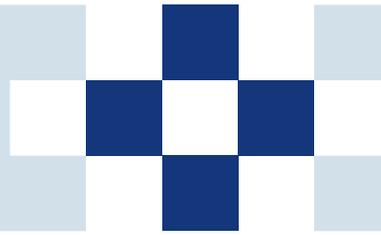


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This month the round of national events has continued with the State Opening of Parliament and Royal Week passing successfully and building on the positive outcome of the Armed Forces' Weekend.

As welcome crowds of visitors enjoy our beautiful city 'A' Division's police officers and staff continue

to work hard to ensure their safety. This is reflected in the performance figures for last month, with the detection rate for serious assault increasing by 3% while the rate for assault and robbery detections also rose by a very encouraging 11%. Close work with licensed premises and the City of Edinburgh Council continues to ensure that the city centre is an increasingly safe place to socialise.

The Division continues to prioritise its focus on protecting local communities too, ensuring that

Summer "Slip In" Thefts

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 doors or windows. Remember, it only takes a second to slip in and steal cash, credit cards, jewellery, laptops, other digital devices 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.

the summer events in no way detract from neighbourhood initiatives and policing. Again, as we strive to prevent and reduce crime in local areas June's crime statistics illustrate some considerable success in this regard, with a 19% increase in detection of housebreakings – and most importantly a 15% drop in the number of recorded break-ins. The committed work by our Safer Neighbourhood Teams and Intelligence Unit (to predict and prevent offences), Housebreaking Units (to catch offenders) and Search and Recovery Team (to recover stolen goods) continues to pay dividends.

The next month will see the city engaged in the customary Festival and Tattoo commitments, with Divisional officers providing support to the public, organisers and our partner agencies throughout. Recent reports in national newspapers have highlighted the unique economic and cultural benefits of these events for Edinburgh and Scotland, and the Division remains committed to ensuring these diverse and rewarding additions to the city's calendar pass in a peaceful, productive and enjoyable fashion.

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. Always 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 where they could be "fished" through the letterbox.



Local Operations and Initiatives

Operation Affirm

During June and July 2011, officers will be involved in Operation Affirm, a national anti-violence campaign designed to reduce the carrying of weapons and the harmful consumption and availability of alcohol. The SNT and School Link Officer PC Mike Brooks have already delivered a variety of crime prevention and personal safety talks. We will provide guidance regarding the misuse of alcohol, something that links closely to violent disorder. You may well see the



advertising trailer, or receive messages on your mobile phone, as we raise awareness of the initiative.

In June, officers, accompanied by CEC Community Safety Employees operating a mobile CCTV van, attended at public houses in the Howdenhall area. Using metal detectors and in conjunction with the licensee's, they carried out searches of all patrons prior to entry. Officers have also been carrying out pro-active bail checks in relation to domestic violence, offering advice and support as well as upholding the law. This operation has been supplemented by Operation Dragoon, targeting persons wanted on warrant. Dedicated patrols have led to a significant increase in the number of persons arrested on outstanding warrants and this will be continued over the summer months.

Working with our partners undoubtedly makes our communities a safer place for all of us. Should you have any information that may assist us, please contact us on the numbers shown on page 4, or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111

Operation Adamant Road Check

Officers from Howdenhall, alongside colleagues from Leith and Craigmillar Safer Neighbourhood Teams and working in partnership with SEPA, BTP, Lothian and Borders Search and Recovery Team and the Roads Policing Branch, were involved in Operation Adamant, targeting scrap metal theft. The operation involved stopping goods vehicles and identifying offences under the Road Traffic Act and Environmental Protection Act as well as thefts of metal, tools, and any other evidence of criminality. Over 80 vehicles were stopped and of these a significant number had links to the Howdenhall Area. Offences detected included disqualified drivers, no insurance, unsafe vehicles and a number of minor offences.

Street A Week

Howdenhall SNT continue with their quest to increase visibility in their communities, by carrying out further Street A Week initiatives. In June, officers working in partnership with Dunedin and Canmore, visited each house on



Hyvot Grove and spoke with a number of residents, offering advice and appropriate information. Some localised issues were identified and this information has been passed on to the relevant authorities where appropriate. For those who could not be spoken to, crime prevention leaflets were delivered concerning home security and contact details for all local authority services including the local SNT. Members of the public were pleased to see officers and made positive comments about the work being done.



Appeal for information

Vandalism - Over the past month, there has been an increase in the number of vehicles being vandalised in the Craighour Drive area. Enquiries have failed to identify a perpetrator or any motive for these crimes. Do you know who committed these offences – if so, let us know.

Motorcycle Issues - the Burdiehouse area has seen a further increase in the number of calls regarding youths on motorcycles, mopeds and off road bikes. As well as being driven illegally, they present a danger to the riders and the public. If you have any information as to who is using such bikes or where the bikes are being stored, please contact us. Help us to make our community safer!

Local Priorities

Racial Awareness Campaign

Officers from the Liberton & Gilmerton SNT visited each shop, Doctor's surgery, school and many business establishments and delivered leaflets outlining the processes involved in reporting hate crime. Lothian and Borders Police remain committed to representing all members within our communities and to breaking down barriers that might exist preventing complainants coming forward.

Liberton Primary School - School Parking

Following a number of complaints regarding inconsiderate parking in the area of Liberton Primary School, local SNT officers carried out a number of patrols, working in close unison with the school. Having liaised with the Roads Management Dept at the CEC who confirmed they had no major issues in the area, officers attended at the school and liaised with relevant interested parties, who stated the parking problems had improved hugely, with the headmaster stating that he had had no further complaints regarding parking from teachers or parents.

Hit the High Note

Police and Council officers in Edinburgh are encouraging considerate busking in the city centre this summer with a new educational campaign. 'Hit the Right Note' provides useful advice to the buskers that come to Edinburgh to perform throughout the Edinburgh festivals and into the Autumn.

Lothian and Borders police, alongside the City of Edinburgh Council, are keen to encourage busking while providing some guidance on how to avoid noise complaints from local residents and business workers, who are often disturbed as a result. The campaign was developed when local residents highlighted the issue at Safer Neighbourhood Team meetings, where local priorities are identified for the police and council to work on.

Officers will be handing out credit card sized guidance cards to performers, and guidance on legal issues around busking will be available on both the police and council websites for anyone to access.

Inspector Dianne Bruce, who oversees the city centre policing team, said "entertainers such as buskers add real value to the atmosphere of Edinburgh City Centre, and are fantastic for furthering Edinburgh's tourism industry.

We know, however, that it can sometimes be a different story for the local residents and business workers who can be disturbed by noise and crowds gathering.

We came up with the idea to provide this guidance so that residents and workers can have a peaceful atmosphere, while still preserving Edinburgh's tradition as a hub for fantastic entertainment."



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 5551111
www.crimestoppers-uk.org

Contact your Local SNT

Email
ADivSNTLibertonGilmerton@
lbp.pnn.police.uk

Phone 0131 658 5243

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