



Eskbank/Newbattle Community Council Report September 2022



Between the beginning of May to the end of August 2022, in the Eskbank and Newbattle area approximately 111 crimes have been recorded with a 55% 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 331 calls to police, these included some of the following.

Domestic related incidents	11
Assist members of public/concern for person.	86
Theft	38
Road traffic matters	32
Disturbance/public nuisance.	13
Suspicious person/housebreaking	4

Incidents of note

On Sunday 29th May a theft shoplifting took place at Tesco's at Hardengreen. Further enquiries are being carried out.

Around 1.15pm on Friday 3rd June a large amount of garden waste was illegally dumped on land adjacent to Newbattle Road, police are making enquiries to identify the male responsible who was driving a white transit van

Between 3pm on Monday 6th June and 8am on Tuesday 7th June a bridge on Newbattle Road was vandalised, where the persons responsible broke planks off the bridge.

Around 8pm on Saturday 18th June a male is reported to have entered Tesco's at Hardengreen and stolen a number of goods. Enquiries are ongoing to trace the male responsible.

Around 10.30am on Monday 20th June a female is reported to have entered Tesco's and stolen alcohol.

Around 11.30pm on Wednesday 22nd June an attempt was made to break into a garage in Broomhill Drive, no entry was gained. Several people on motorbikes made off after being disturbed.

Between 8.40pm on Saturday 25th and 5.30am on Sunday 26th June several windows at business premises in Bonnyrigg Road Eskbank were damaged.

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Around 3.50pm on Monday 27th June two males are reported to have entered Tesco's and stolen items. Police are following a positive line of enquiry.

On Wednesday 29th June 2022 a report was received of two males having entered Tesco, Hardengreen, Dalkeith, and stealing a quantity of goods. Police are following a positive line of enquiry.

On 1st July 2022 a 33 year old male has acted in a threatening and abusive manner towards staff at a fast food restaurant at Bonnyrigg Road, Eskbank. The male was subsequently identified and charged accordingly. A report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.

On 4th July 2022 on Newbattle Road, Dalkeith, A 67 year old male was found to be driving whilst under the influence of alcohol. The male was conveyed to St Leonards police station and a report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.

On 11th July 2022 a 54 year old female entered a local supermarket in Hardengreen industrial estate, Dalkeith and stole various grocery items from open display. The culprit was apprehended by police and reported for this offence as well as a previous shoplifting from June 2022.

On 19th July 2022 a vehicle was stopped due to a road traffic offence. The driver, a 29 year old male was found to be in possession of a small quantity of cannabis. The driver was subject to a preliminary drugs swipe which proved negative. The male was thereafter issued with a recorded police warning and the small amount of cannabis was seized.

On 26th July 2022 on Eskbank road Dalkeith, a motor car was responsible for hitting the wing mirror of another vehicle and failed to stop/report the incident. Through subsequent enquiry, police have traced the culprit and charged him accordingly. A report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.

On 5th August 2022 on Dalhousie Road, Eskbank, a 42 year old female was found to be driving in a dangerous manner and colliding with street signage and failing to stop. The incident was reported to police who traced the female and charged her accordingly. The culprit was linked to other offences out with the Eskbank area and taken into police custody. The female was held in police custody to attend Edinburgh Sheriff court the next lawful day.

On 15th August 2022 on Bonnyrigg Road, Eskbank. Police stopped a vehicle for its manner of driving. Officers noted a smell of cannabis and as such searched the male driver and male passenger. The passenger was found to be in possession of a personal use amount of cannabis and was issued with a recorded police warning. The driver failed a preliminary roadside drug swipe for cannabis. As such, he was conveyed to St Leonard's police station where further forensic samples were obtained and sent for analysis. The culprit will be reported to the procurator fiscal pending forensic results.

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On 19th August 2022 a 29 year old male was found to be driving without a valid policy of insurance. The male was cautioned and charged accordingly and a report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

On 31st August 2022 a local resident of Bonnyrigg Road had noted that his ring doorbell had captured a male figure within his garden in the early hours of the morning. The male tried his door handle and thereafter left the area. The incident has been reported to police and enquiries are ongoing to identify the male in question.

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.

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