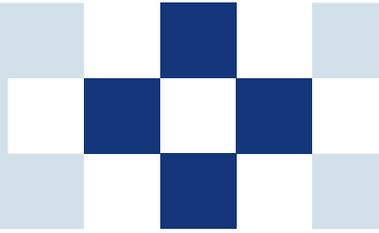


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The month of August is one of the most colourful in Edinburgh's calendar. The Festival and Tattoo are well underway, with all the attendant excitement and international interest, and the football season is upon us again. In addition, Murrayfield has hosted two pre-World Cup games, which drew visitors from across Europe.

As always, 'A' Division's officers and staff are engaged in ensuring that these events pass peacefully and that every resident and visitor enjoys the entertainment on offer.

On the 31st of July the wedding of Zara Phillips and Mike Tyndall took place at the Canongate

Kirk. Collective work between police and partners meant that the well-reported and happy day was a success – and in glorious sunshine!

In regards to daily policing of the city, overall crime rates are down in comparison to figures for the same time last year. There are notably good results in the recorded numbers of domestic housebreakings and vandalisms across the city.

Following the disorder earlier in the month, police and partners here have monitored the situation in London and other cities closely. Our staff remain alert to any community tensions, but at this time there is little evidence that this unacceptable behaviour will be repeated in Edinburgh. Our Safer Neighbourhood Teams remain a visible force for the public and partners to speak to and express any issues. I am sure that this level of community engagement, along with the good will of the people of the city, will ensure that Edinburgh remains a safe and stable place to live, work and visit.

### Stop Pickpockets in their Tracks!

August in Edinburgh is Festival Time, whilst you are out on the streets enjoying yourself please be aware of pickpockets who may use the busier streets to hide themselves.

A few simple steps can discourage the most determined pickpockets. Keep your bag strap over your shoulder and hold your bag in front of you, make sure your bag is fastened with your purse deep inside your bag or deep inside a coat or jacket pocket, be aware of who's around you, including when you are in a queue at the checkout, or whether anyone is paying you particular attention or getting too close and don't leave your bag unattended over the handles of a

buggy or inside a shopping trolley.

If your phone is stolen, tell your mobile phone network and the police the handset can be barred and will be useless to all thieves, register your phone with your network operator, record your registration number (IMEI) and your phone number. Keep these in a safe place separate from your phone. You can get your IMEI number (15-digit serial number) by keying \*#06# into your phone or by looking behind your phone battery. Keep your cards separate from your cheque books. If your cards are stolen, call your bank or credit card company as soon as possible. Most banks put the number to call if your cards are stolen on your statement. They are also often shown on cash machines.



## Local Operations and Initiatives

### Operation Affirm

This national anti violence Operation ran throughout the Summer and targeted persons carrying weapons and the misuse of alcohol. Howdenhall Safer Neighbourhood Team officers made over 150 visits to licensed premises and conducted numerous stop searches. By



continuing with such Operations and with the assistance of partners and the community at large, we will continue in our efforts to make Liberton and Gilmerton a place we all enjoy living and working in.

### Dog Fouling Initiative

Working alongside the Councils environmental wardens, local SNT officers carried out a number of patrols in the Moredun high flat5s area following complaints of dog fouling. Over the past few months, the SNT have completed such patrols on a number of occasions and it appears on this latest patrol that the message is getting through. No fines were issued and all members of the public encountered were seen to pick up of their own accord. This is very encouraging and we would encourage all dog walkers to continue in this fashion.

### Solved Crimes

Following a recent night of inane vandalism, whereby over 40 vehicles in the Burdiehouse, Southhouse and Gilmerton areas got their tyres slashed, local officers were able to identify a number of likely suspects. After considerable enquiry, these suspects were detained, interviewed and subsequently arrested and reported. The assistance from the public throughout the enquiry proved invaluable and demonstrated once more the close links that exist between the Police and the community. Following a break-in at Craigour Primary School, where 3 local youths gained entry and a number of items were stolen, local officers followed a positive line of enquiry, traced and charged the youths responsible and recovered all of the stolen property.

