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New Town & Broughton Community Council

City Centre Community Policing Team
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Your Local Priorities

Our Local Policing Plan 2023-26 outlines our local Divisional priorities and is accessible via the Police Scotland website.

These priorities were decided in accordance with feedback from local authorities, partners, and residents in the Your Police survey.

The local priorities for the New Town & Broughton Community Council area are

- *Addressing violence*
- *Reducing drug harm and targeting supply*
- *Tackling housebreaking and crimes of theft and dishonesty*
- *Dealing with disorder and antisocial behaviour*
- *Making our roads safer*

We will provide an update on each priority across the year - therefore each quarter we will provide an update regarding antisocial behaviour, plus one other priority.

This newsletter will focus on:

- Dealing with disorder and antisocial behaviour
- Tackling housebreaking and crimes of theft and dishonesty

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Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour

Local officers have been engaging with staff and worshippers at the Annandale Mosque to provide reassurance in light of recent disorder in England and Northern Ireland. Thankfully there have been no reports of large-scale disorder in Scotland, however police are remaining vigilant and have resources in place should any trouble occur over the coming days and weeks.

Residents should notice an increased police presence within the city centre over August, as Operation Summer City is in place over the festival period. This means there will be uniformed officers patrolling on foot to prevent and detect crime and disorder.

Several more youths have been charged following a number of disturbances around the Princes Street, St James and Waverley areas. All will be referred to the Children's Reporter as per protocols.

Officers recently carried out a day of action on e-bikes, where a number of riders were charged with traffic offences and a number of unregistered motorcycles were seized.

Following a number of reported incidents on Meuse Lane, local officers are engaging with local businesses and City of Edinburgh Council to improve street lighting and explore CCTV options.

BEAT DOORSTEP CRIME



Think

Expecting someone?
Only let callers in if they have an appointment.



Secure

Use your door chain / spy-hole before opening the door.



Question

Ask for callers I.D.
Verify by phone.
But if in doubt, keep them out.



Tackling Housebreaking

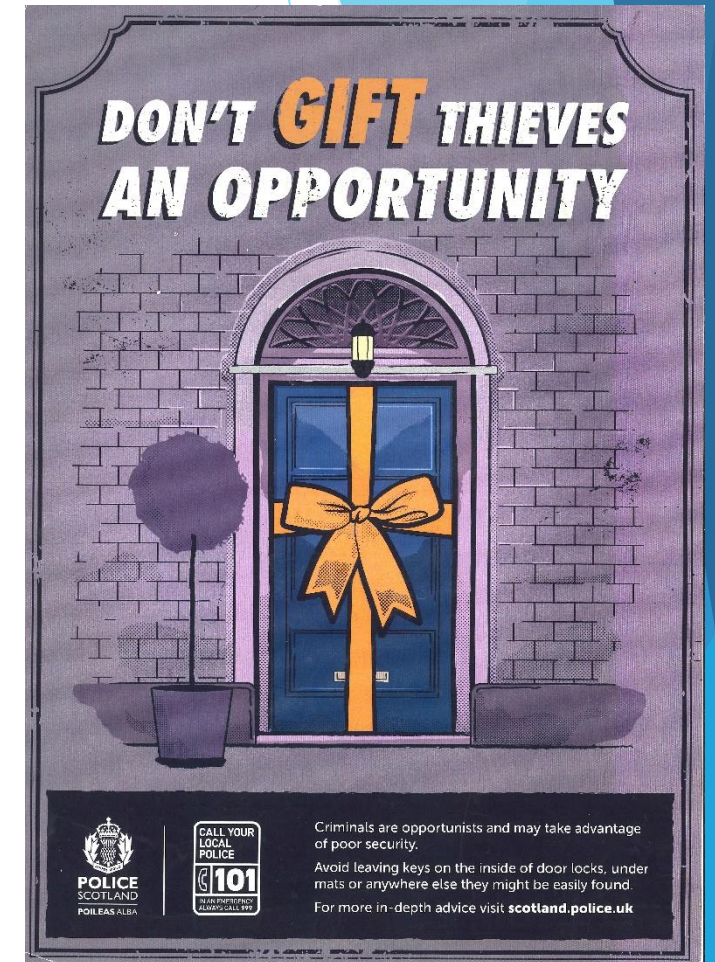
Although statistically the number of reported thefts by housebreaking incidents has reduced against the 5-year average, it remains a divisional priority for police in Edinburgh due to the intrusive and impactful nature that the crime has on victims.

Housebreaking incidents are reviewed daily by senior officers, with police resources being directed to prevention activities and patrols. These include high visibility patrols in marked vehicles as well as low-key patrols carried out by plain clothes officers in unmarked vehicles.

We also have a team of detectives in the Community Investigation Unit who are dedicated to investigating housebreakings. These officers have extensive experience and are skilled at recovering forensic and CCTV evidence.

This team have recently made a number of significant arrests, resulting in perpetrators being remanded in prison on housebreaking charges.

As always, local residents are encouraged to remain vigilant and report any suspicious incidents or behaviour to police at the earliest opportunity.



Home Security Advice

Local residents are advised to review the security of their own homes and outbuildings on a regular basis.

Windows

- Keep windows locked, remove the keys and keep them in a safe place (make sure they are accessible in case of a fire)
- Windows with a restrictor should only be left open when there are people in the room, it is not a fail-safe security measure

Doors

- Keep doors locked, even when you're at home as many break-ins are opportunistic
- Consider a spy-hole and door chain so you can see who is at the door before opening it fully

Keys

- Never leave spare keys in obvious places such as under the doormat or a flowerpot
- Never leave house or car keys visible from a door or window. Housebreakers have been known to use fishing rods and magnets!

Flats

- Always ensure tenement doors are kept secure and do not allow strangers into the stair
- Students should ensure high value items are not visible from windows and are taken home during holidays.

Further advice can be found at

www.securedbydesign.com

www.crimestoppers-uk.org

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Provision of Information

Recorded and detected crime data at Multi-Member Ward level, Road Traffic Collision (RTC) data (casualties and circumstances), and Stop/Search data can be found via

<https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/how-we-do-it/crime-data/>

<https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/how-we-do-it/road-traffic-collision-data/>

<https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/how-we-do-it/stop-and-search/data-publication/>

This raw data can be filtered to provide more accessible information, however crime data is only provided on an annual basis.

The Divisional Commander regularly attends and provides both a written and verbal report to the City of Edinburgh Council's Culture and Communities Committee, who scrutinise the Division's performance against the Local Policing Plan and other ongoing or emerging issues.

The most recent Edinburgh Division Scrutiny Report can be found [here](#).



Useful contacts

For criminal matters, please contact **Police Scotland**

- ▶ By calling **101** or **999** in an emergency
- ▶ By emailing contactus@scotland.police.uk
- ▶ Online at www.scotland.police.uk/secureforms/contact/

For anonymous reports, contact **Crimestoppers**:

- ▶ By calling **0800 555 111**
- ▶ Online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org

Local Area Commander:

Chief Inspector Mark Hamilton

City Centre Community Policing Team - West End Police Station:

Inspector David Duthie

Sergeant Rod Chill

Sergeant Emma McNaughton

Plus six officers allocated to community issues in Edinburgh's City Centre.