



Police Report November-January 2020 **Beat Area MS01 / MS02 – Gorebridge / Gowkshill**



Between 19th November and 21st January 2020 in the beat area MS01 (Gorebridge) there were 73 recorded crimes, of which 38 were solved. This is a detection rate of 52%.

Between 19th November and 21st January 2020 in the beat area MS02 (Gowkshill) there were 24 recorded crimes, of which 12 were solved. This is a detection rate of 50%.

During this time period there were **404** calls to Police for both areas.

Incidents of Note

CRIMES OF DISHONESTY

- On 2nd December 2019, a male was contacted by someone stating he was calling from his bank. The caller provided details of direct debits as well as a security password. The complainer has in turn provided bank details which has resulted in over £2000 being taken from the bank account. Enquiries are ongoing to trace the suspect(s)
- Overnight on 7th December 2019, an Audi motor vehicle was broken into on Lady Brae, Gorebridge and items taken from within. Enquiries are ongoing to trace the suspect(s)
- Overnight on 16th December 2019, a shed was broken into on Barleyknowe Crescent and an electronic bike (value £3500.00) stolen from within. The bike was secured by locks and chains which had all been cut. Enquiries are ongoing to trace the suspect(s)
- On 23rd December 2019, a male was seen trying car and garage doors on John Bernard Way. Police were subsequently contacted and found the male within a garden. Further Police enquiry found that the male had been within a number of different gardens within Gorebridge and Birkenhead. He was thereafter charged, held for custody and appeared at court.

CRIMES OF VIOLENCE AND DISORDER

- On 1st December 2019, a female assaulted Police officers within a house at Newbyres Avenue. She has been charged and reported to the PF.
- On 20th December 2019, a female was assaulted within an address at Vogrie Road. A female has been charged and reported to the PF.
- On 27th December 2019, a female was assaulted within an address on Barleyknowe Road. The suspect also made threats and vandalised the property. She was charged and reported to the PF.
- On 11th January 2020, a female was waiting on a bus on Hunterfield Road, Gorebridge. Prior to boarding, she was engaged in conversation by an unknown male at the bus stop. Upon attempting to board the bus, the male has attempted to grab her handbag. The driver of the bus has witnessed this and assisted, resulting in the suspect making off towards Engine Road. Police were unable to trace the male on the day of the incident, however an extensive media campaign was commenced and information was received relating to the male. As a result a male has been positively identified and charged. He has been reported to the PF.

ROAD TRAFFIC

- On 3rd December, officers carried out a stop on a vehicle on Burnside Road, Gorebridge. The driver of the vehicle was spoken to and found to have no driving licence and no insurance to drive the vehicle. He was charged and reported to the PF.
- On 7th December 2019, a road traffic collision occurred at New Hunterfield. The driver at fault failed to stop and made off from the locus. The occupants of the other vehicles were spoken to and assessed by medical staff. Police thereafter made enquiries and identified the owner of the vehicle who in turn provided details of the driver at the material time. A male has been charged with a number of offences and reported to the PF.
- On 27th December 2019, a child was crossing the pelican crossing at Hunterfield Road (Scotmid) on his. At this time a male has exited the Scotmid car park and turned left and failed to notice the red lights and child on the bike and collided with him. As a result the child suffered a serious arm injury and the driver was charged and reported to the PF.

DRUGS

- On 27th November 2019, Police executed a warrant at an address in Braeside Road North. Whilst within officers found a quantity of drugs. A male has been charged and reported to the PF.
- On 4th December 2019, a warrant was executed at an address in Stobhill Road. A substantial cannabis cultivation was found within. Enquiries are ongoing to trace the suspect(s)
- On 3rd January 2020, a warrant was executed at an address in St Andrews Way. A large quantity of drugs were found within. A male was charged and reported to PF.

OTHER OFFENCES

- On 21st December 2019, Officers carried out bail curfew checks on an address in Braeside Road North. The male who is subject of the bail conditions was found not to be present and was reported to the PF.

Other information

We have been working closely with partner agencies in relation to problem parking and dangerous driving at GoreGlen Primary School. We conducted a joint visit alongside Midlothian Council Roads department and a number of safety issues identified. This will result in enforceable parking restrictions being put in place. We will continue to monitor this area aswell as other areas of concern in Gorebridge.

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

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.