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South West Edinburgh Community Councils Newsletter

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Looking Back

- SW CPT officers relocated to Balerno Police Station in August while Oxfords was refurbished.
- August was a busy month for the city as a whole with the Edinburgh International Festival and some significant policing incidents. As well as working within the South West area your CPT team have been assisting colleagues across the city ensuring that shared spaces can be enjoyed by many and numerous communities are safe and supported.
- Following report of some youths with BB guns in Wester Hailes, the youths were traced, charged and BB guns seized. CPT officers visited local retail premises and reminded them of their legal responsibilities.
- Our engagement with schools has continued: early morning patrols to ensure the safety of children getting to school and ongoing liaison with High Schools to encourage responsible behaviour at break times.
- Reports of youth ASB in the South West has seen proactive patrols around Saughton Park, Sighthill Park, Lochrin Basin and Currie and Balerno areas.

What We're Noticing

- This month, as we move towards darker evenings, we may see an increase in opportunistic thefts from vehicles, sheds or even houses. See overleaf for some prevention ideas.
- We are still receiving reports of ASB in the Pentlands – particularly around the reservoirs. Patrols in that area will continue when possible – please consider use of “What 3 Words” location app if you are calling to report issues.
- In August, SW Officers attended 174 Concern for Person incidents, 37 Missing Person incidents and 103 Domestic Incidents. 518 Crime Reports were recorded in the SW over the same period.
- We continue to receive and act upon intelligence about drug use and supply in your area. Please remember, you can call 0800555111 or go to www.crimestoppers-uk.org to provide anonymous information.
- The Protection of Workers (Scotland) Bill is now in force. In addition to creating an offence for situations where a retail worker is assaulted or threatened, the offence can be aggravated when the retail worker is enforcing a statutory age restriction.

Looking Forward

- Planning is well underway for COP26 which will see many of the SW officers working all over the country to support the event to ensure it runs as safely as possible.
- Planning is also underway for 'Operation Crackle' which is the policing response to anti social behaviour and disorder in and around bonfire night.
- Please send us details of Community Council meetings and when we can attend we will do – even if just to pop in and say hello.
- Your Community Policing team are part of the South West Community Alcohol Partnership (CAP). The CAP (which is a national organisation) aims to reduce alcohol harm among young people, improve health and wellbeing, and enhance communities. Along with Police several other partners are involved such as the council, NHS, volunteer groups, Schools, local retailers and charities.
- Youth groups and services are starting to return to normality and we will work with providers to engage and educate service users.

Advice and Support

Vehicle Crime – Prevention Advice:

When parking and leaving your vehicle unattended please take note of the following points to help deter and prevent thieves helping themselves to any valuables in your car or van.

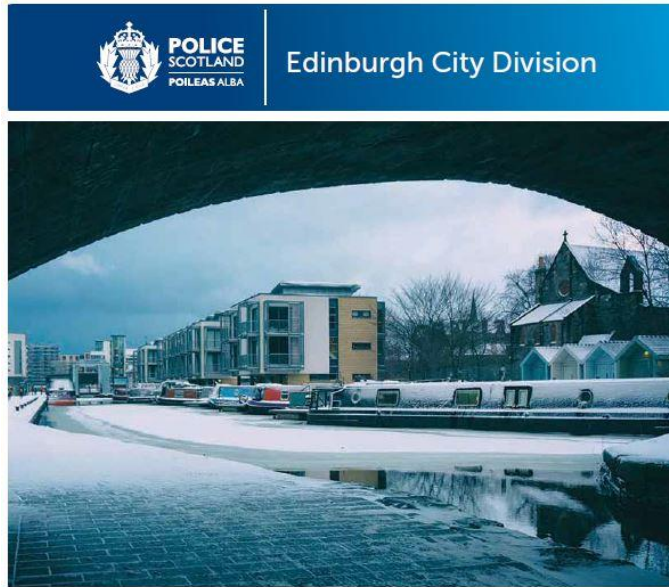
- Do not leave any valuable items in the vehicle - if left on show they will encourage thieves to break in. Please note areas such as glove boxes and under seats are not secure and not suitable for the storage of valuables.
- Consider using a steering locks a visible deterrent to thieves – someone who is so obviously conscious of security is less likely to leave valuables in a vehicle.
- Avoid parking in dark, secluded areas, choose locations that are well lit and over looked by houses, passers-by and covered by CCTV if possible.
- Park your vehicle in a garage / private space if available but make sure it is secure
- Simple WIFI CCTV systems can be used to monitor vehicles in private spaces and in some cases on the public road – please refer to the Information Commissioners Office – www.ico.org.uk – search CCTV.

- Always remove keys from the ignition and lock the vehicle when left unattended. Even if leaving the vehicle for a short time.
- Consider an alarm, if not fitted as standard.
- Check all windows and doors are closed and locked.
- Make sure vehicles cannot be opened (and possibly stolen) by theft of the true key
- Keep key cards in a Faraday pouch, which prevent it transmitting or receiving radio signals
- Do not leave keys by doors or on tables where they are easily accessible to thieves
- Vans can be fitted with slam locks, dead locks, loom guards and door keepers to help prevent doors being forced open.

By following these simple tips you can do much to reduce the opportunities for a potential thief. Remember most thefts are opportunistic and a few simple measures can make your vehicle far less appealing to break into. Keep a look out in your area and report any suspicious or criminal activity to the police, in an emergency call 999 or 101 for all other calls. Remember you can give any information regarding crime or criminal activity anonymously by phoning Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111

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