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GOREBRIDGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

POLICE REPORT 01/01/ 2021 – 16/02/2021

01-04/01 Newbyres Crescent – A new vehicle parked unattended had 2 tyres punctured. Nothing seen or heard. Overnight 02/01 a vehicle parked in the same street had its windscreen smashed. Enquiries carried out by Community officers have since identified the culprit & established that he is currently care of HMP Saughton, Edinburgh. A report to be submitted to the Procurator Fiscal re the vandalism.

04/01 Burnside Road – An attempt appears to have been made to force entry to an unoccupied property over the Christmas period. The occupier returned to find damage to the front door & lock. No entry gained. All enquiry negative to date.

09/01 Hunterfield Road – The silent alarm was activated at a shop premises following the arrival of an intoxicated adult male in the store & him becoming a aggressive/nuisance. Officers attended & the male was removed to his home address on it being established the staff did not wish to make a formal complaint. The male was issued with a recorded police warning (RPW).

16/01 David Herkes Way – Officers were summoned to the street to deal with a noise complaint & potential COVID regulation breach. On arrival at a property there 7 persons were found within having a party. All except the occupier were removed from the locus & each individual present was issued with a fixed penalty fine for COVID offences.

24/01 Birkenside – Officers were summoned to the report of a fight in the street, which transpired to be male neighbours. One male charged with assault.

25/01 Hunterfield Road- An attempt to break into the Inn garage was made overnight. The garage owner arriving in the morning found a 4x3 glass panel smashed & damage to a door. There was no entry gained as the intruder alarm did not activate. Nothing seen or heard & no cctv footage in this instance.

26/01 Gore Glen – Community Action Team (CAT) officers on patrol found vehicles parked in suspicious circumstances at this locus & on further investigation found the driver of one vehicle with scales & what appeared to be herbal cannabis on his lap. A further search of the driver & vehicle recovered bags containing herbal matter & bags containing white powder(cannabis & cocaine valued at appx £1900).The driver was arrested & a search warrant thereafter craved for a property in Edinburgh. Further items were recovered during the subsequent search & enquiry is ongoing.

*In addition to this 4 others present in parked vehicles were issued with fixed penalty tickets for breach of COVID regulations.

28/01 Vogrie Road- Police were called following a disturbance where the occupiers of a dwelling attended at their front door to be met with an intoxicated aggressive male known to them. An argument ensued & the drunk male threw a brick through the living room window of the couple's home. Efforts are ongoing to trace this individual.

30/01 Vogrie Road – The occupants of a property at the locus awoke to find an attempt had been made to break into their shed. It appears that the steel pole from a child's "swing ball" in the garden had been used to effect entry by levering the door (Multiple attempts on the shed over the last 4-5 yrs). All enquiries to date have proved negative.

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31/01 Hillside Crescent North – A resident called police after observing a male in the street, behaving in an aggressive manner, shouting swearing etc. The caller had chastised this male who left but returned with a knife & exposed himself .Officers attended immediately however the male was gone on their arrival & a subsequent search along with door to door was negative. Some CCTV footage was secured which was passed via police systems to all officers & a letter drop along with a social media appeal have yet to identify this male.

03/02 A7 Gorebridge – Community officers on patrol in Gorebridge became suspicious of a vehicle being driven. On carrying out a moving vehicle check the officers established the vehicle was uninsured with no tax or Mot. On stopping the vehicle it was established the driver a male had only a provisional driving licence. The vehicle was thereafter seized & the driver charged with numerous road traffic offences.

13/02 Hunterfield Road – Police were called to a disturbance within shop premises in the late afternoon following the report that two males were fighting. On arrival both parties had left the locus however a check of cctv showed a male known male from the Dalkeith area within the premises apparently drunk causing a nuisance, refusing to leave. Another male customer waiting in a que was seemingly aggrieved at this 1st male's behaviour & punched the drunk male. The pair left the store where they then fought, the drunk male taking 2nd prize.

*Community officers have received complaints in relation to speeding vehicles and one of the predominant sites was at Powdermill Brae, Gorebridge. PC Jason McFarlane has spent time with local residents discussing concerns regarding this daily issue. These concerns as well as PC McFarlane's have been documented and shared with the roads department in Midlothian Council. Regular speed checks are being carried by out by Community, MCAT & Roads policing officers as well as general passing attention by local response policing teams. This will continue for the foreseeable future.

A total number of 327 incidents dealt with by officers in the Gorebridge area from 01/01/2021 to date.

COVID related incidents – 29

Domestic Disputes/Incidents – 25

Missing Person Enquiries – 11

Concern for/Assistance reqd – 49

Youth related calls – 6

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