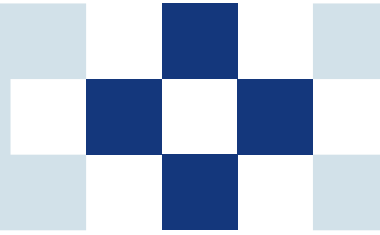


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The recent run of good weather has been a welcome introduction to the summer months, with more people out enjoying the sunshine and mild temperatures. In policing terms, this change in season can often spell a shift in the types of crime that are committed. In particular, we can often see a rise in crimes such as

thefts to garden sheds and garages, as well as a rise in the number of 'bogus callers'. I would always encourage you to be aware of people trying to gain access to your home, or those selling services door – to – door.

The summer months can often also signal a rise in street drinking, and we continually work with our partners in the City of Edinburgh Council to ensure this does not bring a rise in anti social behaviour or associated crime. Drinking in public spaces is not an offence in Edinburgh, however we will ensure it does not affect the enjoyment of others living or visiting the area, including enforcing byelaws that are in place in areas of the city.

Finally, I'm sure many of you will have seen coverage of the Royal wedding of Prince William and Catherine Middleton. While we do not expect the same crowds to descend on Edinburgh for the wedding of Zara Phillips and Mike Tyndall in July, our events planning sections are still making plans for this event to ensure it passes without incident and is a success. This, combined with the upcoming Armed Forces Day, means we are guaranteed a busy and exciting summer of policing ahead.

Crime Prevention

As mentioned, visits from Bogus Workers tend to increase in the summer months, below is some advice on how to help ensure you don't fall victim

- Cold Callers/Bogus Workmen turn up on the doorstep unannounced with good excuses such as 'just happen to be working in the area' you have some loose slates.' Never let a casual caller do any work on your property; be that gardening; roofing or laying/repairing your drive. Thank them and inform them that your tradesman will look at it. Most reputable companies do not operate in this manner.
- What do Bogus Workmen look like? They are usually very plausible people dressed for the part.

- Who is at risk from them and when? We all are but they tend to prey on the more vulnerable 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.

If suspicious persons are in the area - phone the police – give a good description of them and most importantly give the registration number, make/model, and colour of any vehicle involved.



Local Operations and Initiatives

A serious incident occurred on a public service vehicle in the Oxgangs area where a youth set fire to part of the upper deck of the bus. He was arrested and charged with wilful fire raising. Thankfully, no-one was injured as a result of this incident.

Our SNT officers will be involved in an operation to address instances of vandalism to buses. There have been a number of incidents where buses have been damaged by missiles being thrown as they pass.



Bus services have been disrupted as a consequence causing inconvenience to people who rely heavily on this service.

We continue to have officers involved with the SCOREscotland initiative., this is partnership work to address the causes and effects of racism and to promote race equality. The intention is to break down barriers to enable full participation of minority ethnic communities in all aspects of civil life.

This consists of a youth club and activities will include, games and team building exercises.

Our officers will be in attendance at a number of local community events including Edinburgh Garrison Families Day, Buckstone Family Fun Day, St. Mark's Primary School Fair, Bonaly Primary School Fair and Colinton Primary School Fair.

We continue to see a reduction in the number of youth calls being received in our area.

Traditionally we may expect to see a rise here with the onset of the warmer weather.

We will run an operation to work in partnership with Edinburgh Council and other partners to patrol the Pentlands Hills and Bonaly Country Park areas. This will include giving attention to the reservoirs. It is important to highlight the dangers associated with swimming or other activities in or near the water. Some useful information can be viewed on the Scottish Water website at www.scottishwater.co.uk. This site includes a code which is based on three principles:

1. Respect the interests of other people;
2. Care for the environment; and
3. Take responsibility for your own actions.

One of our officers has recently been trained to carry out home security and commercial property surveys which will enable him to help provide advice to people in our community with any security concerns. A number of police street surgeries are planned in the area. The venues and times for these can vary, however, there are regular surgeries held within Redford Barracks most Wednesdays at 10am and at Dregghorn



Barracks Welfare Office most Thursdays at 10:30am. On the first Tuesday of each month we hold a joint surgery with the local councillor at Oxgangs Library at 6.15pm.

There is a monthly surgery at Oxgangs neighbourhood Centre. Street surgeries give you the opportunity to speak to your local officers and discuss any issues or community concerns you may have.



Appeal for information

Two large windows valued at £200 were smashed at Colinton Primary School and we are appealing for witnesses or information in connection with this.

Please remain vigilant to the risk of Bogus Workmen type activity and be prepared to challenge any callers at your door.

Reputable contractors do not expect to be paid in advance of work undertaken! If you have an unwanted cold caller at your home, try to note their description and the description of any vehicle they use including the registration number.

As mentioned we have an operation running to find persons responsible for throwing missiles and causing damage to buses. Anyone with information regarding these crimes is asked to contact the SNT. Any information will be treated in confidence.

With the onset of the warmer weather, we would ask you to be careful when leaving windows open and insecure. If you can climb in so could some unwanted visitors!

Local Priorities

The priorities as set by the Community Safety Sub Group on 7th February 2011 the priorities for Ward 8 remain in place. These were:-

- Youth issues at the Fairmile Inn, gang hut, drinking etc
- Anti Vandalism Project in local primary schools including formal talks and a poster competition.
- Parking problems at Pentland View and Caiystane



On the 1st May 2011, every Community Policing poster on Lothian and Borders Police website was refreshed. New posters will soon be put up in every council ward area in the Force.

Our Community Commitment promises:

- * to make sure your local officers are visible and accessible in your area
- * to make sure you know who the police officers serving your area are, and how to contact them

The Community Policing posters are designed to help you get to know the community officers in your area, and give their phone numbers and email contact details. They also give the postal address for the police station serving your area.

The posters will be refreshed again in six month's time.

To find out more, see 'Contact your local officer'



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City of Edinburgh help and advice

Lothian and Borders Police
Non emergency
0131 311 3131

Lothian and Borders
Fire and Rescue Service
(freephone)
Fire safety advice:
0800 169 0320
enquiries@lbfire.org.uk

Lothian Gay and
Lesbian Switchboard
0131 556 4049
0131 557 0751 (lesbian)

Samaritans
For emotional advice if you are
feeling depressed or suicidal:
0131 221 9999 (Edinburgh)
08457 90 90 90 (National)

Shakti Women's Aid
Support and information for
black minority ethnic women
experiencing domestic abuse:
0131 475 2399

Update
Signposts people with
disability to a wide range
of services:
0131 669 1600

Victim Support
01896 751 212

Women's Aid
0131 3158 110

National freephone helplines

(calls may not be free
from mobile phones)

Breathing Space
For emotional advice if
you are feeling depressed:
0800 838 587

Childline
Help for people aged
18 or under: 0800 11 11

Know the Score
Free confidential drugs
information and advice:
0800 587 587 9

Message Home
Get a message home for
free if you have run away:
0800 700 740

National Debtline
0808 808 4000

National Domestic
Violence Helpline
0808 2000 247

National Missing
Persons Helpline
0500 700 700

Runaway Helpline
0808 800 7070

Scottish Domestic
Abuse Line
0800 027 1234

Shelter's Free Housing
Advice Helpline
0808 800 4444

Stonewall
Lesbian, gay and
bisexual charity:
08000 50 20 20

Womens Aid
0808 2000 247

Crimestoppers

0800 5551111
www.crimestoppers-uk.org

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