



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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60 seconds ...

SIXTY SECONDS is our new feature to give you the chance to get to know your Community Beat Officer (CBO) team better. First in the hot seat is PC Katy Johnstone, CBO for Woodburn.

So, stopwatch to the ready, go!

What music do you have on your iPod?

Lenny Kravitz, Rod Stewart, Foo Fighters and Girls Aloud.

What three things would you take to a desert island?

A survival book, a wind-up radio and a bottle of shampoo (cos I'm worth it!).

Wine: Red or white? Red.

Where in the world would you like to holiday? Mauritius, one day.

Which celebrity would you invite to your birthday party, and why?

Billy Connolly, because he's really funny.



Favourite chocolate bar? Galaxy

Favourite TV programme?

Eastenders. All the soaps, really!

You would run a mile to avoid?

A spider - scary!

Your most embarrassing moment?

Answering question 2!

Bank of Scotland Midnight Leagues

FRIDAY NIGHTS are football nights at Dalkeith Campus - and even better, they're FREE! From Friday 29th January 2010, the Scottish Football Association are running a programme of Midnight League matches in conjunction with Midlothian Community Safety Partnership. The leagues (which run until Friday 2nd April) are designed to teach young people new skills while playing football in a safe and enjoyable environment, with small team sizes making for high tempo, exciting games.

SFA DEVELOPMENT Officer Keith Wright said, "The Midnight Leagues have proved very popular with local kids, and it's clear from the amount attending that they enjoy themselves. Football is a great way to meet new people, get fit, learn new skills, and have fun."

DUE TO limited availability places are allocated on a first come first served basis, so you need to be quick. To register call 01968 664090 or e-mail keith.wright@midlothian.gov.uk

Operation Excursion

IN FEBRUARY, the Dalkeith Sector CBOs will begin Operation Excursion, a pedal cycle initiative designed to reduce the number of bike thefts in the Midlothian area.

WORKING IN partnership with Tesco, The Bike Shed, (26 Station Road, Newtongrange), and the Woodburn Bike Workshop (Dalkeith Community Centre, Woodburn), the CBOs aim to reduce thefts by education, prevention and pro-active policing.

BIKE SAFETY and security will also play a big part in the operation, with talks and quizzes being held at local primary schools.

CBO's WILL also deliver crime prevention advice; carry out security marking; and give out bike passports; as well as conducting plain clothes and high visibility foot and bike patrols, to deter thefts and help spot offenders.



Midlothian Sure Start Family Reachout - Mayfield

MIDLOTHIAN SURE Start's Family Reachout centre offers community-based family support for young families in Mayfield, Easthouses, Newtongrange and the surrounding areas.

BASED IN the grounds of Mayfield and St Luke's Combined Primary School, the centre provides structured sessions and a drop-in service for families and main carers with children aged under three years, who are looking for extra help and support.

REGISTERED FAMILIES can discuss any issues they're having difficulty with, in a confidential setting. They also have the opportunity to learn new skills which will positively affect their everyday lives such as parenting, alternative/complementary therapy and group sessions for healthy lifestyles which will include cooking,

THE CENTRE is open Monday to Friday. For more information, phone 0131 660 6644, or visit www.midlothiansurestart.org.uk

Safer Streets Campaign

OVER THE festive period the Dalkeith Sector CBOs were involved in the National Safer Streets campaign.

MIDLOTHIAN'S TOWNS become increasingly busy in the run up to Christmas, with the majority of people only interested in hitting the shops or having fun. However, opportunist thieves often take advantage of the crowds during this period and the CBO team were on hand to crack down on anti-social behaviour, particularly alcohol-fuelled violence; street crime; and shoplifting.

OFFICERS CARRIED out high visibility foot patrols, visiting clubs, bars, off-licenses, shops and car parks. They distributed leaflets, posters and offered crime prevention advice on a variety of subjects, all of which was very well received by local businesses and the public alike.

THE CAMPAIGN led to a reduction in reported incidents, ensuring a safe and enjoyable festive period for Midlothian residents.

Protect Your Property

SHOULD YOU be unfortunate enough to be the victim of theft, then the chances of getting your property back will be greatly increased by registering them with Immobilise.com.

IMMOBILISE IS a free online service which is quick and easy to use. Once registered, any item subsequently stolen and later recovered can be checked by the police on a database, and reunited with its rightful owner.

MOBILE PHONES, jewellery, pedal cycles, televisions - anything can be registered So, what are you waiting for? Register your valuables now.

The Bill Russell Woodburn Youth Project

THE BILL Russell Woodburn Youth Project will be up and running again on Saturday 23rd January 2010 after taking a well earned break over the Festive Season.

BASED IN the Midlothian Advice and Resource Centre (MARC), 10 Woodburn Road, Dalkeith, the project offers a drop in facility for local youths to meet, chat and have fun in a warm and friendly environment.

THERE ARE lots of different activities available including state of the art games consoles and computers. Various events are planned throughout the year.

