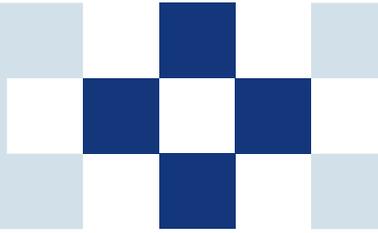


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Ch Supt Gill Imery

September has seen a host of events in Edinburgh, not least with the recent Unite Against Fascism march and Scottish Defence League gathering in the city centre. Both groups required unique policing efforts to ensure peaceful assemblies, and the Division worked closely with partners to provide freedom of speech without inflammatory

elements or disorder. The event concluded without any arrests and continued the fine public order record that the city has. Indeed, it is testament to the detailed planning and delivery for these rallies that people were able to continue shopping and travel across the city centre unaffected by events.

In regards to wider policing issues, year-to-date

figures highlight a drop in recorded domestic housebreakings by 10%, while solvency has increased by 17%.

At the same time, some excellent initiatives have seen the rate of motor vehicle theft drop by 18%, and thefts of property from within cars drop by almost a quarter. There has been a 6% increase in solvency in general theft in year to date figures, and proactive campaigns such as Operation Cello have been significant contributors. Operation Cello began by targeting bike thefts in West & Pentlands, but following substantial success the decision was made to transfer the good practice employed to high volume crime in general.

Solvency rates in serious assault and robbery have improved markedly too - the latter increasing by 65% compared to last year - with continued efforts by staff in the city's Violent Crime Units showing dividends. Combining these results with the good natured outcome of the demonstrations in Princes Street will continue to endorse Edinburgh's status as a safe and enjoyable place to live.

## Metal theft

Lothian and Borders Police recommend that you review the security of your property. Please consider the crime prevention advice in this section to protect your property against metal theft.

- Store ladders in a secure place. This is really important when building works that involve scaffolding are taking place.
- Tell your insurance company in advance of any building work that you are doing. Not disclosing this information may affect your insurance cover.
- Make it difficult for thieves to move stolen goods by removing wheelbarrows and wheelie bins. Put these items in a secure place.

·Regularly check your roofs so that any theft of roofing materials is found before it rains and water enters the building, causing further damage.

·Watch out for workmen arriving unexpectedly at a building.

·Apply anti-climb paint to drain pipes and roof guttering. This restricts access to roofing. Do not apply the paint below a height of two metres.

Display warning notices which warn people that anti-climb paint is being used. Display them prominently. Anti-climb paint can be bought from any security products company.

·Consider installing security lighting, particularly at roof level where metal roof coverings are present. Check with your local authority if permission is needed to do this.



## Local Operations and Initiatives

Leith Safer Neighbourhood Team Officers were among more than twenty thousand people who attended the Edinburgh Mela Festival at Leith Links. The festival took place over a weekend at the beginning of September. This event is now in its seventeenth year and attracts visitors from not only the local community but from around the globe. Officers were there to support what is now a truly varied multi-national and multi-cultural event. Almost all of Leith's SNT officer's

had the pleasure of patrolling the event at some point throughout the weekend. With so many diverse cultures gathered together it was a fun family event. The presence of Safer Neighbourhood officer was part of Lothian and Borders Police continuing commitment to engage with all parts of the community. The SNT officers embraced the opportunity to interact with the attendees, performers and organisers to bring about a trouble free event. However having so many families and visitors in one place did bring about challenges for the SNT Officers, particularly when it came to looking out for children whom had strayed away from their parents. By being the friendly approachable face of local policing SNT officers were instrumental in quickly reuniting lost children with their parents. The event was a resounding success with nothing but positive feedback from the community. This demonstrates how the police can work with others to bring the community together. There is no doubt that this event will continue to go from strength to strength in years to come.



