



POLICE REPORT JUNE/JULY/AUGUST 2020
ESKBANK (ME01) AND NEWBATTLE (ME03) BEATS



In the block 01/06/2020 – 31/08/2020 the beat codes which cover the Eskbank/Newbattle areas recorded **37** crimes in total, of which **23** were solved, giving a solvency rate of **62%**.

Theft & Theft Shoplifting (11) and Road Traffic Offences (10) make up the majority of crimes for the period of this report. No housebreakings have been recorded in Newbattle/Eskbank.

Incidents of Note

- On 6th June at a retail store near, Hardengreen, a female driver has hit and damaged another car then left. Police attended, noted details and then traced and charged the female with various road traffic offences.
- A moped was stolen from the Hardengreen area on 18th June. Enquiries identified a male known to Police, the male was traced and arrested and subsequently reported by way of a police summons.
- Following an altercation near to the Hardengreen area on 26th June, a group of males made verbal threats and then threw a bottle, hitting the male. Police traced and charged the male with assault.
- Police received a call from a local bank on 20th July regarding a possible fraud near Newbattle Abbey Crescent. Further enquiry led to a male been identified at a bogus workman trying to obtain excessive money for work carried out. The male was charged and released on a Police summons.
- Following an altercation near Ancrum Bank, a male has punched another male following an argument over parking. He then grabbed the male by the shirt and pushed him to the ground. The male was traced, arrested and reported for summons.
- On 25th July near Eskbank Road, officers carried out a routine stop on a vehicle. Five males were in the vehicle and following a search, one male was charged for possession of drugs. He was arrested and reported.
- A male attended at Dalkeith Police Station on 2nd August demanding a lift home. The male was warned, however he failed to desist and called 999 seven times. He was eventually arrested and charged with abusing the 999 system.
- On 3rd August, Road Traffic Officers observed a male driver between Eskbank Road and Bonnyrigg Road driving in an erratic manner. He was stopped and charged with Dangerous Driving, he was also give multiple Fixed Penalty Tickets for vehicle faults.
- On 23rd August, a female driver on Easthouses Road went through a red light and collided with a cyclist. There were no serious injuries and on attending, Police charged the female with Careless Driving.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

What is Hate Crime?

Any crime which is perceived by the victim or any other person as being motivated (wholly or partly) by malice and/or ill-will towards a social group. The social groups currently covered by hate crime legislation are: Disability, Race, Religion, Sexual Orientation and Transgender Identity. Hate crime happens in many different ways, and can include damage to property, someone shouting and swearing at you, threatening or verbally abusing you, being physically attacked or receiving online abuse. Hate crime can happen anywhere, for example, at home, on public transport, in the street, in school, college or at work. It can also happen online. If you think you have been targeted because you have a disability then this is hate crime.

Key Messages

- Disability hate crime is never acceptable - whether you're a victim or you witness a hate crime - report it.
- No one should suffer from hate crime - don't put up with it – report it.
- Don't tolerate hate crime in your community - together we can tackle disability hate crime.
- Disability hate crime can take place anywhere, in the home, the workplace, education or online - recognise hate crime and report it.

Bystanders

- If you witness someone with a disability being abused in a public place, it's important that you don't let it go by without taking action. We're not talking about putting yourself at risk, there are a number of ways that you can report an incident, and demonstrate that disability hate crime has no place in our society.
- In some cases victims and bystanders of Hate Crime do not feel comfortable reporting the matter directly to the Police, and may be more comfortable reporting it to someone they are familiar with. For more information visit the [Third Party Reporting](#) page in the Contact Us section.
- I Am Me is a community charity working in partnership with Police Scotland to raise awareness of, and, tackle disability hate crime. You can find out more by visiting the [I AM ME Scotland](#) Keep Safe app page.

'Mate' Crime

- Mate Crime is when someone says they are a friend, but they use this friendship to take advantage of people with disabilities.

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- This can include taking money, asking them to do things they don't want to do or hurting them. If you or someone you know has a disability and are being taken advantage of, we want you to report it to the police.
- Mate Crime can involve a number of people including friends, family and carers. Even if the exploitation is not an illegal act, this can still have a negative impact on the individual.

Community Policing Surgery

The community are reminded that Dalkeith Community Policing team can be contacted at any time to provide guidance and advice, and are available at the below email address.

Should you require anything in the meantime please don't hesitate to get in touch as per below.

Information regarding crime can be passed to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or through an anonymous Online Form - both of these routes are completely anonymous and available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Police Scotland use social media to circulate the latest news, events and information to the public via Twitter ([@Midlothpolice](https://twitter.com/Midlothpolice)) and Facebook (www.facebook.com/midlothianpolice).

**Contact your local Community Policing Team
DalkeithCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk / 01316545524**

Or call on 101.

Remember in an emergency ALWAYS dial 999.