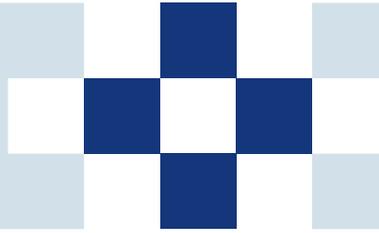


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The recent run of good weather has been a welcome introduction to the summer months, with more people out enjoying the sunshine and mild temperatures. In policing terms, this change in season can often spell a shift in the types of crime that are committed. In particular, we can often see a rise in crimes such as

thefts to garden sheds and garages, as well as a rise in the number of 'bogus callers'. I would always encourage you to be aware of people trying to gain access to your home, or those selling services door – to – door.

The summer months can often also signal a rise in street drinking, and we continually work with our partners in the City of Edinburgh Council to ensure this does not bring a rise in anti social behaviour or associated crime. Drinking in public spaces is not an offence in Edinburgh, however we will ensure it does not affect the enjoyment of others living or visiting the area, including enforcing byelaws that are in place in areas of the city.

Finally, I'm sure many of you will have seen coverage of the Royal wedding of Prince William and Catherine Middleton. While we do not expect the same crowds to descend on Edinburgh for the wedding of Zara Phillips and Mike Tyndall in July, our events planning sections are still making plans for this event to ensure it passes without incident and is a success. This, combined with the upcoming Armed Forces Day, means we are guaranteed a busy and exciting summer of policing ahead.

## Crime Prevention

As mentioned, visits from Bogus Workers tend to increase in the summer months, below is some advice on how to help ensure you don't fall victim

- Cold Callers/Bogus Workmen turn up on the doorstep unannounced with good excuses such as 'just happen to be working in the area' you have some loose slates.' Never let a casual caller do any work on your property; be that gardening; roofing or laying/repairing your drive. Thank them and inform them that your tradesman will look at it. Most reputable companies do not operate in this manner.
- What do Bogus Workmen look like? They are usually very plausible people dressed for the part.

- Who is at risk from them and when? We all are but they tend to prey on the more vulnerable and will usually call through the day.
- What can you do? Be prepared. Are you expecting someone to call? Check the person on the doorstep is genuine; most service providers carry identification, use the phone book to get the telephone number to contact the company to confirm. Best of all only deal with callers by appointment.
- Don't keep large sums of money in your home.
- Keep front and back doors locked even if you are just in the garden.

If suspicious persons are in the area - phone the police – give a good description of them and most importantly give the registration number, make/model, and colour of any vehicle involved.



## Local Operations and Initiatives

The SNT led an operation to deal with off-road motorcycles in the Howdenhall area, particularly targeting the Gracemount Drive area and the Burdiehouse Burn 'Valley Park' aka The Dip. The operation utilised Roads Policing Officers using off-road motorcycles, officers from the mounted section, and uniformed and plain clothed foot patrols in conjunction with CEC Community Safety Team officers. Three motorcycles were



seized, intelligence was gathered on areas and times of use, and we received great support and co-operation from the local community. In one case this involved a dog walker who had been briefed by uniformed officers in the Burdiehouse Dip subsequently videoing an off-road bike in use there with his mobile phone. We were able to identify the person and traced the motorcycle to a local address where the owner was interviewed and charged. Safer Neighbourhood Team officers conducted further successful 'Street a Week' operations during April, notably at Cumnor Crescent, Rutherford Drive, Woodstock Place, and Glenvarloch Crescent. Working in partnership with CEC colleagues, SNT officers visited a total of 67 addresses within the Inch Community, taking on board local issues and offering suitable advice. All addresses visited were left with a useful contacts leaflet, fire safety advice leaflet, and free smoke alarm installation leaflet. We continue to take in local concerns, some of which directly affected out taskings at this month's Priority Setting group.

Officers targeting street disorder and anti-social issues in the Howdenhall area came across a disturbance in the street at Liberton Gardens. A number of persons attempted to make off, the majority of whom were detained at the scene. We recovered a wooden bat and a metal pole and made 2 arrests. After more local enquiry we confirmed that there had been a fight at a nearby petrol station garage between two rival groups. Further street stops were conducted a short distance away, and after additional searches we arrested one young person found in possession of a butterfly knife. Numerous statements were taken and evidence gathered resulting in 6 individuals being reported in total. Since that time the SNT has led follow up work with those involved. We will continue to target issues and areas you tell us we need to focus upon, so we can reduce the likelihood of such incidents occurring, and react swiftly and decisively on the few occasions a problem arises. Local SNT officers continue to work closely with their partners from the education department. Whether dealing with parking issues at Gracemount Primary School or visiting local schools to give a number of talks,



bridges continue to be built. Youth issues at Gilmerton and Moredun Primary Schools were tackled, involving close liaison between the SNT, the schools and the parent body. PC Brooks continued with his work at Liberton High School and arrangements are being finalised to develop new and closer working links between Gracemount High School and the SNT. Following requests for information last month, officers were able to identify, trace and charge a local youth with a number of acts of vandalism, where he had used a marker pen to graffiti street furniture in the Moredun area.



## Appeal for information

Overnight on the 2nd May, approximately £2000 pounds worth of damage was caused when paint was poured over a car parked on Alnwickhill View, Edinburgh. A vehicle was also damaged on Moredun Park Grove, on the night of the 13th when a Ford Focus had its rear windscreen smashed for no apparent reason. Local enquiries to date have failed to identify a perpetrator or motive for either crime. Do you know who committed these offences? – if so, let us know.

Local youths appear to be causing concern in the Gilmerton Dykes area, where a number of cars and house windows have been damaged. Other similar incidents have occurred at Carnbee and appear to be linked. We are progressing a number of lines of enquiry, but if you have any information please contact us, details on the last page.

### Local Priorities

The SNT recently reported back to the Better and Safer Communities priority setting group regarding the progress they had made with our previous priorities. The group recognised improvements regarding parking at Gracemount Primary School and reductions in anti social behaviour around Priesthill Street, and tasked us to focus on the following 3 priorities:

- 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 Ravenswood Avenue

Additional locations and issues will also be targeted in line with the matters you have reported. Your view matters, and you can influence what we do.



On the 1st May 2011, every Community Policing poster on Lothian and Borders Police website was refreshed. New posters will soon be put up in every council ward area in the Force.

Our Community Commitment promises:

- \* to make sure your local officers are visible and accessible in your area
- \* to make sure you know who the police officers serving your area are, and how to contact them

The Community Policing posters are designed to help you get to know the community officers in your area, and give their phone numbers and email contact details. They also give the postal address for the police station serving your area.

The posters will be refreshed again in six month's time.

To find out more, see 'Contact your local officer'



## 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@  
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Tel 0131 658 5243

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web page as follows:

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