



# Dalkeith Sector CBO newsletter

All the news that impacts on you and your community

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This newsletter is  
our way of keeping  
you in touch with  
initiatives in the  
local area

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## Meet the CBO Team

**WELCOME TO** the first of many Dalkeith Sector Community Beat Officer newsletters. Published every two months, the newsletter will provide you with useful information regarding the CBO team, some of the initiatives and events we are involved with and some of the organisations and agencies we work in partnership with, helping to make our communities safer.

**THE CBO'S** role is to work with and within, the local community, dealing with local people and agencies, to tackle local issues and problems.

**THERE HAVE** been a few changes over the last few months, with a change of personnel and some officers changing areas. This has resulted in the Dalkeith Sector CBO Team lining up as follows:

**SECTOR INSPECTOR:** John McGill  
**SECTOR SERGEANT:** Scott Meechan  
**WOODBURN CBO:** PC Katy Johnstone  
**MAYFIELD CBO:** PC Martin Doyle  
**GOREBRIDGE CBO:** PC Mark Singleton  
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**NEWTONGRANGE CBO:** PC Blair Watson  
**PATHEAD/COUSLAND CBO:** PC Bert Mohammed

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## Long Hot Summer?

**WITH THE** summer at an end and our two weeks in the sun all but a distant memory, it's time to reflect on a number of local events which took place over this busy period.

**DURING THE** summer, the CBO team policed a variety of events including the Midlothian Sprint Triathlon, Mayfield, Newtongrange, Cousland and Gorebridge Gala Days, Dalkeith Agricultural Show and Dalkeith and Vogrie Festival days.

**EVERY EVENT** was unique in its own way, with each offering a diverse range of activities and entertainment. Whether traditional, modern, or in some cases unusual, each event had a

common theme, to bring their community together, even if it was for just one day.

**IT WAS** fantastic to see local people participating in these events. It was obvious everybody was having a good time and enjoying themselves, we really enjoyed ourselves too!

**A LOT** of hard work and effort goes into organising such events and the organisers of each should be applauded for their determination, effort and commitment to make each enjoyable for everyone. The good news is it's only a few months until we do it all again!

# Off Road Motorcycle Initiative

**THE DALKEITH** Sector CBO's, in conjunction with the Midlothian Community Action Teams, recently ran an off road motorbike initiative which was designed to tackle the rise in complaints relating to youths using off road motorbikes on public roads and public spaces. The initiative targeted identified hotspot areas using high visibility car and foot patrols, plain clothes officers, as well as Road Policing Unit Motorcycle Section Officers.

**PCBERT** Mohammad, who organized the initiative

said, "The anti-social use of motorcycles causes the police and the local community great concern. It is not only dangerous, but often illegal. The initiative tackled the problem in a pro-active manner, dealing with the offenders robustly, resulting in two offenders receiving ASBO warnings".

**THIS ACTION** drives home the message that this type of behaviour is unacceptable and we will continue to work hard to make our communities a safer place to live and work".



■ **AN** off road motorcycle being used in a public place

# Recreation Roadshow 2009

**IN SEPTEMBER** 2009, Local officers, in conjunction with Midlothian Council, held a Dalkeith "Recreation Roadshow 2009", within the main school at Dalkeith Campus.

**THIS WAS** the second of what is hoped will become annual events in the Midlothian area. A variety of recreational organisations were invited to attend to promote their activities to the pupils with a view to recruiting new or younger members to their clubs and events.

**THE SCHOOL'S** S1 and S2 pupils were released from their classes throughout the day to sample some of the many activities available in the local area. This gave some of the kids the opportunity to try activities and sports for the first time such as golf, boxing, karate, street dancing, receive football coaching from ex-Scotland star Keith Wright, as well as the chance to play the bagpipes!

**THE EVENT** was a huge success, with the kids and adults, thoroughly enjoying themselves.

# Midlothian Young Persons Advice Service

**DALKEITH SECTOR** CBO's are working in conjunction with Midlothian Young Peoples Advice Service (MYPAS), who provide a weekly drop in service, every Wednesday between 7pm and 9.30 pm, for 12-25 year olds.

**MYPAS PROVIDE** various health projects for young people which, include art therapy, drug and alcohol counselling and a sexual health advice service.

**YOUNG PEOPLE** can self refer to access these services. More information and further details can be obtained from:

**MYPAS**  
Toolbooth Hall  
176 High Street  
Dalkeith  
EH22 1AY  
**Tel:** 0131 454 0757  
**E-mail:** enquiries@mypas.co.uk

# Back to School

**THE CBO'S** went back to school recently, commencing the new term with a series of talks to hundreds of local primary and secondary schoolchildren.

**ALL THE** talks were designed to provide information on a variety of social and lifestyle issues, assisting the children to make informed choices about the way they live and behave, whilst offering advice on how to keep themselves safe.

**EACH TALK** lasted around 35 minutes and were designed to encourage the children to interact with the officers, thus ensuring the inputs were fun as well as informative. The presentations allowed the kids to participate as individuals, by discussing their experiences and sharing their knowledge, as well as in groups by working together to complete specific tasks.

**WOODBURN CBO** Katy Johnstone said "I love doing the school talks, particularly to the primary school kids. It was a bit daunting at first, but I really enjoy it now. The feedback I get from the kids is great and it is a fantastic way of getting to know them. I get a great deal of satisfaction knowing that some of the information, advice and skills I provide to them during the talks can have a really positive effect on their lives and that is a big part of what being a Community Beat Officer is all about".

