



Eskbank/Newbattle Community Council Report February 2022



During the month of between the dates of November 2021 to February 2022, in the Eskbank and Newbattle area approximately 74 crimes have been recorded, of which at the time of reporting 50 have been solved which is a solvency rate of approximately 67.6 %

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 273 calls to police, these included some of the following.

Domestic related incidents	8
Assist members of public/concern for person.	62
Theft	26
Road traffic matters	15
Disturbance/public nuisance.	2
Suspicious person/housebreaking	7

Incidents of note

On the 1st November 2021 on Hardengreen Roundabout, Eskbank, a female was observed driving carelessly by using her mobile phone whilst simultaneously manoeuvring round the roundabout. Female stopped and charged at the locus and a report submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

On 4th November 2022 on Eskbank Road, Dalkeith, Midlothian, Police observed a male driver driving without a valid policy of insurance. The vehicle was stopped and seized. The driver was reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

On the 9th of November 2021 Police observed a vehicle driving at speed on Eskbank Road. Officers stopped the vehicle and observed the male in an intoxicated state. The male found to be over the prescribed limit of alcohol within his system. The male was subsequently arrested and reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

On 1st December 2021 a male entered McDonalds, Bonnyrigg Road, Eskbank and entered the restricted staff area where he took several staff personal belongings prior to exiting the store. The male was later positively identified and reported to the Procurator Fiscal for several counts of theft.

On 4th December 2021 a male entered Tesco, Bonnyrigg Road, Dalkeith and verbally abused staff members. Police attended and identified the male via CCTV enquiries. The male was

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subsequently traced and charged under protection of retailers' legislation and reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

On 4th December 2021 whilst walking on Bonnyrigg Road, Eskbank, a male was assaulted by another male known to him. The incident was reported to police and the accused male was subsequently arrested and reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

On 4th January 2022 there was a male driver had been stopped on Bonnyrigg Road, Eskbank and his vehicle was seized for driving without a valid licence and no insurance. The male was subsequently reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

On 14th January 2022 at Muirpark, Eskbank a motor vehicle was stolen by unknown persons entering a property (no signs of forced entry). The vehicle was traced by police officers abandoned a short distance away. Enquiries continuing.

On 16th January 2022, Eskbank Road, Dalkeith, whilst on mobile patrol, officers observed a 20 year old male urinating in the street, in clear view of numerous members of the public. The male was conveyed away from the area and issued a fixed penalty ticket.

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 and Tracy Mcshane

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.

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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.