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## South East Edinburgh Community Policing Quarterly Newsletter

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# News and Updates

## Meet the new Community Inspector

Inspector Scott Casey has taken over the role of South East Community Inspector. Scott has 20 years' service and has worked in a variety of stations and departments across Edinburgh during his career. Some of his previous roles include Response and Community Policing in Edinburgh and Forth Valley divisions, Area Control Room and the Flexible Response Unit.

Scott is a Public Order and CBRN Commander and has worked across the country in specialist roles, gaining experience in policing protests and large scale events. The knowledge Scott has gained will be invaluable in his new role where he will promote community engagement, listen to and address the concerns of residents, business and community groups.

"I am delighted to be taking up the role of Community Inspector for South East Edinburgh. I want to build a team that is effective and engenders public confidence, I will ensure that my officers are visible in the community and, in conjunction with partners, tackle the issues that matter to you. I am eager to improve the way that my officers engage with the public and I am keen to hear your views on how we can do this by emailing [EdinburghCPTSouthEast@Scotland.police.uk](mailto:EdinburghCPTSouthEast@Scotland.police.uk).  
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Inspector Casey and his team of officers will be working with partners and the community to tackle local issues.



## Community Engagement

During this quarter our local community officers carried out numerous crime prevention stalls at different venues, including Cameron Toll shopping centre, the Morningside area and the Commonwealth Pool. We choose popular venues and locations in order to engage with different demographics within the community.

During these stalls we have provided crime prevention advice which included how to spot scammers, keeping the family home and property safe, and pedal cycle security.

By carrying out these stalls it enables members of the public to speak face to face with officers. It often results with important information being provided to the police in respect of a variety of matters, including drug dealing.

Your information is key to tackling local issues and criminal activity in the local area.

We have also visited several local primary schools to meet the pupils and tell them what we do, how we help people and what they can do to be good citizens.



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## Vehicle Excise Licence Day of Action

On 20<sup>th</sup> February, we carried out a day of action alongside DVLA in respect of vehicles failing to have a valid excise licence, MOT or insurance.

We understand the frustration our communities have in relation to vehicles not having the appropriate documentation on the road. Not only is it illegal, but unfair to those that have paid sums of money for the relevant documentation.

During the day of action we focused our attention on the Gilmerton area and five vehicles were uplifted. A further nine were clamped and one driver was reported for not having a valid MOT certificate.

We ask all motorists to ensure they have the appropriate documentation in place as we continue our ongoing efforts to keep our roads safe.



## South Initiative Team

The South Initiative Team and Community Officers have been working on a range of issues in recent months. These include pre planned operations, carrying out proactive plain clothes patrols. Below are some positive results

- As part on an ongoing operation, drugs with a street value of £95,000 have been seized. This significant recovery has impacted criminal activity and stopped a large quantity of drugs reaching local communities. To date two persons have been arrested and reported with further enquiries ongoing
- Several drug warrants have been enforced resulting in homes being searched, drugs recovered and persons being reported to the courts for a variety of offences.
- An imitation handgun and a variety of controlled drugs were recovered from an individual during an enquiry by plain clothes officers.

These are examples of local officers acting on intelligence given to the police. Community intelligence is vital to the ongoing work of the South Initiative Team so please report any intelligence to the police or crimestoppers.

## Trading Standards Partnership Working

Following community intelligence about the underage sale of alcohol, vapes and illegal tobacco, on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023, community officers worked in partnership with officers from Trading Standards within the Southside area.

The aim was to ensure the challenge 25 scheme was being enforced and there was no illegal tobacco or vaping devices present within certain retail premises. Trading Standard colleagues seized several vapes for further investigation. All retailers visited were given a strong message in respect of their obligations and our expectations.

To enable us to ensure retail premises in the local area are acting responsibility and legal, we ask you continue to pass information to us which will allow an intelligence led approach.



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## Operation SE Agora

Due to an increase of bicycle theft in the Southside, Meadows, Newington and Morningside areas we launched Operation SE Agora. SE Agora looks to build on the success and learning from the citywide Operation Agora.

As part of SE Agora we have been working in close partnership with Edinburgh University and officers have been deployed in both high visibility and non uniform patrols across key areas. We have also highlighted on social media ways to prevent bicycle theft.

On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March we held a bike marking and security event at the Commonwealth pool where we spoke to a number of local people and security marked bike for free. Our next two bike marking events will take place at Nine (BioQuarter), 9 Little France Road on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 10am, and Cameron Toll Shopping Centre on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 11am.

Further events are being planned so keep an eye on our new twitter page, @PSOSSEEdinburgh.

To date we have reported one person for attempting to steal bikes in the local area. Whilst our investigation continue to identify further offenders, please consider way to keep your bike safe. Later in this bulletin we have listed a number of things to consider.

If you have any information which you believe could assist us in our enquiries, please email [EdinburghCPTSouthEast@scotland.police.uk](mailto:EdinburghCPTSouthEast@scotland.police.uk)

## Moredun Multi Storey Flats Partnership Working

In recent weeks we have been working with residents and City of Edinburgh Council to tackle antisocial behaviour in and around the Moredun multi storey flats.

