



## **Police Report February 2020** **Beat Area MS01 / MS02 – Gorebridge / Gowkshill**



**Between 21st January 2020 and 17 February 2020** in the beat area MS01 (Gorebridge) there were 34 recorded crimes, of which 20 were solved. This is a detection rate of 58%.

**Between 21st January 2020 and 17 February 2020** in the beat area MS02 (Gowkshill) there was 1 recorded crime, which is still being investigated.

During this time period there were 142 calls to Police for both areas.

### **Incidents of Note**

#### **CRIMES OF DISHONESTY**

- On 25<sup>th</sup> January 2020, two males entered B & M Mini Market, Hunterfield Road and purchased a large quantity of alcohol using a stolen credit card. Enquiries are ongoing to trace those responsible.
- On 26<sup>th</sup> January 2020, a female entered the Scotmid, Hunterfield Road and stole a number of items from the store. Police attended and viewed CCTV and were able to identify the female who was charged and reported to the PF.
- On 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020, a female received a request via social media to transfer money to who she thought was a family member's bank account. She thereafter transferred a large sum of money which was eventually found to be a false request. Enquiries are ongoing to trace those responsible.
- In 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020, a shed was attempted to be broken into in South Quarry Boulevard. No entry was gained due to sufficient security. Enquiries are ongoing to trace those responsible.
- On 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020, Police attended an address in Lady Emily Way after receiving a call relating to an ongoing housebreaking. Upon arrival they found three person within the address, having smashed a window to gain entry. All three have been reported to the PF.

## **CRIMES OF VIOLENCE AND DISORDER**

- On 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020, a female was assaulted at Braeside Road North. A female has been charged and reported to the PF.
- On 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020, a male was charged after shouting and swearing asking people to fight on Braeside Road South. He has been charged and reported to the PF.
- On 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020, a female was charged after shouting and swearing whilst drunk. Upon police attendance, she punched a Police officer and was subsequently arrested. She has been reported to the PF.

## **ROAD TRAFFIC**

- On 26<sup>th</sup> January 2020, Police noticed a stolen vehicle driving on Hunterfield Road and immediately followed it. The vehicle failed to stop and attempted to make off from Police. The vehicle thereafter was unable to turn due to being blocked and reversed into the Police car, and the driver then exited the vehicle and made off from Police. The male driver has since been identified by Police and charged with a number of offences including, driving without a licence, failing to stop, no insurance and dangerous driving. He has been reported to the PF.
- On 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020, a male was driving on Carlowrie Place when he turned the corner and mounted the kerb onto the pavement almost hitting 3 people. The male was subsequently identified and has been charged with dangerous driving. He has been reported to the PF.

## **DRUGS**

- On 28<sup>th</sup> January 2020, on Main Street, a male was found in possession of a small quantity of cannabis. He has been reported to the PF.
- On 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020, at Lady Emily Way, a male was found in possession of a small amount of cannabis. He has been reported to the PF.

## **OTHER OFFENCES**

- On 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020, a male was arrested after sending multiple threatening text messages to his ex-partner. He has been charged and reported to the PF.

- On 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020, CAT team officers carried out a bail check on a male in Birkenside and found him to not be within his address, breaching his bail conditions. He has been charged and reported to the PF.

### **Other information**

There continues to be a number of house breakings within the Midlothian area including break-ins to sheds and vehicles. We would take this opportunity to remind local residents to be vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour whilst also ensuring that their own personal home security is sufficient i.e. locking doors, windows and keeping valuables out of sight. Potential housebreakings could be avoided by locking doors and windows.

### **Additional information**

Police Scotland consults with the public every year on what their priorities are for policing in their community. In the past this has always been by hard copy consultation questionnaires which were distributed by police officers within the community they work. This year Police Scotland's consultation process is widening and becoming more flexible. The consultation process is moving online to a digital format and consultation will be open all year. The link to the survey is - [www.scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts](http://www.scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts)

If any person has any information about the incident(s) listed above or indeed any other issue please contact your Community Policing Team,  
**MidlothianSouthCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk**

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Hate crime incidents and domestic abuse incidents can now be reported online via the official Police Scotland website, [www.scotland.police.uk](http://www.scotland.police.uk) or by visiting a third Party Reporting Centre.

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.