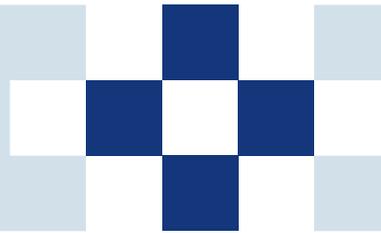


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Ch Supt Gill Imery

September has seen a host of events in Edinburgh, not least with the recent Unite Against Fascism march and Scottish Defence League gathering in the city centre. Both groups required unique policing efforts to ensure peaceful assemblies, and the Division worked closely with partners to provide freedom of speech without inflammatory

elements or disorder. The event concluded without any arrests and continued the fine public order record that the city has. Indeed, it is testament to the detailed planning and delivery for these rallies that people were able to continue shopping and travel across the city centre unaffected by events.

In regards to wider policing issues, year-to-date

figures highlight a drop in recorded domestic housebreakings by 10%, while solvency has increased by 17%.

At the same time, some excellent initiatives have seen the rate of motor vehicle theft drop by 18%, and thefts of property from within cars drop by almost a quarter. There has been a 6% increase in solvency in general theft in year to date figures, and proactive campaigns such as Operation Cello have been significant contributors. Operation Cello began by targeting bike thefts in West & Pentlands, but following substantial success the decision was made to transfer the good practice employed to high volume crime in general.

Solvency rates in serious assault and robbery have improved markedly too - the latter increasing by 65% compared to last year - with continued efforts by staff in the city's Violent Crime Units showing dividends. Combining these results with the good natured outcome of the demonstrations in Princes Street will continue to endorse Edinburgh's status as a safe and enjoyable place to live.

## Metal theft

Lothian and Borders Police recommend that you review the security of your property. Please consider the crime prevention advice in this section to protect your property against metal theft.

- Store ladders in a secure place. This is really important when building works that involve scaffolding are taking place.
- Tell your insurance company in advance of any building work that you are doing. Not disclosing this information may affect your insurance cover.
- Make it difficult for thieves to move stolen goods by removing wheelbarrows and wheelie bins. Put these items in a secure place.

·Regularly check your roofs so that any theft of roofing materials is found before it rains and water enters the building, causing further damage.

·Watch out for workmen arriving unexpectedly at a building.

·Apply anti-climb paint to drain pipes and roof guttering. This restricts access to roofing. Do not apply the paint below a height of two metres.

Display warning notices which warn people that anti-climb paint is being used. Display them prominently. Anti-climb paint can be bought from any security products company.

·Consider installing security lighting, particularly at roof level where metal roof coverings are present. Check with your local authority if permission is needed to do this.



## Local Operations and Initiatives

### Advance Fee Fraud's

There have been two known instances in the past month of this type of fraud, which specifically targets the elderly. On both occasions, the recipient was informed they had won a sum of money in a foreign lottery and were told that in order to receive any financial reward they were required to pay an administration fee via an electronic money service such as Western Union, Moneygram or exchange Ukash voucher numbers.



Police advice is DO NOT send any money to anyone cold-calling you to offer a tax rebate, personal loan, lottery prize or any other reward. This is a fraudulent scheme and you will lose your money. For further information on this type of crime, please contact your local SNT.

### Motorcycle Issues

Following complaints regarding motorcycles being ridden recklessly within the area of the power station at Burdiehouse, PC Carol Menzies convened a meeting with relevant partners including the City of Edinburgh Council Community Safety Team and Scottish Power. Scottish Power has agreed to replace fencing around the area, which will assist in reducing the issue and ensuring safety for all concerned. Increased patrols by local SNT and Roads Policing officers has led to a significant decrease in the number of calls over the past two months, a trend we hope to see maintained. PC Menzies has also organised RUTS, a youth work project, to come to Burdiehouse Community Centre to run a mobile bike course for 8 local youths.

