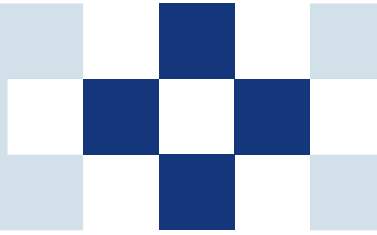


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Planning has begun for another busy schedule of events this year. Our planning department is already looking ahead to a number of high profile sporting fixtures and Royal Visits, alongside Armed Forces Day, and the State Opening of Parliament. The Police Board has approved our budget for the upcoming year and it is positive news that our officer numbers are being maintained, ensuring we can fulfil our commitment to a consistently high level of service and response across Edinburgh. In August 2010 Lothian and Borders Police launched a 'public perception' survey to find out the views from local communities on policing and community safety.

The results of this survey are now being analysed and will be available down to Ward level in Edinburgh, allowing us to shape our policing efforts within the capital's communities in the coming months and years. Our Safer Neighbourhood Teams are committed to establishing the priorities of local people and continually working to address concerns and shape our policing activity.

A full version of the survey is due to be published on our Force website in the coming weeks.

## Housebreaking - Don't Become A Victim

Before leaving your home make sure all windows are properly secured and importantly any window locks fitted are used. Good window locks prevent the window frame from being opened and require the housebreaker to remove all window glass before they would consider climbing through for fear of cutting themselves. Almost every housebreaker is a repeat offender whose DNA is held by the Police and the tiniest blood trace left behind will lead us directly to them. As a result

most will not consider climbing through a broken window.

Ensure that you don't leave the window lock key where it can be easily reached by the housebreaker or they will simply reach the key through the broken window and use it to open the window frame to gain access.

Do not leave tilt & turn or hopper windows slightly open, even if locked in position as it is easy to lever them open.



## Local Operation and initiatives

### Operation Duchess

During the month of December/January Craigmillar / Portobello Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) officers and their partners ran Operation Duchess in order to investigate, tackle and reassure the local community following a spate of antisocial behaviour incidents committed in the Craigmillar Castle area.

Acts of antisocial behaviour can have a significant impact on the community and can cause individuals a great deal of alarm, distress and affect quality of life. Police and Community Safety staff conducted high visibility reassurance patrols, delivered crime prevention and Crimestoppers literature across the area.

As a result of investigation and enquiry a number of individuals were arrested for acts of vandalism and antisocial behaviour.

Reports of anti-social behaviour have now significantly reduced.



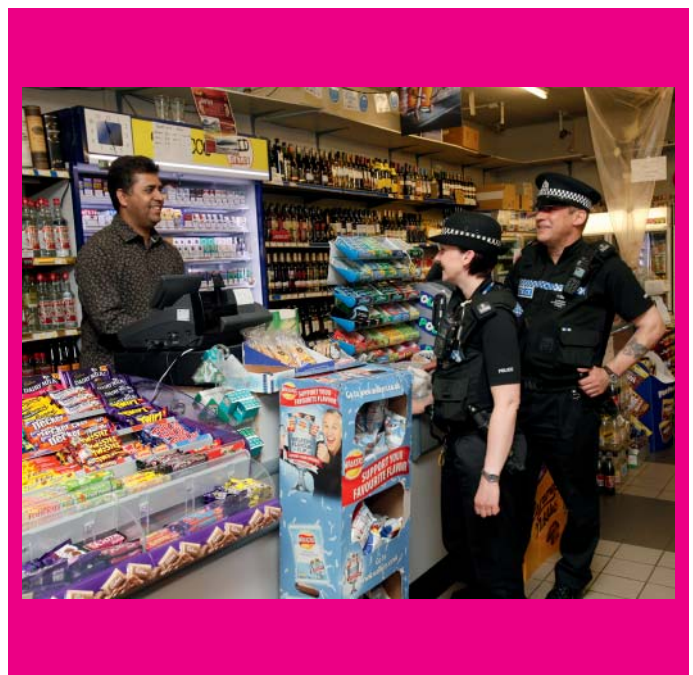
### Partnership Working

During February, Craigmillar /Portobello SNT officers along with Community Safety Wardens have been involved in maintaining a high visibility presence in the Magdalene area following an increase in anti-social behaviour.

On Monday 14th February a street meeting was held in the area attended by the local Councillor and local representatives.

As a result of initial investigations a number of persons have been arrested and reported for acts of vandalism and anti-social behaviour.

Patrols are continuing.





## Appeal for information

Police are asking the public to be vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour following a spate of metal thefts in the area.

Metal is being stolen in various forms, from high voltage copper cables, lead from schools, churches and private dwellings, to manhole covers and domestic railings and gates.

Metal is often stolen from community buildings, which costs taxpayers' money to replace, and those responsible are often involved in other forms of criminality.

If you see any vehicles or persons acting suspiciously or if you have any information that may assist in identifying individuals, please contact your local police station or you can pass information anonymously by contacting Crimestoppers Tel: 0800-555-111.

### Local Priorities

The Craigmillar/Portobello Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) are working closely with the local City of Edinburgh Council Community Safety team, housing associations, schools, community groups and youth providers and to resolve issues and improve the quality of life of people living in the area.



Community Safety

The following three issues were identified by the Portobello & Craigmillar Partnership Community Safety Sub Group as local policing priorities to be addressed over the coming month:

- Tackle anti-social behaviour in Magdalene Drive
- Tackle anti-social behaviour in Portobello High Street.
- Tackle anti-social behaviour in Whitehill Street, Newcraighall



## 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](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)

### Contact your SNT officers

Email:  
adivsntCraigmillarPortobello@  
lbp.pnn.police.uk

Telephone : 0131 652 4147