

# Sixteen Arrests for 200 Acquisitive Crimes in Edinburgh



Sixteen males have been charged with housebreaking offences following another week of Operation RAC enforcement activity in Edinburgh.

Officers investigating various break-ins, thefts and attempted break-ins across the Capital identified the individuals aged 13-36-years-old over the past seven days and reported them for over 200 acquisitive crimes.

As a result of this activity housebreaking detection in Edinburgh has risen to 61 per cent between 11th and 18th February, with the average detection rate for the city now at over 51 per cent since the beginning of 2014.

Each of those arrested has either appeared in court during this week or is currently subject of a report to the Procurator Fiscal.

Detective Inspector John Kavanagh said: "This has been another excellent week of housebreaking detections across Edinburgh, with 16 people now subject to legal proceedings as part of Operation RAC.

"The public can rest assured that we will continue to pursue all lines of enquiry to bring acquisitive crime offenders to justice and would urge anyone who witnesses a housebreaking, or with information relating to those involved in crimes of this nature to contact police immediately.

"Police Scotland is also committed to crime prevention and is currently involved in a partnership scheme with SmartWater

that aims to deter and reduce break-ins in the Grange and Greenbank areas of the cities.

“Other communities across Edinburgh can also play a vital part in preventing acquisitive crime from occurring by taking the necessary security measures to safeguard their homes, businesses and outbuildings.

“Anyone wishing information on keeping their property and belongings safe can speak with their local policing team.”