### Street A Week

Howdenhall SNT continues with its quest to increase visibility in their communities, by carrying our further Street A Week initiatives. This month, officers in partnership with CEC



colleagues, carried out a door-to-door initiative at Gilmerton Dykes Place. They knocked on doors, spoke to residents about any concerns they had, gathered intelligence and handed out leaflets with useful contact details for both agencies. The public continue to be pleased to see local officers identifying themselves in this manner and this is something we will be looking to continue in the months ahead.



## Appeal for information

Information is sought from anyone with knowledge of an incident on the 15th August on Burdiehouse Drive, where a male was responsible for assaulting 2 further males, a female and a young child in the street.

The male is described as white, 20-30 years old, short dark hair, wearing a dark sweatshirt, blue jeans and white trainers.

Dangerous and inconsiderate use of motorbikes in the Burdiehouse Square area continues to be a problem. A number of persons have been seen riding bikes in such a manner, without wearing helmets, putting themselves and the general public in danger. Do you know who these people are or where the bikes are being stored? The SNT can be contacted per the details on the last page. Alternatively, please call Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

## Local Priorities

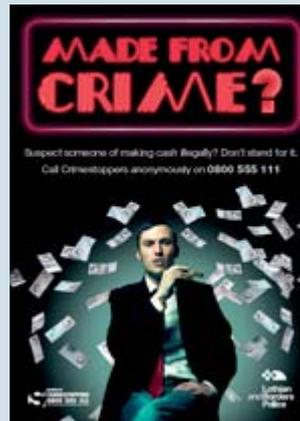
### Ashton Grove

Following complaints from local residents following a previous 'Street a week' campaign on Ashton Grove, regarding youths cutting through the estate, causing mindless vandalism and acting in an anti social manner, officers conducted a number of high visibility patrols in the area over the summer. These patrols resulted in a notable decrease in calls to the Police and a peaceful summer for local residents.

The SNT recently reported back to the Better and Safer Communities priority setting group regarding the progress they had made with the three locally identified priorities. As a result, the following 3 priorities were identified as being of specific concern to the public and worthy of specific attention from the Howdenhall SNT

- Fire raising and general anti social behaviour in the Burdiehouse 'Dip' and skate park
- Anti social behaviour in Gilmerton Dykes Street
- Anti social behaviour in the Priesthill Street area

## Made From Crime



Made from Crime' is the first POCA (Proceeds of Crime Act) initiative of its kind in Scotland, and has the backing of the Scottish Government and the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service.

It is designed to make

full use of the Proceeds of Crime Act, specific legislation that allows officers to seize assets that have been purchased through criminal activity. For the first time in Lothian and Borders Police, people will be able to report their concerns online, anonymously if they wish, using facebook or via Bluetooth to link directly to the Crimestoppers website, ACC Livingstone said: "The launch of this campaign sends out a strong message that Lothian and Borders Police will not tolerate criminals profiting from crime in our force area.

We know there are people living beyond their means on the proceeds of crime, be it through the purchase of flash cars, designer clothes or expensive jewellery, and that communities are suffering from the side affects of drug dealing, violence and other associated crimes.

I personally appeal to local communities who have any information to come forward immediately, either to Crimestoppers or to Lothian and Borders Police.

Similarly, I would assure people who are trapped by those threatening them with violence or retribution, either associates or partners, that we will help them and tackle the violence and criminality they face.

We will act on intelligence and bring offenders to justice."



## A Division

### 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 555111  
www.crimestoppers-uk.org

### Contact your Local SNT

#### Email

adivsntLibertonGilmerton@lbp.  
pnn.police.uk

Tel 0131 658 5243

From Lothian & Borders Police  
web page as follows:

[http://fcccmsint/information/  
your\\_community/docs/city/  
Liberton\\_Gilmerton\\_SNT.pdf](http://fcccmsint/information/your_community/docs/city/Liberton_Gilmerton_SNT.pdf)