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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**

There have been 34 recorded crimes for the period of March a reduction of 10 on the previous month.

The main crimes of note this month was a robbery at Ladbrokes in the High Street for which a male has been arrested. There have been five break-ins to vehicles and opportunists continue to seek to steal from cars when property is clearly in view. Between Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March there were a number of parked cars vandalised by tyres being slashed around the Rosefield and Brighton areas. Cars around the Piershill area were also targeted.

On a positive note, overall reported crime has significantly reduced in the Portobello area compared to last year with in excess of more than 100 less recorded crimes.

**ROAD SAFETY**

One minor injury road accident occurred in Portobello High Street involving a pedestrian. Local officers continue to give attention to pedestrian crossing areas where a number of inconsiderate drivers have parked within the zig-zag markings

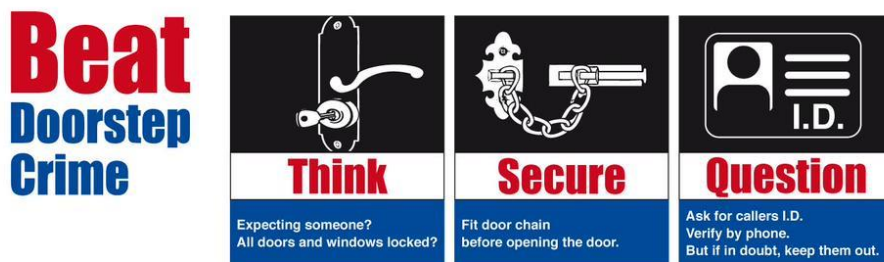
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endangering both pedestrians and other road users. We have also received complaints concerning a few inconsiderate cyclists on the Promenade, again we will be giving this area attention.

As we near the end of the second year of Police Scotland we have been engaging with the local community to listen to your concerns and to determine what our local priorities for the coming year should be.

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

#### 4. CRIME PREVENTION



During the past month we have been running Operation Monarda aimed at targeting and eradicating the scourge of doorstep crime and bogus callers. As we approach spring and summer offers to carry out repairs to roofs, guttering and garden work often become more frequent. Doorstep crime can affect anyone but we know that the over 60's are particularly vulnerable. Bogus callers and rogue traders can be extremely convincing in how they present themselves and win over the confidence of potential victims. Sadly, many people are convinced by their lies.

**We don't recommend dealing with cold-callers for any form of property maintenance or repair to your home, so if you have any doubts, do not let them into your house.**

**If you are aware of any suspicious activity taking place at the home of a neighbour, friend or family member, then please report it immediately to Police Scotland or your local trading standards service.**

In some instances, entire life savings are wiped out to pay for often unnecessary work, however, the long term impact of doorstep crime can be much more than the financial loss; often impacting on the health and wellbeing of the victim. We also can't forget the knock on effect this crime can have on local business and the economy more widely.

Doorstep crime has been identified as a national priority for Scottish Trading Standards for the last couple of years and it has been again for 2015/16. Trading Standards and the Police have a long history of working together to combat this issue.

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The message is simple, doorstep crime will not be tolerated in our communities and we all have a role to play in combating it and keeping those around us safe.

If you have information regarding who is responsible, you can contact Crimestoppers anonymously on [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)

For more information on doorstep crime, visit our campaigns page

[www.scotland.police.uk/whats-happening/campaigns/2015/beat-doorstep-crime](http://www.scotland.police.uk/whats-happening/campaigns/2015/beat-doorstep-crime)

### 5. 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.

#### **YOUR POLICE OFFICE**

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