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New Town & Broughton Community Council

Police Report – July 2023



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Local Policing Priorities

June in Numbers

In July 2023 there were 846 calls made to police for the CE22 “New Town” beat.

As was the case last month there was a roughly half-and-half split between calls made in daytime (0700-1859) compared to night-time (1900-0659).

There were 301 crimes recorded in July 2023, mostly relating to Crimes of Dishonesty and Assault. This is an decrease from 308 in June and from 318 in July 2022.

Tackling housebreaking and acquisitive crime

Police Scotland’s housebreaking team in Edinburgh is called the Community Investigation Unit. This team is made up of specialist officers who are experienced investigators with excellent knowledge of forensic opportunities and lines of enquiry.

The Central Initiative Team also deal with high-volume acquisitive crime such as prolific shoplifters.

Addressing Violence

Police Scotland continue to run Operation Night Guard on Friday and Saturday nights, which significantly increases the number of officers patrolling the night-time economy. In July and August Summer City will begin, again increasing the number of officers in the City Centre both during the day and in the night time hours.

Anyone charged with a crime of violence or disorder will be considered for special bail conditions banning them from entering any licensed premises within the city centre between 1800 and 0600.

Dealing with disorder and antisocial behaviour

Local community officers are aware of ongoing youth disorder around the St James Quarter and Waverley Mall areas.

Patrols are being increased over the school holidays and local residents and business owners are encouraged to report any issues as soon as they happen.

Reducing drug harm and targeting supply

Police Scotland’s Central Initiative Team operate all over the city centre in plain clothes, targeting drug dealing and carrying out searches of people and premises.

In recent weeks there have been a number of successful operations whereby warrants were executed at addresses across the city.

Making our roads safer

Road safety remains a priority for Police Scotland, particularly in built-up areas such as Edinburgh city centre.

In July, a number of drivers were charged with offences such as careless driving, driving whilst over the limit and driving without insurance.

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 Murray Tait

**City Centre Community Policing
Team - West End Police Station:**

Inspector David Duthie

Sergeant Graham Belfall

Sergeant Emma McNaughton

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