

# Man and woman due in court in connection with pickpocketing



A 49-year-old man and 29-year-old woman have been arrested in connection with three pickpocketing incidents which took place between June and August near to the Scotch Whisky Experience, The Queen's Gallery, and Edinburgh Castle on the Royal Mile.

The pair were expected to appear at Edinburgh Sheriff Court today.

Sergeant George Liddle from the West End Police Station said: "The Festival is an exciting time to be in Edinburgh and it is unfortunate that there are some in our city who will target members of the public as they enjoy everything that the capital has to offer at this time of the year.

"As part of Operation Summer City, the public will see high-visibility patrols in busy areas and officers are on hand to offer advice to people and respond to any issues should they occur.

"We would ask that the public remain vigilant and ensure that all valuables are kept safe and secure whilst out and about.

"Do not take large sums of cash out in public, and when

carrying money make sure purses and wallets are kept in a zipped inside pocket. All bags should be closed and where possible shoulder and hand bags should be worn in front of you, against your body.

“Anyone with concerns regarding pickpocketing activity should report this to Police Scotland via 101, or to Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.”