We have carried out a number of high visibility and non uniform patrols in the area and have deployed a combination of engagement and enforcement tactics to address the issues. We have engaged with a number of young people, and discussed the impact of their behaviour with both the child and their parents through a restorative approach. By highlighting how their actions influence others and the importance of personal responsibility we hope to alter their behaviour and reduce antisocial behaviour.

Unfortunately, there have been reports of vandalism and other criminal offences which have led to persons being charged. To date, individuals have been reported for offences including culpable and reckless conduct, threatening and abusive behaviour, vandalism and possession of controlled a substance.

We will continue to work with local residents and our partners at the Council to tackle this issue so please report any issues.



# Crime Prevention Advice

## Relay Car Theft

Did you know vehicles fitted with a smart or passive key are susceptible to relay theft? Criminals can use specialist equipment that has the ability to grab the signal from a car to the smart key, even when it is within your house. The signal is then used to make the car think the key is present allowing it to be entered and stolen. Vehicles parked in drive ways, or directly outside the home are most vulnerable.

A simple step to prevent relay theft is to store your car keys in a security pouch when not in use. These pouches are sometimes termed Faraday bags or signal blockers/shields.

There are many security rated versions on the market and these will prevent the signal from your vehicle being captured by these electronic devices.



## Bogus callers

If you receive an unexpected phone call, or text from someone purporting to be from your bank or any other reputable company. Please remember it is their responsibility to confirm your identity and not yours. Please do not give them any personal information, agree to transfer money, click on any links, or read any codes they send to your phone.

Recently, we had a case where an individual believed they were speaking to a reputable company so they read back a code that had been texted to their phone. The code allowed them to reset and access their apple account, enabling them to steal funds.

If in doubt, hang up and phone the bank or company back using a known number. We recommend always waiting around 5 minutes if making the call from the same handset. Criminals have the ability to keep the line open, even when you hang up. Lastly, remember, your bank will never ask you transfer money or confirm sensitive banking details.

**Beat bogus callers**

- Keep front and back doors locked.
- Fit a door chain or bar, and use it.
- Only let callers in if they have an appointment.
- Always ask for ID and check it carefully.
- Don't keep large sums of money at home.
- Call 999 and ask for the police if you feel scared or threatened.



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# Crime Prevention Advice

## Bicycle security advice

The following crime prevention advice should be considered when leaving your bike in a public space

- Leave your bike in high footfall, bright areas.
- Leave your bike where you know it will be covered by CCTV.
- Never leave your bike overnight in public spaces.
- Ensure your D Lock is gold standard, or secure by design approved. Where possible use a minimum of two locks. The value of your locks should ideally be 10% of the bike purchase price.
- Locks should ideally be fastened through the frame and wheel, but always to a fixed immovable object.
- Bikes should be photographed and full details noted, including serial numbers. Details can be uploaded for free on Bike Register [www.bikeregister.com](http://www.bikeregister.com).
- Security mark your bike. Bike marking kits can be purchased from Bike Register, or attend a police bike security marking event. Dates are published at @PSOSSEdinburgh.
- Consider purchasing a GPS tracker.
- Always remove batteries from e-bikes when left unattended.
- Never leave your bike unattended and insecure, even just for a minute.
- Remove all lights and accessories when leaving your bike unattended.
- Vary your routine and lock your bike in different places.



# CAP and Looking Ahead

## Community Alcohol Partnership

As part of the evaluation process for the Community Alcohol Partnership (CAP), we would appreciate if you could take a few minutes to complete a survey, accessed via the QR code or link.

The CAP is focused on reducing underage drinking and associated antisocial behaviour. Some of our past work has been highlighted in previous newsletters.

The survey will take a maximum of 5 minutes to complete.

Link - <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KDSZD6X>

QR Code -



## Looking Ahead

Looking ahead over the next few months we will be focusing our continued efforts on tackling bike theft in the local area. Follow our updates on twitter #OpSEAgora.

We will also be focusing on increasing awareness of measures which can be taken to keep your property safe, along with dealing with antisocial behaviour and drug misuse. Follow our updates on twitter #OperationVanguard

As we enter the summer months, we will begin our preparation for activities within the meadows and school holidays. Follow our updates on twitter #OpDextra.

We are currently reviewing ways on how to improvement engagement with our communities. If you have any suggestions, we are keen to hear your views.

We are planning to hold a week of action in respect of Hate Crime awareness through and bike marking events will continue to take place across the area.

Officers will of course continue to keep your roads safe through speed checks and joint working with our road policing unit. Follow our updates on twitter #OpSlowTime.

We encourage you to pass any information on criminal activity to us, or by phoning CrimeStoppers on 0800 555 111. You also have the option to complete their online form.



# Your team out in the community





## About Us



### Local Area Commander:

Chief Inspector Murray Tait

### SE Edinburgh Community Policing Team:

Inspector Scott Casey

Sergeant Barry Mercer

Sergeant Grant Robertson

**12 Community Officers** dedicated to the Liberton, Gilmerton, Newington, Southside and Morningside areas.

**3 School Link Officer**

**2 Local Partnership Officers**

**A proactive, plain-clothes South Initiative Team.**

### Contact Us:



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