

Police happy with licensed premises in the city

✖ Lothian and Borders Police have praised Edinburgh's licensed premises following an operation within the capital over the weekend.

As part of Operation Oberon – a police initiative to ensure the city's pubs and clubs are adhering to the terms of their licences – officers from the City Centre Policing Team, Serious Organised Crime Unit and Licensing Section carried out random checks at various establishments over Friday and Saturday night.

A total of 69 venues were visited and 195 checks of door steward credentials and training were made over both evenings.

Police spoke with bar staff and management to gather intelligence on any criminal activity and issued crime prevention advice ahead of the forthcoming Scottish Cup final weekend.

Superintendent Donnie MacKinnon said: "Edinburgh has a vibrant night time economy and is an attractive destination for visitors and local residents alike who wish to enjoy the atmosphere and surroundings of the many different pubs and clubs.

"As such, it is important that police regularly ensure that licensed premises are managed according to the conditions of their licence and that the safety of customers is paramount.

"We have been delighted with the continued co-operation of the venues that were visited over the weekend and have used this opportunity to build on the strong partnership and engage with licensees prior to a big weekend of sport that is likely to see increased custom for most of Edinburgh's bars.

“Operation Oberon will continue with regular checks and will enhance the reputation of Edinburgh being a safe city for people to come and enjoyed themselves