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# **Edinburgh South West Community Policing Team**

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## Overview

During October 2016, the community police teams within Edinburgh restructured to enable us to improve our service to the local community and we would like to take this opportunity to tell you more about the new community policing team in the South West. The changes were as a result of feedback from you, the public, about our community policing approach and the fact that we want to be more visible across the area and have more opportunity to engage with and work with our communities.

Local issues impacting on individuals and communities matter to us and within the new structure we have the chance to work on these and work more closely with our partners to improve the service delivered within the area. Our shift pattern has been realigned in order to enable us to be working at times that impact most on community issues so that we can be present and visible within the area. A number of new roles have been developed within the team in order to enable us to deliver a flexible and effective community service to tackle the wide range of challenges and issues faced.

The South West Community Policing Team is working to;

- Serve and engage with the local community, improving our visibility and presence
- Prevent crime, tackling local needs and developing solutions to local issues
- Enhance and develop our work with partners to improve our services for local communities, including earlier intervention, prevention and education.

Roles within the team include:

- **Community Ward Officers**, who as per the previous structure, are the two named officers who are funded by the City of Edinburgh Council in each ward focusing on community engagement and addressing local issues within their wards (see details on next page).
- **Area Community Officers** who work closely with community ward officers to enhance our capability to address local issues (see details on next page).
- **Local Alcohol Violence Reduction Unit** who work proactively to tackle and investigate local crime trends and other local priorities.
- **Local Authority Liaison/Family and Household Support Team Officers** who are aligned to work more closely with the council teams focusing on early intervention and prevention.
- **Prison Liaison Officer** who works closely in partnership with the Scottish Prison Service in HMP Edinburgh.
- **School Link Officers** who are embedded within the secondary schools to work with staff in education, pupils and other youths to promote awareness and early intervention.

### South West Community Ward and Area Officers

Ward 2 Pentland Hills	Ward 8 Colinton and Fairmilehead
Sergeant Telford	
Ward Officers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Constable Chancellor</li> <li>• Constable Murdoch</li> </ul>	Ward Officers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Constable Kaiser Ferris</li> <li>• Constable Howie</li> </ul>
Area Community Officers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Constable Brown</li> <li>• Constable Jones</li> <li>• Constable Deer</li> </ul>	

Ward 7 Sighthill and Gorgie	Ward 9 Fountainbridge and Craiglockhart
Sergeant Dickson	
Ward Officers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Constable Baillie</li> <li>• Constable Morris</li> </ul>	Ward Officers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Constable Doran</li> <li>• Constable Wotton</li> </ul>
Area Community Officers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Constable Mauchline</li> <li>• Constable Crow</li> <li>• Constable Mears</li> <li>• Constable Doran</li> </ul>	

If you would like to contact a member of the community team, they can be contacted by email via the relevant ward:

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*“As a ward officer my role is to take ownership and responsibility of the area that I cover. In order to do this I need to be visible, and provide a point of contact for local residents, schools, businesses and other organisations. Within the new policing model, I am given time to effectively deal with longstanding and ongoing issues causing concern in the community.*

*Often these issues are complex and cannot be solved by the police alone but I have had some really positive results by engaging with local partners. For example, I worked closely with Edinburgh Council to help have an ASBO granted in respect of a noisy resident. I also worked extensively with local youths, schools to help identify a male responsible for a spate of stone throwing from bridges onto fast-moving vehicles.*

*Whilst these investigations take time, the end results are appreciated by, and make a real difference to, the communities affected by them.”*

Constable Chancellor, Ward 2

*“In my new role, I deal with local issues requiring early intervention through working closely with partner agencies to identify which service is best suited to deal. For example, this maybe identifying at an early stage, vulnerable persons in the area and highlighting this to partners who will progress with engaging with them and offering support as needed.*

*I believe this new approach is helping closer working practices between Police, Council and other partner agencies. We have already seen some positive results and it is exciting work to be doing.”*

Constable Stapleton, FAHS Officer

*“As a new Community Ward Officer I am enjoying the autonomy I am given to get involved with community issues. Through increased community engagement I am able to be at the frontline identifying what actually matters to people. By having increased visibility and forging relationships within the community it allows me to positively engage with those that require the most assistance. In turn this has allowed me to identify and target those that are insistent on committing criminality and disorder within the local community”.*

Constable Morris, Ward 7

*“I am really encouraged and enthusiastic about the opportunities ahead for community policing in the South West of Edinburgh. I have a strong team of officers, with a variety of skills and experience, and they are all embracing the opportunities the new structure is affording them.*

*Our links with partners in the council are developing quickly and it is very positive to see the increase in joint working already evident through the work they are doing. I am keen for the ward officers to become more visible within their communities and am encouraging them to think of new ways to work within their areas.*

*Communicating and engaging with our communities is important in our approach and over the next few months we will be looking at ways to improve this. I do believe it has been a very positive start and we are going to keep building on this.”*

Chief Inspector Helen Harrison, South West Local Area Commander.

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