

A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News

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'Work With Us'

Divisional Commanders Message



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This month saw the conclusion of Operation Micron, the investigation into the murder of Martin Barclay. Lothian and Borders Police are delighted at the verdict, which saw Caroline Igoe, convicted of his murder, and her brother, Paul Igoe, convicted of related offences. This case has had a huge impact on the local community in the Inch, where the murder took place, and I hope that these convictions will go some way to restoring the sense of spirit and cohesion within the area. I would like to echo the thanks that the senior investigating officer, Superintendent Lesley Boal, passed to the local community. Throughout the investigation they showed great tolerance and provided invaluable assistance and support, and we are grateful for their patience as we carried out our inquiries. Thankfully incidents of this nature remain rare in Edinburgh, which remains a very safe city.

Our officers are continuing to investigate cannabis cultivations in the city, and in the past few months we have uncovered a number in Edinburgh. I would encourage anyone who witnesses any suspicious behaviour or activity to contact us immediately. We recently held a series of conferences called 'Weed Them Out' which were aimed at educating letting agencies and members of the community in how to spot potential cannabis cultivation. These were very successful, and we hope to undertake a similar exercise in the future. Meanwhile Lothian and Borders Police are dedicated to tackling drug dealing and supply and will continue to deal robustly with offenders.

Chief Supt Gill Imery, A Division Commander

A Budding Time for Crime

HOT
TOPICS

Spring has arrived and with it the 'traditional' visits from the Bogus Worker fraternity so be prepared.

- **'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. Best of all only deal with callers by appointment.
- Don't keep large sums of money in your home.
- Keep front and back doors locked even if you are just in the garden.
- **Be a good neighbour** – keep an eye on vulnerable neighbours If suspicious persons are in the area - phone the police – give a good description of them and most importantly the registration number, make/model, and colour of any vehicle involved.

Welcome to the May edition of the Fairmilehead community neighbourhood newsletter.

There were 14 crimes/offence recorded during May in the area.

Crimes of Dishonesty

There were 4 thefts: Buckstone Lea, Court, Frogston Terrace and Frogston Road West where property was stolen and in some instances the property was left unattended.

There were 2 frauds in which persons unknown acquired the card details and obtained goods or attempted to obtain goods through the internet.

Please remember to put your property away and that will prevent the opportunist thief.

Damage to Property

There were 3 offences of criminal damage to property, a window was smashed in Swan Spring Avenue, a panel was damaged to a property in Camus Avenue and a car was scratched in Buckstone Row.

Two persons have been reported for the damaged caused to the property in Camus Avenue.

Crimes of Violence

There was 1 crime of violence. This occurred in Buckstone Hill and a person has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

Other crimes or offences

There were 4 Road Traffic offences which all occurred in Buckstone Terrace and a person has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

Can I ask you to read the information about cold calling as one of thefts relates to that and if you take the simple precautions highlighted, it will prevent you becoming a victim of crime.

Please remain vigilant, report any suspicious incidents and do not feel you are wasting our time.

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....

With daylight hours now extending our children/youths will be about the streets in greater numbers into the evenings. It is important for the safety and enjoyment of everybody in the community that parents monitor where their children are congregating and what they are doing. Large groups of youths do seriously impact on the quality of life for many people.

In addition, a great deal of police time is taken up dealing with 'youth disorder' complaints preventing the officers from focussing fully on those engaged in more serious criminal activity. Your support is essential to ensure the whole community lives in harmony.

Furthermore, at this time of year the increase in bike thefts is noticeable and the link opposite may interest some of you, who wish to improve the security of your bikes.

Inspector Dykes

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