

# A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News



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## 'Work With Us'

### Divisional Commanders Message



A New Year brings with it a new Commander, and I am delighted to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you. After 18 months in charge of the Safer Communities Department at Headquarters, I am taking over as the Divisional Commander of Edinburgh. During my 23 years with Lothian and Borders Police, I have enjoyed a range of different posts, both in uniform and CID duties, and have previously worked at Howdenhall, St Leonard's, Gayfield, and Leith police stations in the city, as well as postings in Mid, East and West Lothian. I have also been seconded to the Scottish Crime and Drug Enforcement Agency, based in Strathclyde, for over three years.

I am really looking forward to getting out and about in the city to see for myself the extent of community engagement that is going on every day at a local level.

Community Beat Officers are crucial to achieving our aim of understanding and addressing local issues, and I am keen to push ahead with the emphasis on prevention and problem solving approaches.

As in previous years, Edinburgh has hosted a wide range of events over the festive period, and police officers and staff have worked hard to keep crime levels low and anti-social behaviour to a minimum. The extensive planning for the policing of the Hogmanay celebrations paid off again this year, with the low level of arrests reflecting the good natured atmosphere and friendly relationship between the public and the police.

I look forward to contributing to the policing of this diverse and dynamic city, and maintaining its high attraction as a safe place to live, work and visit.

**Chief Supt Gill Imery, 'A' Division Commander**

CITY  
WIDE

### Theft Of Your Christmas Presents

Favourite items for thieves are gadgets like mobile phones, laptops, MP3 players and satellite navigation systems.

I'm sure many of you were lucky enough to get one of these items for Christmas.

They are most vulnerable when on view in your car so don't leave luggage or valuables on display. Even an old coat or cigarette packet can be a temptation for someone to smash and grab. Car thieves steal first and think about value later. Take valuables with you or lock them in the boot out of sight. Don't be tempted to hide things under the seats or leave them in the glove box.

Thieves are innovative and latest scams include:

- Using a mobile phone with Bluetooth capability to scan your vehicle or home for any items you may have with Bluetooth enabled, then breaking in and helping themselves. So even though you have gone to the trouble to lock your valuables in the boot, they can be detected. **DISABLE YOUR BLUETOOTH BEFORE YOU LEAVE.**
- Satellite Navigation systems are highly sought after and criminals look for the sucker mark that is left on the inside of the windscreen when it is removed, then break in on the off chance that you've hidden the unit in the car. **CLEAN THE TELL TALE MARK AND TAKE YOUR SAT NAV WITH YOU.**

And finally...

- Picture if you will, a snowy or frosty winter morning in January. You leave the house to find your car windows frozen so you open up, turn on the engine and fire up the heater. This may take a while so you retire to the house to finish your cup of coffee. When you return to the car, it's not there!

HOT  
TOPICS

# Local News

## Dean

December saw a fall in reported crime in the Dean area, despite 5 reported housebreakings, although 3 have been solved and a 22-year-old male was arrested and charged with those offences and is also a suspect for several similar crimes reported over the past few months and enquiries are continuing. A report in the 'Edinburgh Evening News' at the end of December highlighted some of the recent issues with youths in the Dean Gardens, I am pleased to announce that December, like November was free of reported crime in the Gardens. There were 6 reported vehicle accidents at the end of December, when the snow started and it is worthwhile reminding drivers to take extra precautions given the difficult and unpredictable road conditions. Lastly I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy and safe 2010.

**PC John Tod – Dean Community Beat Officer**

## Craigleith

As in the Dean area, crime in the Craigleith areas in December was lower than that of the previous month. There were reports of vehicle's racing activity, despite the weather - within the surrounding roads of Craigleith Retail Park. The area has extensive CCTV coverage and we are liaising with staff to curtail this. There was a break-in to the garage at Queensferry Road Edinburgh and items were stolen and an office was broken into in the Western General Hospital, a dwelling house at Queensferry Road Edinburgh had the front door forced and splintered under pressure where cash, medication and various other items were stolen. There was incidents of youths throwing snowballs at passing cars near to Crewe Road North and also youths on bicycles in Telford Road cycling in front of cars but on police arrival there has been no trace.

**PC Alan Millar – Craigleith Community Beat Officer**

## Stockbridge

Happy New Year! Good arrest – A 22-year-old male was arrested on the 31st of December, and charged with break-in's and attempted break in's to homes in Comely Bank, Comely Bank Road, Orchard Road, and also a break in to a car which was parked in Saxe Coburg Place. This same male had been arrested two days previously for breaching his court bail and being found in possession of heroin. He was remanded in custody until 20 January 2010. Oxfam Music, Raeburn Place, suffered the loss of a large amount of valuable records, which they suspected was the result of price ticket changing. After a media release, the male who "bought" these records was traced, and has returned the large majority of these records, also offering further donations. The shop relies heavily on donations from the public, so if you have any records, tapes or CD's that have been lying unplayed and unwanted over the years, consider helping out and donating them to a worthy cause!

**PC Greig Stephen – Stockbridge Community Beat Officer**

## Drylaw

18 youth related calls were received during December a few of which were in relation to snowballs being thrown. There were three break-ins reported one to a garden hut in Wester Drylaw Place, a garage in Drylaw Crescent and a house in Telford Road by smashing the glass door in the rear conservatory. During an exhibition at Blackhall Art Club four paintings were stolen whilst on public display within the library and photographs of them are attached to the back of the newsletter. If you have any information in connection with these crimes please contact Drylaw Police Station or anonymously through Crimestoppers.

**PC Frances Campbell – Drylaw Community Beat Officer**

## Useful Numbers

### Community Beat Officers (CBO's)

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**Officer in Charge of Inverleith Sector**  
**Inspector Ian Davis**  
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### Police Telephone Numbers

Force Communication Centre  
(All City Police Stations)

**0131 311 3131**

### Crimestoppers:

**0800 555 111**

### Environmental Wardens:

**0131 469 5328**

or email

## And Finally....

Domestic abuse has a profoundly damaging effect on many people's lives.



Lothian and Borders Police is committed to providing a professional and consistent approach to victims of Domestic Abuse. Some people think domestic abuse is only about physical violence. However, many people suffer years of domestic abuse where violence is minimal or absent but experience persistent verbal and emotional abuse. Domestic abuse is rarely a one-off event but it tends to get worse over time. Police Domestic Abuse Liaison Officers for Edinburgh can be contacted on:

**0131 – 316 – 6683**



Theft of Paintings- Blackhall Library, Hillhouse Road

