



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



**Between 15<sup>th</sup> May 2020 and 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020** in the beat area MS01 (Gorebridge) there were **40** recorded crimes, of which **26** were solved. This is a detection rate of **65%**.

**Between 15<sup>th</sup> May 2020 and 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020** in the beat area MS02 (Gowkshill) there was **5** recorded crimes, of which **1** was solved. This is a detection rate of **20%**

During this time period there were **179** calls to Police for both areas.

### **Incidents of Note**

#### **CRIMES OF DISHONESTY**

- In the early hours of 8<sup>th</sup> June, unknown person(s) have entered a property in Kirkhill Terrace and taken various electronic devices and vehicles. Some property was recovered, Police enquiries are currently ongoing.
- On 7<sup>th</sup> June, an outdoor shed was broken into and property taken in Millbank Grove. The investigation is ongoing.
- On 14<sup>th</sup> June, a female was observed by staff at a retail shop on Main Street, taking items and trying to leave the store without paying. Police were called and attended, issuing the female with a Recorded Police Warning.

#### **CRIMES OF VIOLENCE AND DISORDER**

- On 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2020, a female was attacked by her former partner near to Hillside Crescent North. Police attended, as they noted details, the male returned to the property and was arrested for assault and a breach of bail.
- On 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020, a female was assaulted in an unprovoked attack near Barleyknowe Place. A female was traced in connection with the attack and was charged and reported to the PF.
- A male attended at an address on Woodrow and did make threats about social media posts. The male was traced and given a Recorded Police Warning.

#### **ROAD TRAFFIC**

- On 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2020, officers on patrol witnessed a minor accident on Burnside Road. On speaking with the driver, it transpired he had a revoked licence and no insurance, he was charged and the vehicle was seized by officers.

- Officers came across a static vehicle on 3<sup>rd</sup> June on Burnside Road. The driver was behaving in a suspicious manner. Following checks, the driver was not insured and did not have a valid licence.

## **DRUGS**

- Police were contacted regarding concern for a female at an address in Whitehouse Loan. On attending it was observed that the female was using cannabis. She was issued with a Recorded Police Warning.

## **OTHER OFFENCES**

- During the period of this report, there were 2 vandalisms to motor vehicles and 3 vandalisms to property. Enquiries are ongoing to trace those responsible.

## **Additional information**

### **Recorded crime down during Scotland's coronavirus response**

Recorded crime has fallen by around a quarter since measures to support physical distancing came into effect, early indications suggest. Deputy Chief Constable Fiona Taylor said: "The significant changes that everyone is having to adjust to are undoubtedly having an effect on the nature and level of demand on policing.

Serious assaults have reduced by around 40% while common assault has fallen by just over a quarter between Tuesday, 24 March, and Sunday, 19 April, 2020, when compared to the same time last year. Housebreakings are down around 30%.

The provisional management information, which may be subject to adjustment, suggests that breach of the peace has fallen by over 50% while possession of drugs is down by around a fifth.

Fraud, however, has increased by over 10% and there is some evidence that criminals are specifically exploiting the coronavirus public health emergency to commit offences.

Meanwhile 'public nuisance' type incidents, generally relating to people reporting those they believe are failing to adhere to physical distancing guidance, have more than doubled and now account for around a fifth of all incidents.

## Community Policing Surgery

Due to ongoing Covid 19 situation and Police Scotland involvement, this is currently on hold due to Community Officers being abstracted to front line duties.

Subject to Government guidelines, this will be reviewed and actioned as soon as possible. As of 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020, the situation remains unchanged.

The community are reminded that Dalkeith Community Policing team can be contacted at any time to provide guidance and advice, and are available at the below email address.

Should you require anything in the meantime please don't hesitate to get in touch as per below.

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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.