

Community Safety Group 27-02-2013: report to GPCC

The South Central Neighbourhood Partnership CSG advises the police (Safer Neighbourhood Team) and the council (Community Safety Team) on priorities in both parts of the SCNP area. This report relates primarily to the Southside/Newington part within which the GPCC is situated.

Police representatives reported on priorities determined at the previous CSG meeting on Nov 14. None were recommended to continue as priorities.

1. Graffiti to the front of shop premises along Sciennes Road. Extra patrols and vigilance; CCTV monitoring investigated but not funded; Graffiti removal kits distributed.
2. Cyclists without lights in the Mayfield Road area. About 35 cyclists stopped, and 2 fixed penalties issued.
3. Motorists contravening no right turn signs in Minto Street. None observed.

Possible priorities identified by police, and added to by CSG members, were discussed and the following priorities agreed for the period until the next meeting in June 2013. However, police representatives emphasized that matters not listed as priorities would not be ignored.

1. Parking around Prestonfield and Preston Street primaries during school run hours
2. Parking in Nicholson Square obstructing buses
3. Antisocial behaviour on Meadows (children drinking at East end)

I raised two questions on behalf of GPCC.

1. When SNT was introduced, there were to be 2 community officers assigned to each beat - is this still policy? Answer: No - officers will be assigned as appropriate.
2. Will there be any enforcement of 20mph limits? Answer: Lothian and Borders Police warned CEC, when the South Edinburgh 20mph pilot was proposed, that they did not have resources to enforce it.

Mike Hunter, March 15 2013