

Police – Operation Wolf Update



Police in Edinburgh seized £35,000 worth of counterfeit goods yesterday (19th May) as part of ongoing Operation Wolf activities.

Police officers, together with City of Edinburgh Council Trading Standards, carried out an intelligence-led operation on a business in the Leith area and a large quantity of counterfeit goods was recovered. Items seized included clothing, sportswear, footwear and watches.



A 31-year-old man was arrested and reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

At the same time, police also carried out a successful targeted day of action in Corstorphine.

A 35-year-old man was arrested and charged with domestic assault, whilst a further seven warrants were executed and outstanding fines paid.



52 licensed premises were checked and police and local council Community Safety Teams carried out a joint initiative aimed at the victims and perpetrators of anti-social behaviour. Police Scotland School Link Officers also took the opportunity to carry out engagement and education work with young people in Clermiston.

Further days of action will continue across Edinburgh throughout May and police are keen to build on the early success of Operation Wolf.

Over the weekend officers in the City Centre carried out night-time proactive patrols on Rose Street, Hanover Street and Frederick Street, and visited licensed premises, including checks with door stewards. Drug sniffer dogs were also employed in public, toilet and cloakroom areas.

Superintendent Matt Richards said: "Yesterday's recoveries are a fantastic result for Operation Wolf and the communities we police. Working in partnership with Trading Standards we have successfully seized a huge quantity of counterfeit goods that could have been sold on to unsuspecting innocent members of the public as 'the real thing'.

"Officers taking part in Operation Wolf are continuing to crack down on illegal activity as well as gathering a vast amount of intelligence. We have submitted over 150 intelligence entries as part of the operation.

"Part of this initiative is to educate and engage with the public, including young people, and to carry out reassurance patrols in the city centre at peak times.

"If anyone in Edinburgh's communities wishes to help shape the activities we undertake during this initiative, you can contact us on 101 or speak with your local policing team to raise any community matters you wish police to respond to."