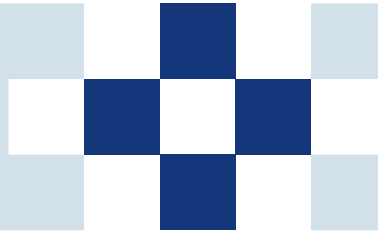


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Easter is traditionally a time when our policing focus changes slightly to incorporate the school holidays, and the challenges they bring. The holidays can signal a rise in certain types of crime, namely vandalism and anti social behaviour. Similarly, the start of British summer time and the lighter evenings means we can

often start to see a trend in seasonal crime, including bogus callers. Our local SNT officers are always on hand to deliver crime prevention advice to ensure that you and your neighbours are not victims of these types of crime.

Garden Crime - Nip it in the bud!

Spring is upon us and for some of us, thoughts turn to our gardens.

Many of you take measures to protect your home but don't give a thought to your bicycle, lawnmower, hedge trimmer, power tools and other valuable gardening implements lying in your shed. Criminals consider this type of crime to be low risk/high return as they don't have to force entry to your home and the goods they can get are as valuable as anything in your house.

The good news is there is a lot you can do to prevent it.

Any boundary fence at your house should be built in such a way that it is difficult to climb.

Use a good quality closed shackle padlock on your

shed door. For further information on bogus workmen or other aspects of crime prevention, please see the information on our website at www.lbp.police.uk.

Alternatively, please contact your local team of officers using the contact details on the back page of this newsletter. They would be happy to discuss some simple and practical steps to keeping yourself and your home safe.

Edinburgh is lucky to be hosting a number of events this summer, and police planning is now well underway for all of them. As well as the wedding of Zara Phillips and Mike Tindall at the Canongate Kirk on 30th July, we also have Armed Forces Day and the State Opening of Parliament to look forward to. Our resources will be carefully managed to allow for resilience in the neighbourhoods too. We will ensure that local communities continue to receive a high quality of service.

shed door.

Importantly, the hasp and door hinges should be attached using coach bolts rather than screws to prevent simple removal.

Fit an internal wire mesh grille to protect your shed window.

You should keep valuable items in the house but if they must stay in the shed, chain/lock them up and security mark them. Consider a shed alarm.

Lace a chain through the handles of garden forks, spades, bicycles etc. This will prevent a thief from being able to remove single items. Remember tools from your shed can be used to force entry to your house.

Finally - Don't let any casual caller do work on your property, for example roofing, tarmac driveways or gardening.



Local Operations and Initiatives

Over the next month with on onset of lighter evenings and improvement in the weather Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) officers are only too aware that this comes hand in hand with increased youth related calls and the issue of under-age drinking. In tandem with our pledge to tackle anti-social behaviour in Niddrie House, Duddingston Park South and Craigmillar Castle areas, SNT officers will also be visiting all off-sales premises across the Craigmillar/Portobello ward.



We shall be working with off-sales staff to remind them of their responsibilities in the sale of alcohol and tobacco and will be distributing posters reminding adults it is illegal to buy alcohol for under 18's. "Buying an under-18 alcohol – You pay". Anyone caught buying alcohol for a person under 18 could cost them a £5000 fine, up to 3 months imprisonment or both. As of the 1st April 2011 the police now have powers to seize cigarettes and cigarette papers from anyone under 18 years if found with them in a public place. As with proxy buying of alcohol it is illegal for a person to buy cigarettes or cigarette papers for anyone under 18 years of age. SNT officers will be patrolling problem hot spots along with Council Community Safety Wardens in the area and will be carrying out stop and searches where appropriate, seizing alcohol and cigarettes from youths when found in possession.

The SNT are working in partnership with local primary schools to promote and encourage good citizenship. This approach is a fantastic way for children to engage with local police officers in an informal way. A fun and interactive good citizenship day was held at Castleview Primary organised by Special Constable Lilly Laing. This involved the whole school and various agencies including Education, Police, Holyrood Park Rangers, Scottish Ambulance Service, Historic Scotland, City of Edinburgh Council coming together to promote local history, culture and the importance of being a good citizen within the community. Further information and photographs regarding the project can be seen by visiting the school website under the news section. www.castleview.ed.ac.uk Primary 7 pupils at Niddrie Mill Primary School are also committed to making a difference in their community. Working with the school's Behavioural Support Teacher, SNT officers have formed the Pupils Against Violence (PAV) Action Group. The PAV group has helped to increase positive behaviour in the school and in the wider community. Scottish Justice Minister,



Kenny MacAskill endorsed the success of the project by visiting the school on the 18th March and saw at first hand the hard work that had been undertaken by the group. He added, "This is a fantastic project. Well done to the PAV Group and all involved in making the school and the community safer." Further information and photographs regarding the project can be seen by visiting the school website. www.niddriemill.co.uk.



Appeal for information

Scotland Crimestoppers asks: Are you fearless about crime? Young people in Craigmillar and Portobello are being urged to be fearless in the fight against crime by Fearless, 'Crimestoppers' service for 11 to 16 year olds. Crimestoppers and Lothian and Borders Police have joined forces to promote Fearless and to encourage more people to come forward and pass on information about crime happening in their area. Using the Fearless.org website young people can get information about crimes that affect them and also pass on information about crime anonymously. Lothian and Borders is the first area in Scotland to promote Fearless, which has seen success in other areas in the UK. Kate Jackson at Crimestoppers Scotland said: "We want to reassure young people that information they give us about crimes is taken seriously. It's vital that everyone realises that they can play an important role in helping make their communities better places to live."

Local Priorities

Your local priorities - At the Neighbourhood Partnership Community Safety Sub Group meeting held on Wednesday 16th March 2011 the following policing priorities were agreed.

1. Tackle anti-social behaviour and vandalism at Niddrie House.
2. Tackle anti-social behaviour and vandalism at Duddingston Park South.
3. Tackle anti-social behaviour at Craigmillar Castle.

The group consists of local councillors, and representatives from City Edinburgh Council Community Safety team, Lothian and Borders Police and Fire and Rescue services and community organisations. Priorities are decided through interaction with the local community as well as consideration of reported incidents to police and other partner agencies. We are keen to listen to your concerns and ensure that our priorities are as representative of the

community's concerns as possible. It is not always easy for people to attend meetings where residents can raise problems directly. The SNT will be actively seeking to engage with the community over the coming months to speak to a range of people in the street about their priorities and these can be presented at future meetings. Of course, we would still encourage people to attend a meeting if they can do. "In doing this we will give a greater voice to individuals, families and community groups who want to improve their area".



A scheme has been launched across Scotland to keep children safer from sexual predators. Keeping Children Safe was launched on 31st March in Lothian and the Borders, following successful rollout in other areas of the country. The scheme means that parents, carers and guardians of children under 18, can ask the police for information about whether a person who has contact with that child has a record for sexual offences against children. If it's found the person in question does pose a risk of harm to the child concerned, information may be given to the parent, carer or guardian as a protective measure. If there is serious or immediate risk, measures to protect that child will be taken immediately. Anyone wanting to raise a concern regarding a child in their care can do so directly by visiting their local police station or by calling Lothian and Borders Police, where their call will be directed to the 'Keeping Children Safe' co-ordinator.

For more information, visit www.lbp.police.uk/keepingchildrensafe



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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

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