I ask everyone if they see anything suspicious, to contact the police.

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....

Over the past few months there have been several thefts & attempted thefts from motor vehicles.

Some of these vehicles have been insecure.

Can I remind all owners to take a few simple steps, which will help prevent such crimes occurring.

Please ensure all vehicles and property are locked and remove all electronic aids (Sat. Navs) etc. This includes the cradles.

By leaving the cradles only invites the opportunist thief to smash your window, bend back your door causing damage and thereafter looking in the glove compartment to find nothing there.

The damage has been DONE.



CRIMESTOPPERS 0800 555 111