

GOREBRIDGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

POLICE REPORT 16/02/ 2021 – 15/03/2021

18/02 – Newbyres medical practice – A male was seen trying car doors within the car park in the early evening of that date. He was seen entering a nearby property. Police attended and found the male matching the description passed. The male became abusive and was arrested, charged and kept in police custody to appear at court.

20/02 – Burnside Road – Police received calls regarding a possible house gathering breaching covid regulations. Police attended and spoke to the occupier. Few people were dispersing and occupier provided with suitable advice.

21/02 – Gore Glen Primary School – 2 calls received from members of the public reporting a group of 6 – 8 youths jumping the fence into the grounds and trying doors. No reports of any access, damage and youths were not traced.

22/02 – Birkenside – Numerous calls over the month regarding a male occupant at an address in Birkenside. There are neighbours reporting issues with noise and anti-social behaviour. The occupier has been charged for other matters. PC McFarlane has been in contact with neighbours and the council housing department regarding the issue with an effort to progress and tackle long term. This is ongoing.

24/02 – Birkenside – Call received from a member of the public reporting a vehicle being driven with no MOT and that the occasional driver of the vehicle has no licence. Road traffic officers have been made aware and this has been added to their list of addresses to target regarding traffic offences.

25/02 – Scotmid, Hunterfield Road – Concerns raised regarding members of the public not wearing face masks in breach of covid regulations. Police attended and although did not witness this first hand, offered suitable advice to the manager and staff regarding the issue.

25/02 – Burnside Road – Community Action Team officers executed a drugs warrant at an address where they recovered cannabis from within. The occupier was later traced and charged with possession of cannabis and reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

25/02 – The Avenue – Ongoing neighbour issue/antisocial behaviour. Caller reporting noise complaints and has been encouraged to report all issues of noise and anti-social behaviour. Current work being carried out between council and Police community team to tackle the issue with minimal impact on the complainer.

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26/02 – Hillside Crescent North – reports of a male in the street armed with a broken glass bottle. Male traced by Police in possession of said item on route to cause harm to another. He was arrested, charged and kept in police custody to appear at court.

27/02 – Roseberry Crescent (park nearby) – call received regarding a group of up to 30 youths congregating, drinking alcohol and playing loud music. There were no officers free at that given time and once free there was nobody in the area. Passing patrols being carried out in case there is a repeat.

27/02 – Scotmid, Hunterfield Road – caller reporting his mountain bike had been stolen from outside the shop. Enquiries are being carried out with CCTV and identifying suspect with a view to charge for the Theft and then there may be a possibility of scope to obtain a stolen property warrant to search suspects address.

28/02 – Birkenside – call received in relation to a male assaulted by a neighbour, threatening and abusive towards him and in breach of bail. Enquiries carried out by Police. Male responsible was charged and reported to PF.

01/03 – Birkenside – call received regarding a male trying car doors. Police arrived and observed a male matching the description passed by member of the public. On being detained for the purposes of a search, the male has ran off and chased and caught by officers. He was found to be in possession of cannabis and a small bladed article. He was charged and reported.

04/03 – Hunter Square – Damage to a BT box exposing wires. Police attended and observed debris and a small piece of a car bumper. The same officers later established that it was the same vehicle involved in a road traffic collision at Newtonloan Toll where the driver and passenger had fled the scene and captured by Police. The car was stolen and the driver charged for numerous offences. CCTV from the bowling club seized which captures the collision but unable to identify occupants within. Further enquiry ongoing

07/03 – Vogrie Road – Theft of a pedal cycle reported. Officer progressing with enquiries and CCTV opportunity to assist identifying the culprit.

A total number of 140 incidents dealt with by officers in the Gorebridge area. 16/02/21 – 15/03/21

COVID related incidents – 12

Domestic Disputes/Incidents – 7

Missing Person Enquiries – 1

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Concern for/Assistance reqd – 10

Youth related calls – 6

From PC McFarlane: I was contacted by Gore Glen Primary School to assist with parking issues surrounding the school. I am aware that double yellow lines were introduced just over a year ago but the school were highlighting that parents are still dropping/collecting pupils on the double yellows ignoring them and the specified no stopping times on signs. My colleague and I have frequented the school on a couple of times to establish the issues first hand and provide the necessary advice to parents. Both the deputy and I agreed concerns as to why there weren't any pedestrian crossings on Whitehouse Road assisting children crossing to that part of the estate. I have made contact with the roads department in Midlothian Council who have offered to visit the site with myself and senior staff to raise the issues and come up with any plan to improve road safety at the school. This will be carried out in due course. I have made contact with the Traffic warden department for Midlothian Council and they have advised that they will be attending to assist with the double yellow line parking.

Continued efforts are being made to assist with continuous speeding issues at Powdermill Brae. My colleague and I are new to the Community role and have just recently been speed gun trained so further visits will be carried out with the view of issuing fixed penalty tickets to speeding motorists.

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