



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



Between 13th March 2020 and 14th May 2020 in the beat area MS01 (Gorebridge) there were 97 recorded crimes, of which 69 were solved. This is a detection rate of 71%.

Between 13th 2020 and 14th May 2020 in the beat area MS02 (Gowkshill) there was 19 recorded crimes, of which 89% were solved.

During this time period there were 425 calls to Police for both areas.

Incidents of Note

CRIMES OF DISHONESTY

- Sometime overnight on 1st April 2020, a retail premises on Newtonloan Toll, was broken into and a large quantity of alcohol was stolen. Following police enquiries two females and one male were arrested and reported to the PF.
- A male was disturbed by the occupier on Main Street on 14th April, as the male made off from the property, he has fallen and broke his leg. He was taken to hospital, charged and a report sent to the PF.

CRIMES OF VIOLENCE AND DISORDER

- On 15th April 2020, a serious assault took place on St Andrews Way, a female was traced and arrested and charged with the offence, the female victim received 13 stitches for her injuries.
- Following a large disturbance in Birkenhead on 20th April, two females were arrested for serious assault, carrying an offensive weapon and a male was also arrested for assault.

ROAD TRAFFIC

- On 1st April, a vehicle was observed driving erratically on Barleyknowe Lane. The vehicle was stopped, the male driving was charged with no insurance and no license and the vehicle was seized.
- On 6th April on Gore Avenue, a male was stopped driving a car with no insurance, driving license or permission. He was cautioned and charged and a report submitted.

DRUGS

- Following a call from a member of the public, a vehicle and driver were traced by a tracker and found to be in possession of cocaine and cannabis. He was also reported for various road traffic offences.

OTHER OFFENCES

- During the period of this report, there were 9 fines handed out for breaching regulations related to Covid 19.

Additional information

Domestic Abuse

Requests under Police Scotland's domestic abuse disclosure scheme have increased by 18 per cent since lockdown began. Nearly 260 requests for disclosure were made between the start of lockdown on 23 March to 27 April 2020, compared to 219 in 2019.

The majority of requests are being made by police officers and other professionals (including social work and NHS) raising a concern about someone they think may be at risk of domestic abuse. Police Scotland will then make a decision about whether to make a disclosure in the interests of safeguarding a person.

Domestic abuse is about power and control. It can be physical or sexual, but it can include verbal, sexual, psychological or financial abuse. Offenders seek to frighten, humiliate and isolate victims from those who can offer them support.

If you, or anyone you know, are being abused or are at risk of abuse, please contact Police Scotland on 101 or 999 in an emergency. Or if you need support please contact Scotland's domestic abuse and forced marriage helpline on 0800 027 1234, where support is available 24/7.

Covid 19

The situation regarding the Coronavirus lockdown has changed the dynamics of Policing in Midlothian and Scotland. All Community Officers have been redeployed to assist frontline duties and as such, no dedicated resources are being allocated to Community calls, they will be actioned by Response Officers. We are receiving a large number of calls related to this and the situation continues to cause all our communities concern.

We encourage everyone to follow Government guidelines on social distancing, essential travel and exercise. Any medical issues related to Covid 19 should be to NHS 111 and not Police.

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.

However 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.

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

Police Scotland use social media to circulate the latest news, events and information to the public via Twitter ([@Midlothpolice](https://twitter.com/Midlothpolice)) and Facebook (www.facebook.com/policescotland).

Hate crime incidents and domestic abuse incidents can now be reported online via the official Police Scotland website, 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.