



Eskbank/Newbattle Community Council Report February 2022



During the months between the dates of 3rd March to 11th May 2022, in the Eskbank and Newbattle area approximately 112 crimes have been recorded, of which at the time of reporting 59 have been solved which is a solvency rate of approximately 52.5%

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

Domestic related incidents	3
Assist members of public/concern for person.	59
Theft	22
Road traffic matters	24
Disturbance/public nuisance.	7
Suspicious person/housebreaking	5

Incidents of note

On 12th March 2022 an intoxicated 43 year old male entered Tesco, Hardengreen and stole a bottle of wine, the male also entered McDonald's in close proximity to Tesco where he began drinking the bottle of wine and acting in an antisocial manner. The male was traced by police, charged accordingly and conveyed out of the area.

On 16th March 2022 officers were on uniformed patrol duty in relation to youth antisocial behaviour in the Hadrengreen area. At that time officers observed a youth riding an E-Scooter within the car park of Tesco and McDonalds dangerously and causing public unrest. Being mindful of public safety as well as that of the youth, officers followed the youth out of the area. Officers thereafter identified the youth via CCTV enquiries and charged him for a number of offences including dangerous driving and threatening abusive behaviour. A report was submitted to social work and to the courts.

Between 18th and 25th March 2022 at Tesco, Hardengreen, a 29 year old male and a 31 year old male entered and stole goods totalling £378. 2022. The males were

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identified through CCTV enquiry and charged for theft shoplifting. A report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.

On 20th March 2022 a male has vandalised a statue on the grounds of Dalkeith Rugby club, Eskbank Road, Dalkeith. There are positive CCTV enquiries ongoing into this incident.

On 23rd March 2022 Police stopped a male on Dalhousie Road, Dalkeith and found to be in possession of small amount of personal use cannabis. The male was issued with a recorded police warning.

On 23rd March 2022 two youth males aged 13 and 14 assaulted a 17 year old male known to them. The youths were traced and charged accordingly. A referral has been submitted to social work and a report to the procurator fiscal.

On 8th April 2022 a commercial garage was broken into by two unknown males and a key box has been stolen containing 5 car keys. No other items stolen. A similar incident occurred on 5th May whereby a can key was taken and no other items. Enquiries continue and patrols have been increased in the area.

On 8th April 2022 a 19 year old male was found by police to be within the grounds of a business premises in Hardengreen industrial estate without permission or reasonable excuse to be there. A report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.

On 10th April 2022, in various locations in Midlothian including Dalhousie Road, Dalkeith, Community officers conducted Operation Close Pass. This is a road safety initiative whereby officers deploy a police cyclist and monitor driver behaviour around the cyclist. Person's found to be in contravention of the high way code or road traffic laws are dealt with accordingly depending on the severity of their actions. The emphasis of the initiative is very much to educate drivers on what is expected of them when passing vulnerable road users by way of visual aids and a 10 minute input. However, enforcement would be used under the appropriate circumstances. On this day, 11 drivers were stopped and educated regarding their driving.

On 22nd April 2022 officers performed a proactive drug search of a 40 year old male believed to be in possession of controlled drugs on Dalhousie Road, Dalkeith. Officers seized a quantity of tablets believed to be a class C classification drug. The male will be charged accordingly pending forensic analysis.

On 24th April 2022 officers stopped a vehicle on Newbattle Road, Dalkeith due to the manner of driving. It transpired the 17 year old driver was driving whilst over the prescribed limit of alcohol, with no insurance and a provisional licence. The male was taken into police custody and a report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.

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.

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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.