

ESKBANK & NEWBATTLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

POLICE REPORT 04/03/21

Incidents of note

11/12/20, Torsonce Road - A property was found to have been broken into overnight. In the morning the occupier discovered a ground floor window ajar having been forced open. The occupier's wallet & car keys were stolen from within the property. The culprit(s) have thereafter stolen the occupier's vehicle which was later traced by police in a housing estate on the east side of Dalkeith.

25/12/20, Newbattle Abbey College Ind estate – A call was made to police from security at NBA following an alarm activation at industrial premises & a person(s) was seen running off. Police attended & found no damage or attempt to enter the building. A search of the area proved negative.

04/01/21, Dalhousie Road – Two properties were broken into overnight. Similarly to previous break-in's, ground floor windows were forced open. In one property a wallet & car keys were stolen with the occupier's vehicle subsequently being taken. The vehicle was later traced by police in a housing estate on the east side of Dalkeith.

The second property was entered in a similar fashion, searched & cash stolen.

04/01/21, Lothian Bank – A neighbour looking after premises was alerted to what appears to have been an attempt to break into a property. No entry was gained & on attendance by police officers found damage to a security light.

06/01/21, Newbattle Abbey College – A member of the public contacted police regarding a film crew of appx 200 apparently breaching COVID regulations. Officers attended & all present were found to have had negative COVID tests/were adhering to the relevant rules.

29/01/21, Dundas Crescent – An attempt break in to a garden shed overnight was reported. The culprit(s) wedging a panel open below the lock apparently to check what was kept within.

08/02/21, Newbattle Abbey College Ind estate – Extensive damage was caused to a caravan parked adjacent to industrial premises over a 4 day period. Nothing seen or heard & no CCTV.

14/02/21, Park Road – A resident contacted police suspecting someone had been in their garden, there was no one seen & apparently no attempt to enter the dwelling.

The same evening 2 residents in Waverly Road contacted police after their respective CCTV systems were activated & captured images of an intruder. A time delay in contacting police in the region of 30 minutes meant efforts to trace this individual became more difficult however a known male was found by officers in Dalkeith centre.

15/02/21, Meadow Spott – A break in to a garden shed occurred overnight & the occupier in whose garden the shed was sited discovered the crime following an alert re criminality in the area by Neighbourhood watch.

Scenes of crime officers & officers from the Criminal Investigation Unit, continue to investigate and make enquiry into the spate of break in's & theft in the area.

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To date a 22 year old Midlothian based male has been arrested for 18 of these crimes from the most recent to those reported in 2020. He is currently remanded in prison.

In addition to this another similarly aged Midlothian male was arrested and again was remanded for the recent incidents that occurred in Waverly Road.

Obvious deterrents work well & the installation of intruder alarms, security lighting & go a long way in preventing theft – however these measures must be maintained & operational to afford any protection.

General Crime prevention advice along with domestic/commercial Crime prevention surveys can be provided – Free by speaking with your local Community police officer in person or by contacting your local Community policing team DalkeithCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk
0131 654 5524 or 101

Remember in an emergency ALWAYS dial 999

Information regarding crime can be passed to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 anonymously

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