**FOR MORE** information regarding any of the talks please contact your local Community Beat Officer.

**2009 SCHOOL** Talks Programme:

**PRIMARY SCHOOL:**  
personal safety, bullying, good citizenship, vandalism, personal safety and fireworks, theft, Hoax 999 calls, as well as drugs awareness talks.

**SECONDARY SCHOOL:**  
internet safety, personal safety, vandalism, bullying, youth crime, social skills as well as various alcohol and drugs awareness talks.

# Danderhall/ Pathhead/ Cousland

**RESIDENTS OF** Danderhall, Pathhead and Cousland, will shortly have their own mobile police station.

**IN JANUARY** 2010, local Community Beat Officer Bert Mohammad will commence weekly surgeries in all three areas to provide residents with information and advice, and deal with any problems or issues.

**THE INITIATIVE** is designed to give residents of outlying villages and rural locations, especially those who are not in a position to travel, the opportunity to have regular access to Police services.

**OH NO** it's not! oh yes it is! Oh yes it is as pantomime season bursts into life at Pathhead Village Hall, which will play host to Robin Hood and the Babes in the Wood from Tuesday 1st to Friday 4th December 2009 starting at 7.30 pm each evening. Tickets are priced £6 or £4.50 for concessions and are on sale at Wahlberg Bakers, Pathhead Post Office or Bits and Bobs (Mayfield). Alternatively, visit [www.pathheadplayers.org.uk](http://www.pathheadplayers.org.uk)

**PATHEAD AMATEURS** Football Club are looking for players, particularly a 30 goal a season striker; is that you? If you are 16 and over and want to get involved playing in the Edinburgh and Lothians East Saturday League, get in touch. Training is at Newbattle High School between 7.30 and 9.00pm. Give Terry a call on **07824 332524** for further information.

**COUSLAND** - A Local History Project, Open Archive Coffee Morning, will be held in Cousland Village Hall on 5 December from 10am to 12.30pm. A collection of photographs, maps and books will be on display. Group members will be there to chat about the history of the village over a cuppa.

**For further information, call:**  
0131 663 2730  
or visit  
[www.cousland.net](http://www.cousland.net)

# Dalkeith

**FRIDAY NIGHTS** are sorted for 11 to 16 year olds in the Dalkeith area as the New Youth Café (NYC) opened its doors for the first time on Friday 6th November 2009.

**BASED AT** St John's Church, Dalkeith, the NYC offers a crash facility where members can chat and listen to music, as well as all manner of fun games and activities.

**THE NYC** was the brain child of local resident Yvonne Crabbe who said "The area didn't have anything of this type for the kids, I just wanted to fill the gap. Some local businesses, Dalkeith and Eskbank Community Council and the Police have all provided help and support. Hopefully it will be successful"

**THE CAFÉ** is open from 7pm to 9pm, with entry costing £1.



# Gorebridge/Newtongrange

**COMMUNITY SPIRIT** is alive and kicking in Newtongrange and here's the proof. After five disabled residents had their mobility scooters stolen and damaged, some beyond repair, the Dean Trust stepped in to ensure that none of the victims, most of them elderly, suffered financial loss.

**THE TRUST**, which involves a number of local residents, could pay

out up to £620 to assist in meeting the costs of repairs, or the victim's insurance policy excess. Local CBO Blair Watson commented "This is a fantastic gesture by the Trust, one which I know is appreciated by the victims, their families, and the local community".

**TWO MALES** have been reported to the Procurator Fiscal and Children's Reporter in relation to the thefts.

# Why call Crimestoppers?

**CRIMESTOPPERS IS** a freephone service which allows you to report a crime without leaving any information about yourself.

**CRIMESTOPPERS RECORD** no personal details, they simply pass on the information you have about crime while protecting your identity.

**TO CONTACT** Crimestoppers anonymously, call **0800 555 111**, or visit [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)



# It's Quiz Time.

## Answers on a Postcard

1. Which animal does a Hippophobe fear?
2. How many Black squares are there on a chessboard?
3. Which Scottish river supplies over 90% of the water used in Whiskey manufacture?
4. By what name was Shirley Crabtree better known?
5. Which group talked about Pop Muzik?
6. Who is the only boxer to have knocked out Mohammed Ali?
7. What is the more common name for Nitrous Oxide?
8. Name the magnificent seven.
9. Which two England international footballers captained teams on A Question of Sport?
10. In which country was ice cream created?
11. What is the capital of Ethiopia?
12. If your luggage had the tag YYZ what airport would you be flying to?
13. We don't do 13's!

## Did you know?

Drunk drivers in Taiwan can choose their own penalty.

In Alabama it's against the law to play dominoes on Sunday.

In Florida it's illegal to wear swimwear while singing in a public place.

Duelling is legal in Paraguay if both parties are registered blood donors.

The LAPD had the very first female police officer.

Donald Duck comics were once banned from Finland because Donald doesn't wear pants.

**IF YOU** find this newsletter interesting, others may do so too. Please feel free to pass it on to anyone you know who may be interested in policing in Lothian and Borders or share it with members of any organisation with which you are associated.

## Dalkeith Sector CBO

**If you have any suggestions for inclusion in our next newsletter, then please write to us at:**

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