

A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News

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'Work With Us'

Divisional Commanders Message

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World Cup fever is almost upon us, and Lothian and Borders Police are prepared for a busy few weeks throughout the competition. Supporters are likely to descend onto the Capital's pubs and clubs to watch the matches and enjoy the good natured atmosphere in the city centre. We have a strict plan in place to make sure our licensed premises are supported throughout the period, and will be conducting regular checks and patrols to ensure the city remains a safe place to visit, live, and work in. We are heavily involved in the Scottish Government's National

Violence Prevention Plan, and a key aspect of this is ensuring that people who are out socialising do so safely and without causing disruption.

Officers from our Safer Communities department have organised a 'mini World Cup' with children from the Royal High School in the city. Fifth year pupils, as well of some of our fitter police officers, will be representing the various nations taking part and holding a series of matches. The winning team will receive a handsome cup kindly donated by the West Edinburgh Community Safety Panel. These events are excellent ways for our officers to take part in diversionary activities and engage with young people in an informal environment and best of luck to all involved!

Chief Supt Gill Imery, A Division Commander

Summer "Slip In" Thefts

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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 of the house. Open windows can be an invitation to thieves and **always** 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.

Welcome to the June edition of the Fairmilehead community newsletter

There were 9 crimes/offences committed in June and they are detailed below

Crimes of dishonesty

There were 5 crimes recorded: East Comiston (2), Pentland View, Pentland Gardens and Biggar Road. 2 thefts were as a result of a party within a house and it would appear some party goers have helped themselves. Another 2 thefts have a positive line of enquiry re suspects. Finally a juvenile was reported for a theft.

Crimes of disorder

There was an incident reported in Oxfangs Road and further enquiry is being made.

Damage to property

There was only 1 incident reported in Swanston Gardens and as a result a male has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

Other unrelated offences

There were 2 other incidents reported. One in Oxfangs Road and one in Pentland View where 2 persons have been reported for this.

This month has seen a drop in recorded crime which is excellent, but I can only reiterate that by taking simple precautions you can prevent yourself becoming a victim of crime.

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 me at the address below.

Pc 3279A Kenneth Welsh.

Useful Numbers

Confidential or anonymous information on all types of criminal activity can be passed to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Victim Support Helpline
0845 603 9213

The Scottish Helpline for Older Persons
0845 125 9732

Know the Score (Information and advice on drugs)
0800 587 5879

For matters relating to roads, refuse and vegetation overgrowing the pavements contact the council on 0131 200 2000

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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 are mainly coming through Torphin Hill Golf Club and the Bonaly areas.

Additionally, 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 encompass other 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



CRIMESTOPPERS 0800 555 111