OPEN EVERY Saturday between 6:30pm and 8:30pm, the Project is free to enter and caters for young people from 1st to 4th year secondary school age groups. Sound good? Why not pop along and see what you are missing.

Dalkeith/ Woodburn

A 16 year old thief has been caught and charged thanks to the efforts of Woodburn residents.

A NUMBER of thefts and attempted thefts from motor vehicles, houses and garden huts were reported in the Woodburn area in November 2009. CBO Katy Johnstone carried out the investigation and with the help of the local community, not only identified the culprits, but helped bring them to justice.

PC JOHNSTONE said, 'Hopefully this will show the people of Woodburn that by working with the police they can really make a difference to the community. It will also send a message to young offenders that we will deal with them in a robust manner.'

A REPORT is being prepared for the Procurator Fiscal.

Pathhead/ Cousland/ Fala

AS REPORTED in issue 1, this area will soon have access to their own mobile Police Station. Local CBO, Bert Mohammed, will be on hand in the Divisional Command Vehicle to offer information and advice to local residents. He can be found on the dates below at the following locations:

Wednesday 10th February 2010
Fala Village Hall 6:00pm - 6:45pm
Pathhead Village Hall 7:00pm - 8:00pm
Cousland Village Hall 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Saturday 20th February 2010
Cousland Village Hall 11:00am - Noon
Pathhead Village Hall 12:15pm - 1.15pm
Fala Village Hall 1:30pm - 2:30pm

Wednesday 10th March 2010
Fala Village Hall 6:00pm - 6:45pm
Pathhead Village Hall 7:00pm - 8:00pm
Cousland Village Hall 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Saturday 27th March 2010
Cousland Village Hall 11:00am - Noon
Pathhead Village Hall 12:15pm - 1.15pm
Fala Village Hall 1:30pm - 2.30pm

PC Mohammed can also be contacted at edivcbodkgroup@lbp.pnn.police.uk

Newtongrange

THREE NEWTONGRANGE youths were reported to the Children's Reporter following two separate incidents in which stones were thrown at buses.

A NUMBER of windows were smashed and a bus driver and passenger received treatment for minor injuries, after what Councillor Colin Beattie described as 'an act of mindless stupidity.'

THANKS TO information received from the local community, PC Blair Watson was able to identify those responsible and deal with them accordingly.

PC WATSON said, 'I have no doubt the behaviour of these youths would have led to far more serious consequences had they not been caught.'

Mayfield/Easthouses

THE FESTIVE season got off to a fantastic start in Mayfield and Easthouses, with a Christmas light celebration at Mayfield Leisure Centre.

THE CENTRE'S programme was vast and varied, with something for everyone including: Magic Max the Magician; storytelling; sports coaching; carol singing; and a multitude of stalls selling everything from jewellery to reindeer food.

THERE WAS no doubt, however, that the main attraction was Santa's Grotto, with children queuing by the dozen to receive Christmas gifts.

THE EVENT ended with the switching on of the Christmas lights in Co-op Square and the smiles on faces young and old showed everyone had a good time.



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**



It's Quiz Time

Answers on a Postcard

1. What is the chemical formula of snow?
2. In 2009, Dorothy Hughes (85) and Winifred Phillips (82) became the first what?
3. Who came third in UK X-Factor 2009?
4. Indian corporation Tata launched a 100,000 rupee (£1,350) what in 2009?
5. The 2009 'Bloodgate' rugby union scandal centred on which club?
6. Who sang the Bond theme Goldeneye?
7. What does HTML stand for?
8. What did NASA claim to have discovered after the LCROSS satellite crashed on the Moon?
9. Ben Collins was 'outed' in January 2009 as which mysterious TV character?
10. Which English town became the first to be twinned with Walt Disney World in Florida?
11. Which avant garde celebrity coined the expression "15 minutes of fame"?
12. NW1 6XE, whose postcode?

Did you know?

In Florida, unmarried women can be jailed for parachuting on a Sunday.

It is illegal to flag down a taxi in London if you have the plague.

Russian motorists can be fined for having a dirty car.

The Bible is the most shoplifted book in the USA.

In France it is forbidden to call a pig Napoleon.

Al Capone's business card stated he was a used furniture dealer.

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.

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

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Some useful web addresses:

Lothian and Borders Fire and Rescue
www.lothian.fire-org.uk

National Health Service
www.nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk

Victim Support Scotland
www.victimsupportsco.org.uk

Midlothian Drug and Alcohol Team
www.drugmisuse.isdscotland.org/dat/midlothian/Midlothian.htm

Midlothian Council
www.midlothian.gov.uk

Midlothian Community Voices Programme
www.midlothiancvp.org.uk

Midlothian Sure Start
www.midlothiansurestart.org.uk

Black Diamond Community Radio
www.blackdiamondfm.com

Neighbourhood Watch
www.neighbourhoodwatch.net

www.lbp.police.uk