As part of the Leith Neighbourhood Partnership's Local Community Plan, Leith SNT officers are working towards a priority, "to create an environment where people feel safe". The aim is to reduce the number of complaints about youth disorder and complaints of Anti-social behaviour and disturbances. In helping to achieve the objectives set by the Community Plan, Leith Safer Neighbourhood Team have teamed up with the Pilmeny Youth Centre to run an initiative over the winter months targeting underage street drinking. Safer Neighbourhood Officers will team up with youth outreach workers on Friday evenings, visiting local parks and other outdoor areas where young people are known to congregate. Over the coming months police officers and youth workers will be engaging with the young people in order to discourage underage drinking and antisocial behaviour. Youth workers will be armed with free hot chocolate and will be actively looking to encourage young people to engage with existing local youth provision services in the area. Safer Neighbourhood Team officers will be providing



advice in relation to personal safety while at the same time discouraging youngsters from antisocial behaviour. Constable Kevin Weaver said "we have built up a good working relationship with the Pilmeny and Citadel Youth Clubs over the years. When dealing with low-level antisocial behaviour it is important to establish a rapport and understanding with the young people. This initiative is an excellent way for us to deter antisocial behaviour while at the same time providing personal safety advice."



## Appeal for information

Police are looking for information in relation to a bag snatch from an 85-year-old female in Brunswick Road about 5.30pm on Friday 9th September. The two male culprits are described as being male, white, 16 or 17-years-old, 5ft 10ins tall with athletic builds. Both were wearing baseball caps and one was wearing a dark-coloured tracksuit while the other wore a grey tracksuit top and red tracksuit bottoms. Following enquiries these males have been identified and charged however they are believed to be responsible for similar incidents in the same area. Anyone who was on Brunswick Street and witnessed this incident or similar incidents in the area is asked to contact police or Crimestoppers in confidence and complete anonymity on 0800 555 111.

### Local Priorities

Following consultation the current local priorities for the Leith Safer Neighbourhood Team police officers are :

[Leith Walk](#)

[Shrubhill House](#) – Partnership work ongoing to improve the site security and tackle complaints about youth on the premises.

[Hawkhill Close](#) – Tackling the problems of thefts from vehicle in the underground car parks.

[Hopetoun Crescent](#) – Addressing the issues of anti social behavior from persons drinking on the street and in the park.

[Leith](#)

[Western Harbour](#) – Partnership work with the City of Edinburgh Council to address complaints about noisy music and disturbances from party flats.

[Leith Link](#) – Joint working and patrols with CEC Environmental Wardens, to educate dog walkers and tackle complaints of dog fouling.

[Restalrig Road](#) – Addressing complaints of anti social behavior from youths congregating at the south end of Restalrig Road. If there is a particular issue that you feel should be a local priority please let us know

## Urinating in the street

Police in Edinburgh are taking a stance on people urinating in the street with a new awareness-raising and enforcement initiative in the Grassmarket.

The 'Don't P\*ss It Up Against the Wall' campaign has been developed after concerns were raised by local residents about people leaving bars and clubs and urinating in the nearby closes and streets.

The Safer Neighbourhood Team in the city centre has worked with the local community and identified ways to tackle this ongoing issue, which is of particular concern during the busy Festival season when visitor numbers in the Grassmarket area swell considerably.

Key to the campaign was public support which resulted in 900 letters being sent to local businesses and residents asking them to attend public meetings to discuss ways of tackling the problem.

As a result of their views at the meetings the hard-hitting publicity campaign was created which will target customers in pubs and clubs and highlight the issue to visitors to the Grassmarket.

The aims of this marketing campaign are to highlight the negative impact this issue has on the local community and to remind both visitors and residents of Edinburgh about the potential £40 Fixed Penalty Ticket that can be issued by police officers for this offence.

In addition to the posters, beer mats and vinyls that will be displayed, the opening times of the coin operated toilets in the area have been extended to 3am and the use of temporary urinals as a longer term solution is being explored. City Centre Police Inspector Dianne Bruce said "while those enjoying a night out in town might think urinating in the street is harmless, it is a real quality of life concern for local residents and businesses."



## 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 555111  
www.crimestoppers-uk.org

### Contact your Local SNT

Leith/Leith Walk Safer  
Neighbourhood Team  
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