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**Portobello 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. MULTI MEMBER WARD PLAN**

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

**3. CRIME UPDATE**

As we enter a new year it seems appropriate to reflect on our performance so far between April 2014 and January 2015.

Our main priority, after ensuring that we respond appropriately to all crimes and incidents reported daily, is also to make sure officers prioritise the issues that you people tell us concern them the most. These are included in our local ward plans and cover housebreaking, drug dealing, violent crime and antisocial behaviour.

Overall reported crime has been reduced by 11% (212 less crimes)  
Reductions in housebreaking vehicle crimes, assaults, are key contributors to this positive reduction.

Faced with an increase in housebreaking last year, we created a specialist team who ensure that detailed investigation is carried out for what is an invasive and frightening crime to experience. This has resulted in a significant reduction in housebreaking so far this year and three key offenders have also been imprisoned.

Domestic Housebreaking down 32% (61 less houses) with a detection rate of 50%.

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1100 residents were visited by the local community policing team in East Edinburgh and offered Smartwater to forensically mark their property and also provided with additional crime prevention advice.

We have provided additional patrols at key times, working with and visiting licensed premises to tackle anti-social behaviour. Assaults have seen a 11% reduction. (49 less victims)

Local drug dealers are also high on our list of priorities. Following some excellent information and calls from the public, we have recovered several thousands pounds worth of drugs from and ensured that the dealers are placed behind bars where they are no longer able to harm our communities.

Police Scotland this week launched Operation Quarterlight, a national campaign to tackle car crime and vehicle theft across the country. Since November 2014, each week, across Scotland, more than 70 vehicles have been stolen. In addition, each week, more than 230 vehicles have either been broken into or had items stolen from them having been left insecure. Officers will focus on identifying and targeting those responsible for vehicle break-ins and thefts as well as the prevention of vehicle crime by engaging with partners, key stakeholders and members of the public. By changing habits, and working in partnership, vehicle crime can be prevented.

It's everyone's job to make East Edinburgh the safest place it can be and our thanks also go out to the local community who work with us to ensure that this particular area of Edinburgh is a very safe place to live and work.

You can find information, advice and updates on the Multi-Member Ward Plan by visiting the Police Scotland website and click on '**Your Community**'.

We also have a local community policing twitter account **@EdinEastPolice**. We currently have 1920 followers and are keen to hit the 2000 mark enabling us to provide daily information on local matters.

#### 4. **CRIME PREVENTION**

If you are interested in finding additional information regarding Smartwater you can visit the following website : <https://shop.smartwater.com/> There are also other similar products on the market you may wish to consider.



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5. **WINTER SAFETY MESSAGE**

As shown over the past month the winter weather can be very unpredictable and often severe. A cross Scotland is being encouraged to **‘think ahead’** and be prepared for all kinds of severe weather. Whether it’s at home, on the move, in the workplace, or in your community, we all need to consider the risk of severe weather.

For more information on being ready for winter at home, at work or in the community visit [www.readyscotland.org](http://www.readyscotland.org)

**Some other useful sites include:**

Safer Winter Driving: <http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk/report/j9317-01.htm>

Road Safety Scotland: <http://www.road-safety.org.uk/>

Driving in bad weather: <http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk/road/winter-campaigns/driving-bad-weather>

Ready for Winter: <http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk/ready-winter>

6. **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/>

**Follow Your Community Team on Twitter:** [@EdinEastPolice](https://twitter.com/EdinEastPolice)

Twitter is not for reporting crime. In an emergency, call 999. To report a non-urgent incident, call 101. This site is not monitored 24/7.

**How to Contact Us:**

In an emergency always dial 999.

For non-urgent crime, you can contact your local police office by telephoning **101**. Our Twitter and Facebook sites are not for reporting crime and they are not monitored 24/7.

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