### Solved Crimes

Following a serious assault, which occurred on Moredun Park Road, whereby a male was racially abused and assaulted by unknown assailants, local officers, working in partnership with colleagues from specialist departments, were able to trace a number of witnesses. With an excellent response from the public, we have been able to identify all assailants who have been subsequently arrested and charged. The community's assistance once more proved invaluable and highlighted the links that exist between the Police and the community.

### Community Contact

Howdenhall SNT continues with its quest to increase visibility in their communities, by carrying out further 'Street A Week' initiatives and attending local community meetings. This month saw officers attending the launch of community projects in the Moredun area and carrying out further joint patrols with the Council's Environmental Wardens, targeting specific areas highlighted by the community.

### School Visits

Local SNT officers were involved in a number of



school visits throughout the month, ranging from drugs education talks at local high schools to visits to a number of Primary and nursery schools, including Craigour Primary, where PC Pender spoke to primary 1 and 2 pupils on their current topic 'People who help us in the community'. The SNT will continue to visit all local schools in an effort to enhance partnerships and build community confidence ... and of course, to ensure local children see their local officers in a positive manner.



## Appeal for information

Information is sought from anyone with knowledge of an assault, which took place at 6pm on Wednesday 31st August on Hyvot Grove, whereby a male was subject to an unprovoked attack by 3 other males. The suspects racially abused the victim before making good their escape and are described as being between 18 and 25, white, 5'8" to 5'10", wearing jeans or tracksuits.

In the lead up to Bonfire Night, we are starting to see a rise in the number of wheelie bins being set alight, especially in the Gilmerton area. Local officers will be leafleting the area in the near future offering crime prevention advice. If you have information regarding these incidents or any other crime, you can contact the Police, details on the last page or alternatively call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

### Local Priorities

With Halloween and bonfire night soon upon us, the SNT are engaged in preparations to ensure that everyone has an enjoyable, yet safe time. Working with partners including the local Fire Service, we will be visiting local schools and passing our safety message, and would ask the community to assist in ensuring the season passes without incident. Persons concerned regarding the stock piling of materials for possible use in bonfires can contact the Police using the contact details on the last page or their local Council office.

Following increased activity around the theft of metals throughout Edinburgh, Howdenhall SNT officers led a multi agency day of action, which included BT Police, VOSA and SEPA officers. Over 60 vehicles were stopped with a number of offences detected and persons reported. One vehicle was seized and over a dozen had prohibition notices served on them, due to their dangerous condition.

## Urinating in the street

Police in Edinburgh are taking a stance on people urinating in the street with a new awareness-raising and enforcement initiative in the Grassmarket.

The 'Don't P\*ss It Up Against the Wall' campaign has been developed after concerns were raised by local residents about people leaving bars and clubs and urinating in the nearby closes and streets.

The Safer Neighbourhood Team in the city centre has worked with the local community and identified ways to tackle this ongoing issue, which is of particular concern during the busy Festival season when visitor numbers in the Grassmarket area swell considerably.

Key to the campaign was public support which resulted in 900 letters being sent to local businesses and residents asking them to attend public meetings to discuss ways of tackling the problem.

As a result of their views at the meetings the hard-hitting publicity campaign was created which will target customers in pubs and clubs and highlight the issue to visitors to the Grassmarket.

The aims of this marketing campaign are to highlight the negative impact this issue has on the local community and to remind both visitors and residents of Edinburgh about the potential £40 Fixed Penalty Ticket that can be issued by police officers for this offence.

In addition to the posters, beer mats and vinyls that will be displayed, the opening times of the coin operated toilets in the area have been extended to 3am and the use of temporary urinals as a longer term solution is being explored. City Centre Police Inspector Dianne Bruce said "while those enjoying a night out in town might think urinating in the street is harmless, it is a real quality of life concern for local residents and businesses."



## 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

Liberton & Gilmerton Safer  
Neighbourhood Team  
Tel No: 0131 658 5243

Email:  
adivsntlibertongilmerton@lbp.  
pnn.police.uk

From Lothian & Borders Police  
web page as follows: [http://  
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