

Police operation ahead of Edinburgh derby



Police are reminding football fans that a robust policing operation will be in place at this weekend's derby match to identify anyone in possession of alcohol, fireworks or flares.

Over 15000 spectators are expected to be within Easter Road Stadium for the game between Hibernian and Hearts, which takes place on Sunday 12th April.

Officers are reminding fans that anti social drinking in the surrounding streets will not be tolerated and the relevant Edinburgh by-law will be enforced.

In addition, police will assist stewards to carry out searches outside the stadium to prevent illegal or prohibited items being brought into the ground.

Superintendent Liz McAinsh said: "Like any derby day, this Sunday promises to be a great atmosphere with thousands within the city coming along to the match or watching it in the city's pubs.

"The vast majority of supporters demonstrate exemplary behaviour and are a credit to their clubs, however, we will have a number of resources in place to target the minority of individuals whose behaviour can put both themselves and others at risk. This includes officers visiting local pubs and areas where groups gather.

"Officers and stewards will be carrying out searches of fans entering Easter Road and anyone found with illicit or illegal materials will be prohibited from entering and may face further police action.