

A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News



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'Work With Us'

Divisional Commanders Message

**CITY
WIDE**

August was a challenging month for Lothian & Borders Police with the Edinburgh Festival celebrations and commencement of the new football season. The police service is often pulled in many directions by the demands placed upon us however, as ever, we continue to provide daily a high level of service to the public across the city.

With Freshers Week approaching, officers continue to maintain established links with the Universities, providing information to new students on a variety of issues including personal safety, lifestyle and home security.

In addition, as we approach Autumn and subsequent darker nights, in terms of home security, I would encourage vigilance and if anyone is seen acting suspiciously, contact your local police station.

Colin Campbell Divisional Commander

**HOT
TOPICS**

Unfortunately, at this time of year, break-ins to garden sheds become more common. Many criminals consider this type of crime to be low risk, as they don't have to force entry to your home. People store bikes, power tools and expensive gardening equipment in their sheds making them very attractive targets for criminals.

The good news is that there is a lot you can do to outsmart garden thieves. A few simple solutions can make all the difference to the security of your garden. Firstly is your shed in a good state of repair?

- The hinges and any hasps should be attached using coach bolts rather than screws, and use a good quality closed shackle padlock.
- Shed window – securely fit a grille over it; either internally or externally.
- Garden forks, spades, etc. can all be used as tools to try and force entry to your house. Secure them together with a length of chain through the handles secured by a padlock. Don't leave tools lying around the garden and make sure ladders are kept secure.
- Bikes - use securely fixed ground anchors and good quality bike locks to secure them. These can also be used for lawnmowers etc, or again secure them together.
- Security mark tools, lawnmowers, toolboxes and garden furniture, by engraving, painting or using a security marker pen. Mark them with your surname, house number and postcode.
- Install security lighting.
- Fit a shed alarm. These only cost a few pounds and can be bought from most DIY store.

Should you require any further security advice contact your local Neighbourhood Crime Prevention Officer.

LOCAL NEWS

Welcome to the September Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter covering the PW54 Ward. Since the last news update, Broomview House has been demolished across in neighbouring Sighthill, the Tesco store at Dumbryden Road has ceased trading and Smile Childcare have relocated one of their nurseries to outwith our area. The local area community walkabouts are continuing to highlight various problems and as a result of one of these walkabouts, there is now a new boundary fence at Kingsknowe Court next to the Union Canal towpath. The new – build Redhall school at Longstone Grove continues to make good progress.

Here are September's main crimes of interest: -

REDHALL / LONGSTONE

On 2nd Sept. two vehicles were damaged in Redhall Road when the windows were smashed and a fire-raising at a garden shed in Stenhouse Road.

On 6th Sept. a male robbed a young female of money at Kingsknowe Road North

Overnight 8th – 9th Sept. a slip-in theft occurred in Redhall Road

Between 24th June – 8th Sept. a car at Redhall Crescent was broken into but nothing was apparently stolen.

On the Union Canal towpath, on 8th Sept. 2 males robbed another and made off on bikes.

On 12th Sept. a pink Reebok branded pedal cycle was stolen from Longstone Crescent. Also on that date a car was vandalised in Kingsknowe Road North, possibly an ex-partner.

On 17th Sept. a garage in Redhall Drive was broken into but nothing was apparently stolen.

On 23rd Sept. cash was stolen from a private social club in Longstone Road.

PARKHEAD

Overnight on 4th – 5th Sept. there was a business housebreaking on Murrayburn Road.

On 12th Sept. patio doors of a house were smashed in Parkhead Gardens but nothing was apparently stolen.

On 18th Sept. a letterbox was vandalised at a house in Parkhead Drive.

On 23rd Sept. a child's lilac and pink Falcon bike was stolen from a garden in Parkhead Avenue.

On 25th Sept. a garden spade was used to force open a house window in Parkhead Avenue. No entry was gained however and nothing stolen.

On 27th Sept. a male was assaulted and robbed of his mobile phone and mp3 player on Calder Road.

On 28th Sept. a silver Vauxhall motor - car was stolen from an address at Parkhead Avenue.

On 29th Sept. a black Reebok mountain bike was stolen from Parkhead Drive.

DUMBRYDEN

On 13th Sept. two local boys were charged for vandalism in Dumbryden Gardens – YMD tags sprayed on walls.

On 15th Sept. an unsolved vandalism in Dumbryden Gardens.

On 21st Sept. a daytime housebreaking was recorded from a top floor flat in Dumbryden Gardens.

On 21st Sept a business housebreaking occurred at Wester Health Health Agency in Dumbryden Drive.

On 22nd Sept. a house window was smashed in Dumbryden Grove.

On 27th Sept. a brick was thrown through a window at Dumbryden Gardens.

On 29th Sept. an unsuccessful attempt was made to enter business premises on Murrayburn Road.

WALKERS / HAILES LAND PARK

On 12th Sept. a window was smashed at Walkers Court, possibly by airgun pellet.

On 29th Sept. another house window was smashed by unknown means, in Walkers Court.

Useful Numbers

Wester Hailes Police Station
0131 442 2626

Crimestoppers
0800 555 111

City of Edinburgh Council
0131 200 2000

Community Help and Advice
0131 442 2100

CLARENCE (street light faults etc)
0800 232323

CEC Housing Office (West)
0131 527 3800

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0131 458 5480

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And Finally....

Police are appealing for help to trace Alan Goulden who has been missing from his home in the Maybury area of Edinburgh since Saturday August 30.



64-year-old Alan Goulden was last seen in Maybury Road, Edinburgh, between 6.30am and 7.30am. He may have visited a local supermarket at the Gyle Shopping Centre at around 8.00am that morning. Mr Goulden is described as white, 5ft 7-8ins tall, of medium build, with a ruddy complexion and short light brown hair. He may be wearing a light blue jumper, checked shirt, trousers and brown leather shoes. He is well spoken, with an English accent. Mr Goulden is well known in the Maybury area for walking his small white Papillion dog. He did not have the dog with him when he went missing.

A police spokeswoman said: "We are growing increasingly concerned for Mr Goulden's safety, and would urge anyone who may have seen him since he went missing to contact police as a matter of urgency."

Anyone with any information is asked to contact Lothian and Borders Police on **0131 311 3131** or Crimestoppers in confidence and complete anonymity on **0800 555 111**

