

# Lothian and Borders Police

Inspector Maggie Lyle of Lothian and Borders Police has recently been appointed as Business Protection Liaison Officer based at the Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce.

During her one year secondment, Inspector Lyle is planning to reinforce a mutual understanding between the business community and the Police in order to prevent and tackle issues relating to business crime.

Inspector Lyle, explained:

"My aim is to listen to the issues concerning businesses and to give them advice to minimise crime and risk to their business. This can include anything from strategies to keep businesses running following a serious flood or fire to recommendations regarding the handling of money and the positioning of a till to prevent theft."

Currently, the main crimes providing a threat to businesses are:

- Break-ins; • Vandalism; • Fraud; • E-crime;
- Environmental threats ie fire, flooding, computer systems crashing;
- Physical and verbal abuse towards business owners;
- Terrorism

Inspector Maggie Lyle, continued:

"It's important for businesses to have a main point of contact within the Police and I'm also hoping to increase the awareness of the services we provide. For example, many businesses are not aware that the Police can carry out a crime prevention check at their business premises/offices free of charge."

Inspector Lyle will be continuing a proactive approach through holding open surgeries where any business large or small can come along and discuss their issues in an informal setting.



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### ESPC

The market for residential property in Edinburgh has a number of features that make the process of buying and selling a house simple. At the heart of this is ESPC, or to use the full title, Edinburgh Solicitors Property Centre.

In Scotland, most property is sold by solicitor estate agents, allowing consumers to get everything under one roof. In the 1970s, Edinburgh solicitors got together to make things even easier for consumers by creating one shop window and one newspaper to advertise all the properties they were marketing. The result was ESPC.

As solicitor estate agents have become the main option for people selling their house in Edinburgh, ESPC has become the place to look for property. Whether it's in the city centre showroom on George Street, online at [espc.com](http://espc.com) or via the free property newspaper ESPC homepages (that is available

throughout the city), househunters use ESPC as their first point of reference when looking for a home.

If you are looking for a property, you can register with ESPC and receive, by post or e-mail, details of properties which are new to the market that match what you are looking for.

Once you have found a property to view, the common practice is for weekly open viewings – usually on a Thursday evening and a Sunday afternoon. You can either see the house at one of these times or arrange an appointment via the solicitor estate agent for a different time if required. Viewings are usually done by the owner, meaning you get to speak to the person who knows the most about the property and the area.

For more information on residential property in Edinburgh, visit [espc.com](http://espc.com) or call 0845 111 1911 to arrange a free consultation with an ESPC solicitor estate agent.

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