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Craigmillar Community Council
POLICE REPORT

1. EAST NEIGHBOURHOOD

Area Commander

Chief Inspector Mark Rennie is the Area Commander for the East Neighbourhood area and is responsible for response policing, performance management and the daily management of personnel. He is based at Craigmillar Police Station.

Ward 17 - Inspector

Inspector Murray Starkey is in charge of the Craigmillar and Portobello Ward Community policing team and is supported by Sergeant Norman Towler Sergeant Kevin Smith and Sergeant John Young.

2. CRIME UPDATE

The summer months have presented significant demands on Police Scotland with major events taking place across the country namely, Commonwealth Games and Ryder Cup in addition to the Edinburgh festival, International Military Tattoo and many local events taking place such as the Craigmillar 50th Festival.

On 14th June the Commonwealth Games Queens relay baton visited Portobello providing an added spectacle as the Portobello Regatta was scheduled on the same day. With these many events and prolonged periods of hot weather Portobello has had thousands of additional visitors and the Community Policing Team have been busy both on foot and pedal cycles to prevent and deter disorder and ensure we keep people safe.

Looking ahead we will continue to work with our partners to address your community concerns to tackle anti-social behaviour, house breaking and property crime, drug dealing and crimes of violence.

There have been 35 recorded crimes during the month of September for the Portobello/Joppa area compared with 76 during the same period in 2013 and 72 recorded last month. Although this significant reduction is extremely positive, unfortunately properties both domestic and business have still been subject to break-ins and pedal cycle theft remains an issue.

A 21 year old male has been reported for a break-in to a business premise.

We continue to target known offenders with Operation WOLF and activity this month resulted in a number of arrests. To assist us we would also appeal to people to take steps to protect their property and remove valuable items from vehicles and other items from open display.

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A crime prevention initiative involving the invisible marking of personal property is being extended to communities across Scotland. The pilot project using the Smart Water solution in The Grange in Edinburgh reduced crime by more than half. The same approach is to be used in parts of Aberdeen, East Lothian, Stirlingshire and Greater Glasgow and the East Neighbourhood area. Properties in The Grange area were marked with a solution containing a unique code which shows up under ultra-violet light. Signs were placed in the community warning that the technology was in use.

The scheme will now be extended to other areas of Scotland and will cover 900 homes in the Duddingston area. "Thieves and those selling on stolen goods will not know what property is marked, and in some instances products will be deployed that are directly transferable to offenders. "

These can only be seen by officers equipped with specialist lighting devices."

3. **Public Consultation Survey 2014**

Police Scotland are currently carrying out the above to find out your views about policing, safety and what it is like to live in the local area. The results of the survey will help inform policing priorities and influence how we engage with the local community in the future.

Our current focus is to reduce crime and disorder, to increase public reassurance within our community and to keep people safe. We will continue to work closely with our partners and find effective long-term solutions to the issues you raised ,namely

1. **Antisocial Behaviour**
2. **Housebreaking and other Theft**
3. **Drug Dealing and Drug Abuse**
4. **Assault and Violent Crime**

4. **News Stories**



Look at Police Scotland Web page for the latest news in your area, read the Local Policing Plan and get Crime Prevention advice. <http://www.scotland.police.uk/>

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