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GOREBRIDGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

POLICE REPORT 16/03/ 2021 – 16/04/2021

17/03 – Arniston Rangers Football club – My colleague and I attended regarding youths congregating and throwing stones at Lothian buses. This happened the night previous too with no damage reported. On arrival, we traced a group of about 15 youths. One male was seen in possession of an offensive weapon and pursued on foot by myself. I managed to trace him after hopping through gardens further down the road. Offensive weapon recovered and the youth was conveyed home and charged in presence of parent, reported to the Youth Justice Officer.

18/03 – Saint Andrews Way – Police called to attend a disturbance in the street. One male had got into a vehicle prior to Police arrival. Smell of cannabis emulating from the vehicle and a substantial amount of drugs recovered from the vehicle and the male was charged for this and threatening and abusive behaviour.

19/03 – Fields behind Gowkshill – calls received regarding youths on off road bikes and quads. There was no trace of the vehicles on Police arrival. My colleague PC Livingstone (Mayfield Community Officer) and I have been dealing with the continuous off road bike issues at Camp Wood. The land has recently been taken over which includes the fields behind Gowkshill by a company who will be building houses over the coming years. The Dow family have moved on and a William Frazer from Davidson and Robertson has been put in charge for maintaining the land in the interim before development begins. My colleague and I have been speaking with off road bikers in Mayfield and behind Gowkshill and David Herkes Way making them aware of the updates mentioned above as they are all under the impression that Mr Dow previously didn't mind them riding on his land. This is no longer the case and there is no permission for them to be riding bikes on that land. Anyone captured by my colleague and I will be cautioned and charged accordingly.

21/03- Whitehouse Gardens – Numerous calls to Police regarding a fight in the street involving a group of males. Police attended and traced all responsible. All were issued with fixed penalty tickets.

25/03 – Scotmid, Hunterfield Road – Call received regarding prolific shoplifter stolen items within. Female was traced and all the property stolen recovered and returned to the store. Female charged and reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

01/04 – Birkenside – Regular call regarding anti-social behaviour at an address. My colleague and I attended and the occupier and 2 others traced within in breach of covid regulations. All issued with fixed penalty tickets for this.

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02/04 – Birkenside – My colleague and I attended same address regarding anti-social behaviour and occupier was found with small amount of cannabis so was suitable for a recorded police warning which was issued.

04/04 – Roseberry Crescent - call received regarding a large group of youths congregating. Police attended and 2 adults were found in possession of cannabis and issued with recorded police warnings.

05/04 – Gorebridge Library – 10 windows smashed over 2 weekends. Enquires are ongoing to trace what we believe are a group of youths responsible. Forensic opportunities have been recovered from the windows and sent to our lab. I am assisting a response officer who has the enquiry to speak with some of the youths on the periphery of the large group causing bother in Gorebridge.

05/04 – Bonnybank Court – Garage door at a property had been forced overnight and 2 motorbikes stolen from within. Occupier later notified on social media that the motorbikes were within another part of Gorebridge. Police attended and they were recovered. Enquiries ongoing to trace who was responsible.

06/04 – Birkenside – My colleague and I were requested to attend the same property in Birkenside in relation to the ongoing neighbour/anti-social behaviour from the occupier at an address there. The same occupier was once again issued with covid fixed penalty tickets as well as 2 other people within. A substantial amount of class A drugs were also recovered and the males who were visiting the address were charged and reported for possession of the drugs.

07/04 – Birkenside – My colleague and I on duty when requested to attend same address as all above in Birkenside. On this occasion the occupier was once again in breach of covid regulations with an utter disregard for the consequences of her actions. 2 different males from the day previous found within in possession of a substantial amount of class A drugs. They were both charged for drugs offences and will be reported the fiscal. The occupier clearly not learning her lesson with previous covid fixed penalty tickets was arrested, charged for culpable and reckless conduct and conveyed to St Leonards Police station where she was then issued with bail conditions not to have anyone within her property.

I have been in frequent contact with the local MP and housing department regarding the occupier requesting for the occupier to be evicted. This is an ongoing case with all agencies and my colleague and I are informing them of every Police incident/criminality at this address and will continue doing so.

11/04 – David Herkes Way – initially reported as a stolen car but after Police carried out extensive enquiries it was established that the male reporting the stolen car had been driving with no insurance. He was charged and reported for this and wasting police time.

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11/04 – Stobhill Road, Gowkshill – calls to Police regarding an assault. One male traced who was responsible was also driving a vehicle whilst under the influence of drugs. He was arrested and charged for those crimes.

A total number of 200 incidents dealt with by officers in the Gorebridge area. 16/03/21 – 16/04/21

COVID related incidents – 10

Domestic Disputes/Incidents – 9

Missing Person Enquiries – 8

Concern for/Assistance reqd – 18

Youth related calls – 22

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