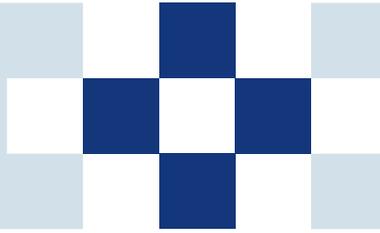


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Ch Supt Malcolm Graham

The Fireworks on Sunday 2nd September represented the finale of another year of the Edinburgh International Festival and also the culmination of an extremely busy summer of events. The range of scheduled performances, concerts and sporting events underlines the unique nature of our city, as do the various protest move-

robberies by a third over the past two months and the figure of near to 100 arrests represents a significant commitment to tackling violent crime within communities.

Operation Cipher initially focussing on the Calder is currently ongoing in the Pentlands Neighbourhood area and has successfully demonstrated the willingness of communities to support the police and our partners as we make efforts to improve people's lives. It is particularly fitting that such activity continues as the Lothian and Borders Community Commitment approaches its second anniversary.

In terms of ongoing work Total Neighbourhood remains key to the future of partnership working and prevention. The co-located Police and City of Edinburgh Council team at Waverley Court recently undertook a series of frontline surgeries where police, social workers, educators, health practitioners and voluntary workers highlighted areas for future efficiencies.

Our focus remains the shifting of policing efforts towards preventing crime and intervening early to make a real improvement in people's lives and communities.

ments which go hand in hand with any capital. Eid ul Fitr marked an important celebration for our Muslim communities and similarly the Edinburgh Mela once again served as a reminder of the considerable Diversity within Edinburgh.

Early indications are that there have been substantial drops in crimes reported in the city centre and meadows area related to the festivals and fringe, which builds on the overall 11% drop in crime across the City in the first 4 months of the year. On a similar theme, Operation Arable has resulted in a reduction in

customer is taken to a nearby vehicle and handed a bag, which contains what they believe to be their new goods, however, when the victim opens the bag, they discover it is filled only with cardboard and bottles of water.

If an offer seems too good to be true, then it probably is. If you or anyone you know has been affected by this scam or if you have any other information please contact Lothian and Borders Police on 0131 311 3131, or the charity Crimestoppers in confidence and complete anonymity on 0800 555 111.

#### LAPTOP SALE SCAM - RENEWED WARNING

Lothian and Borders Police are once again warning the public of an ongoing laptop sale scam that has seen 29 people in Edinburgh taken in since October 2011. 5 of these reported having fallen victim to the scam in the last month.

The criminals responsible for this scam operate in supermarket car parks, retail parks and even on the street. They approach individuals and offer them the opportunity to purchase the latest technology at vastly reduced prices. Once a fee is agreed, the



## Local Operations and Initiatives

### Crime Solvency

Following a spate of thefts from gardens and garden sheds in the Ferniehill, Southhouse and The Murrays, two youths have been identified as being responsible and reported to the Childrens Reporter for these offences.

These thefts were of an opportunist nature and this highlights the importance of householders making secure valuable items such as bicycles and lawnmowers



and also ensuring that gates, garages and sheds are locked when unattended.

Police have been called to the high flats on several occasions recently in relation to ongoing disturbances. The matters were dealt with robustly by local officers and persons were charged with numerous offences including misuse of drugs and assault. As well as being dealt with through the legal process, as part of our commitment to sharing information with our partners, we pass details of incidents like this to the City of Edinburgh Council so that they can consider further action towards their tenants.

An individual has been charged with a number of housebreakings in the Alnwickhill and Liberton areas. Since his arrest there have been no further crimes of this nature in the area.

### School Parking

With the new school term recently started, SNT officers have been on duty at the gates of your local school to ensure there is no irresponsible or inconsiderate parking. Parking restrictions and road markings are in force around schools for good reason, primarily to ensure the safety of children going to or from school. Officers will not hesitate to deal robustly with motorists who continually flout parking regulations in the vicinity of schools.



### Cycle Safety

Summer is almost over and the darker mornings and evenings are almost upon us. Your local officers are preparing an initiative for later this year with a view to educating cyclists in road safety and therefore prevent road casualties. In the meantime cyclists, whether they use their bikes regularly to commute to and from work or on an occasional basis, should prepare for autumn

and winter by making sure that they have adequate lighting and they invest in high visibility clothing and a helmet. By taking these precautions, you can minimise the risk of being involved in an accident.



## Crime Prevention

Autumn and the dark nights provide opportunities for thieves who operate under the cover of darkness. Fortunately, there are precautions you can take. Householders should always ensure that their doors and windows are securely locked when they are out and also at night when you are in bed. One of the main enemies of opportunist thieves is good lighting and the use of an external light at the front and back of your house will help to deter a housebreaker.

If you want further advice about securing your home please contact your local Crime Prevention Officer PC Carol Menzies at Howdenhall Police Station.

If you wish to report a crime or suspicious incident, please contact the Safer Neighbourhood Team as per the details below. Alternatively, if you have information about persons you suspect to be involved in criminal activity you can call Crimestoppers free on 0800 555111.

### Local Priorities

August saw your local officers working on the priorities identified by you :

-Priesthill Street / Gracemount Drive - Youth Issues. All Howdenhall officers are aware of the problem in this area and increased patrols in the area have seen a reduction in calls. We will continue to monitor the situation and deal robustly with instances of anti-social behaviour.

- Liberton / Alnwickhill - Housebreaking. As previously mentioned, a man has been arrested and charged with break-ins to houses in this area. Residents should still be vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the police.

- Bogus Workers - The Force is dedicated to targeting this type of crime and a dedicated team of officers, based at Howdenhall, has been established to investigate this type of crime. Whilst instances of bogus workers are rare, residents should again be vigilant before allowing persons into their homes or agreeing for them to carry out work.

## We can stop it

### LAUNCH OF RAPE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN

A Scotland-wide ACPOS campaign, designed to educate and change attitudes towards rape, is being launched this month.

"We can stop it" has been created on the back of the Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act 2009, which reformed previous legislation and created a range of new offences relating to sex without consent. This included specifying a non-exhaustive list of circumstances when consent cannot be given, such as sex when a victim is asleep or unconscious and sex without consent through inebriation. It also created the new offence of male rape. With the tagline "We can stop it", the campaign uses a series of strong, thought-provoking statements from young men acting as positive role models. It asks young men to consider their own behaviour, and the role they can play in preventing rape. The campaign was developed after consultation with partner organisations, academics and focus group research with young men and women across the country.

A thirty-second advert has been produced, which can be seen on the campaign website [www.wecanstopit.co.uk](http://www.wecanstopit.co.uk). Posters and vinyls will be displayed throughout Scotland in areas popular with young people including pubs and clubs, and an online campaign will follow shortly after. Lothian and Borders Police Assistant Chief Constable Graham Sinclair, the ACPOS lead for Public Protection, said: "Reducing incidents of rape and sexual assault is a priority for the police in Scotland and education plays a huge part in this. "It is vitally important that the changes in legislation are promoted and understood, and I am delighted that this campaign is launching. "The tone and language of the campaign marks a significant shift in approach to raising awareness of sexual offences legislation, and I hope that it will help remind men that they are in complete control of their behaviour."



## 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](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)

### Contact your Local SNT

#### Email

[ADivSNTlibertongilmerton@lbp.pnn.police.uk](mailto:ADivSNTlibertongilmerton@lbp.pnn.police.uk)

#### Telephone

0131 658 5243

WWW 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)