



## Eskbank/Newbattle Community Council Report



During the months between the dates of 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023 to 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023, in the Eskbank and Newbattle area there was 394 calls to police, these included some of the following.

Domestic related incidents	12
Assist members of public/concern for person.	77
Theft	23
Road traffic matters	69
Disturbance/public nuisance.	46
Suspicious person/housebreaking	8

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.

### Incidents of note

On 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023 a 45 year old male was found to be driving under the influence, whilst disqualified and without a valid policy of insurance or MOT on Lasswade Road, Eskbank. The culprit was taken into police custody and a report submitted to the procurator fiscal.

On 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023 a female youth was charged for damaging the toilets at Tesco Hardengreen. The youth has been reported via the appropriate channels.

On 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023 two male youths were charged for acting in a threatening and abusive manner towards staff at Tesco, Hardengreen. The youths have been reported via the appropriate channels.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023 a 15 year old male entered a fast food restaurant at Hardengreen retail estate and acted in a threatening and abusive manner towards staff. The youth has been identified, charged accordingly and reported via the appropriate channels.

On 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023 a 20 year old female was found at Hardengreen Retail Park in possession of a small amount of personal use cannabis. The drugs were seized and the culprit issued with a recorded police warning.

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On 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023 an unknown male has attempted to force entry to a property in Westfield Park, Eskbank. Area search for the culprit was conducted with a negative result and forensic enquiries ongoing.

On 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023 a 43 year old male was found to be driving carelessly on Melville Dykes Road roundabout, Eskbank. The culprit was charged accordingly and a report submitted to the procurator fiscal.

On 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023 a van which had been parked overnight at Hardengreen industrial estate was stolen. Enquiries ongoing to recover the vehicle and identify culprits.

On 15<sup>th</sup> July 2023 unknown persons have forced entry to a property in Abby Road, Eskbank and stole items from within while the occupier was on holiday. Enquiries ongoing to identify the culprit.

On 15<sup>th</sup> July 2023 a 22 year old male has drove a motor vehicle whilst driving under the influence of alcohol. The culprit was traced and taken into police custody. A report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.

On 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023 a 30 year old male was issued a fixed penalty ticket and points on his licence for using his mobile phone while driving on Bonnyrigg Road, Eskbank.

On 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023 a 58 year old male has stolen and used a bank card belonging to another to purchase goods at Tesco, Hardengreen. The culprit was identified, traced and charged accordingly. A report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.

On 29<sup>th</sup> July 2023 two female youths have entered McDonalds, Hardengreen and were verbally abusive to staff. One youth also assaulted the security guard by kicking him to the leg to no injury. Both youths identified, charged accordingly and reported via the appropriate channels.

On 30<sup>th</sup> July 2023 a group of youths entered Tesco, Hardengreen. One youth stole items from open display. The youth has been identified, charged and reported via the appropriate channels.

On 5<sup>th</sup> August 2023 unknown persons have smashed 6 windows of an educational premises on Newbattle Road, Dalkeith. Enquiries ongoing to identify the culprit.

On 12<sup>th</sup> August 2023 a 55 year old male was found to be driving carelessly at Hardengreen Retail Park. The culprit has been charged accordingly and reported to the procurator fiscal.

On 24<sup>th</sup> August 2023 a 36 year old male was found to be driving under the influence of drugs on Newbattle Gardens. The culprit was taken into police custody and released pending further investigation.

On 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023 Officers conducted speed checks on Dalhousie Road and issued 8 warnings to drivers.

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On 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023 unknown persons have broken into a dwelling house in Jewel Gardens, Eskbank and stole a motor vehicle using true key. Enquiries ongoing to identify the culprit.

Further youth engagement events have taken place following the event at McDonalds hardengreen. These events included a come try event at Dalkeith Kings Park whereby youths were afforded the opportunity to come try their hand at boxing and rugby. In addition, a gaming event was also held at One Dalkeith. These events are geared towards providing opportunities for youths to be involved in structured activities, whilst also having positive interactions with police.

We are aware of the resident concerns regarding speeding in the Eskbank area. Our community action team and road policing have been make aware for their attention and speed checks when resources allow. Should residents wish to report specific incidents please do so via our 101 facility or 999 in emergencies. You may also consider contacting your elected member regarding your concerns.

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](http://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.**