

Police advice ahead of Sunday's derby



Police have issued advice to supporters attending Sunday's Scottish Cup tie between Hearts and Hibs at Tynecastle.

The game kicks-off at 12.30pm and those attending are asked to plan their journey in advance and arrive at the stadium in plenty of time.

An appropriate police presence will be in place in and around Tynecastle to keep the public safe and deter criminal activity.

Officers, including police dog handlers, will assist stewards in carrying out searches outside the ground to prevent illegal or prohibited items being brought inside the stadium including flares and other pyrotechnics.

Superintendent Lesley Clark said: "We are committed to ensuring the safety of everyone on Sunday, like every other day. I hope that those attending and supporting the match can respect our city and take pride in their team, and not behave in a way that may spoil it for others.

"I want to make clear that anyone committing antisocial behaviour will be pursued by police and may be arrested on the day, or following subsequent post match investigation.

"With all the above in mind, I wish you a safe and enjoyable match.

"Operation Rebound is an ongoing specialist operation, regarding football related disorder and there has been significant progress made in relation to bringing recent

offenders to justice.

“There have been a total of seven arrests in Edinburgh city centre, Fife and Glenrothes following disorder at the Hearts and Motherwell match on the 16th of January.

“Enquiries will continue and we will work alongside Hearts FC to ensure those responsible for fan disorder are held to account.”

Anyone with information that might assist officers with their ongoing inquiries can contact police on 101 or anonymously through the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.