



Eskbank/Newbattle Community Council Report December 2022



During the months between the dates of 4th December 2022 to 3th March 2023, in the Eskbank and Newbattle area approximately 83 crimes have been recorded of which 53 have been solved with a 63.9% solvency rate.

It should be observed that several crime reports relate to issues that are not of note to the local community, the above numbers are representative and should accurate verified statistics be required this should be dealt with via a freedom of information request.

In this block there was 305 calls to police, these included some of the following.

Domestic related incidents	10
Assist members of public/concern for person.	92
Theft	16
Road traffic matters	52
Disturbance/public nuisance.	12
Suspicious person/housebreaking	7

Incidents of note

On 4th December 2022 a retail worker was pushed to the chest to no injury at Tesco, Herdengreen. Police attended and a 61 year old male was issued with a recorded police warning and sent on his way.

Between 7th December 2022 and 14th January 2023 unknown persons have entered a building site at Elginhaugh Gardens, Eskbank on two occasions and stole items from within. Enquiries ongoing to identify the culprits.

On 14th December 2022 a youth has damaged a seat cover within a Lothian bus at Bonnyrigg Road, Eskbank. Positive lines of enquiry ongoing.

On 15th December 2022 3 unknown males have attempted to steal 2 motor vehicles on Eskbank Court Dalkeith. All possible enquiries conducted with a negative result and detailed crime prevention advice has been given to the reported. Increased passing patrols in the area were also conducted.

On 3rd January 2023 a male has entered Tesco, Hardengreen and attempted to exchange £1000 of fake notes into euros. Positive lines of enquiry ongoing into the males identify.

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On 5th January 2023 a 45 year old male was found driving on Dalhousie Road, Eskbank without a valid policy of insurance and without a licence. The culprit's vehicle was uplifted and a report submitted to the procurator fiscal.

On 5th January 2023 a male driver has been seen doing a handbrake turn on Park Road, Eskbank. The driver has been identified and will be issued an ASBO warning for his driving conduct.

On 25th January 2023 a KTM motorbike has been stolen from the bike rack outside of Edinburgh College, Dalhousie Road, Eskbank. Enquiries ongoing to identify the suspects.

On 31st January 2023 a 36 year old male caused a vehicle collision due to his careless manner of driving. The male was cautioned and charged and will be reported to the procurator fiscal.

On 4th February 2023 youths have smashed a window of a Lothian bus parked at the Handengreen bus turning circle. Enquiries are ongoing to identify the youths responsible. Community officers have committed to board buses regularly and engage with youths. Days of action between police and Lothian buses have also been conducted whereby officers board a decoy bus and are followed by unmarked police vehicles.

On 9th February 2023 a 38 year old female was found to be driving on Eskbank Road without a valid policy of insurance or MOT. The culprit was charged accordingly and reported to the procurator fiscal.

On 11th February 2023 a 20 year old male and 21 year old male was found to be in possession of a small amount of personal use cannabis. The culprit was cautioned and charged and reported to the procurator fiscal.

On 16th February 2023 a 39 year old male was found to be driving without a valid policy of insurance on Bonnyrigg Road, Eskbank. The culprit was cautioned and charged and reported to the procurator fiscal.

On 18th February 2023 a 36 year old male was found to be driving without a valid policy of insurance on Eskbank Road. The culprit was cautioned and charged and reported to the procurator fiscal.

On 20th February 2023 officers were conducting speed checks on Dalhousie Road, Eskbank. During which they found a 57 year old male to be driving without a valid policy of insurance. The culprit was cautioned and charged and reported to the procurator fiscal.

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Can I take this time to thanks the community for their continued efforts to make police aware and to build a stronger safer community?

Community Neighbourhood watch advice can be obtained from the below link. Bringing the community together and communicating among ourselves is an extra step we can take to help combat crimes of dishonesty and opportunists.

Residents are encouraged to take responsible preventative measures in relation to the security of their personal belongings. Lock doors windows, secure outhouse, appropriate lighting/security lights. Report suspicious activity in the area, to name a few.

<https://www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk>

Thieves continue to operate in our area.

Crime prevention advice can be given completely free of charge, and crime prevention surveys can be arranged by contacting Dalkeith CPT at the email address below.

PC Juan Martinez

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) and Facebook (www.facebook.com/midlothianpolice).

E-mail your local Community Policing Team

DalkeithCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk

Or call on 101.

Remember in an emergency ALWAYS dial 999.