Criminal Activity October 2022

**Beat Area BD01 –**

**Bonnyrigg, Lasswade, Poltonhall & District**

During the month of October 2022 in the beat areas BD01 – Bonnyrigg, Lasswade, Poltonhall & District – there were **54** recorded crimes reported, of which **15** have been solved to date, with a solvency rate of **28%**

During this time period, there were **253** calls to the BD01 area of Police Scotland.

# INCIDENTS OF NOTE

About 5.20pm on Saturday the 1st of October 2 vehicles collided on Polton Terrace. Fortunately no one was injured however a 41 year old man has been charged with road traffic offences and reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

About 7pm on Wednesday the 5th of October a blue BMW X5 estate car failed to stop for police at Rosewell Road resulting in a pursuit, which was abandoned after the car drove in to a field. The car was traced and was seized. Police enquiries are ongoing to identify the driver.

Between 9pm on Wednesday the 5th and 7am on Thursday the 6th of October an unknown vehicle collided with and damaged a grey BMW parked at Auld Coal Medway. Police enquiries are ongoing.

About 1:30am on Thursday the 6th of October a silver Vauxhall Astra was seen driving dangerously on a foot path at Gordon Avenue and collided with various pieced of street furniture and a house causing damage. Police enquiries are ongoing to identify the driver.

About 3.30pm on Thursday the 6th of October an item was thrown at a property at Chesters View causing damage to a window. Police enquiries are ongoing.

About 12:30pm on Friday the 7th of October an item was thrown at a property at Douglas Crescent causing damage to a window. Police enquiries are ongoing.

About 6pm on Friday the 7th of October an unknown vehicle collided with a grey Hyundai i20 parked on Lothian Street and failed to stop or report the incident. Police enquiries are ongoing.

About 11:30pm on Monday the 10th of October unknown persons caused damage to several windows of a property at Polton Terrace. Police enquiries are ongoing.

Over an unknown period of time numerous items including electrical goods and garden tools have been stolen from a shed in the garden of a property at Hazel Drive. Police enquiries are ongoing.

About Wednesday the 12th of October police stopped a blue Vauxhall Astra at Burnbrae Road, which was being driven by a 26 year old man. When stopped by police the car smelled strongly of cannabis. A small quantity of drugs were recovered and the man was arrested after failing a roadside drugs wipe test in order that samples could be taken from him at a police station. The samples will be sent for analysis and the man will be reported to the Procurator Fiscal for road traffic offences. He was issued a recordable police warning for the small quantity of drugs recovered.

About 6.30pm on Wednesday the 12th of October the owner of a silver Hyundai i20 was loading his car, which was parked on Wolsey Avenue. When returning to the car he observed a number of youths within who thereafter made off after stealing £5 from within. Police enquiries are ongoing.

About 5pm on Thursday the 13th of October the driver of a silver Porsche Cayenne collided with and damaged another vehicle at Polton Street before leaving the area and failing to report the incident. It is believed that the driver was intoxicated, however the car and driver were not traced. Police enquiries are ongoing.

About 08.30am on Friday the 14th of October 2 males were seen attempting to steal waste oil from a licenced premises, High Street, Lasswade. The males were believed to be driving a white Volkswagen van. Police enquiries are ongoing.

About 8pm on Saturday the 15th of October the owner of a property at Polton Road returned home to find that the living room window had been smashed by unknown persons. Police enquiries are ongoing.

About 6.30pm on Sunday the 16th of October unknown persons threw a bottle at the window of a property at Dickson Grove smashing the window. Police enquiries are ongoing.

About 4am on Monday the 17th of October the occupant of a property at Dobbies Road awoke to the sounds of a person within the property. Police attended, however the person was not traced. Several items were recovered, which have been sent for forensic analysis. Other police enquires are also ongoing.

On the same night unknown persons gained entry to a property at Polton Road and stole a number of items including a car, passports and a laptop. Police enquiries are ongoing regarding this matter.

About 4pm on Tuesday the 18th of October police were called to Almond Crescent regarding reports of numerous persons causing a disturbance in the street with weapons including hammers and knives and setting off fireworks. When police attended no persons were traced, however several vehicles had been damaged. Police were called to this location again at about 6pm for similar conduct, but again no persons were traced upon police arrival. No persons were reported to have been injured. Police enquiries are ongoing.

About 7pm on Friday the 21st of October a 70 year old man entered an area that had been taped off by police and was being treated as a crime scene. He thereafter became abusive towards officers after being required to leave the area and was arrested. He was later issued a recordable police warning his behaviour after he calmed down.

On The 25th of October School staff at Hawthornden Primary School returned from school holidays to find that persons had gained entry to the school and ransacked the building. From CCTV police were able to identify the 2 youths responsible. They have been charged and reported to the youth justice officer.

About 9pm on Thursday the 27th of October police stopped a black Audi A3, which was being driven at Douglas Crescent by a 27 year old man. When police stopped the car a strong smell of cannabis was detected coming from within. The driver thereafter failed the drug wipe test and was arrested and taken to a police station for samples to be taken, which will be sent for analysis. A small quantity of drugs was also recovered from the car for which the man was issued a recordable police warning.

About 12:20pm on Friday the 28th of October 3 boys entered Co-op, High Street and stole a quantity of alcohol from within. Police enquiries are ongoing.

About 10:30pm Friday the 28th of October unknown persons gained entry to a property at Hillhead Court. It is not yet known what has been taken, however it appears that items were stolen. Police enquiries are ongoing.

About 6.30pm on Saturday the 29th of October the driver of a black Audi A4 Estate car failed to stop after colliding with a parked vehicle at Auld Coal Road. Police enquiries are ongoing.

About 12pm on Sunday the 30th of October police were called to Beech Loan regarding a man who was reported to have been chasing another man whilst in possession of a knife. Police traced the man matching the description given, who was a 23 year old man. He was arrested and held in custody to appear at Edinburgh Sheriff Court. No persons were reported to have been injured.

There were a handful of incident to Bonnyrigg which related to minor young antisocial behaviour in the Bonnyrigg area on Monday the 31st of October, which included eggs being thrown and fireworks being set off, however in general Halloween passed without incident.

With regards the housebreakings included within this report members of the public are advised that ensure that properties are secured and that valuables are kept out of sight and away from windows. Police Scotland offer free crime prevention advice, which can be accessed by contacting with PC’s Jonny Cassidy or Chris Howarth.

**If any person has any information about the incidents listed above, or indeed any other crime, please contact your Community Policing Officers PC Jonny Cassidy & PC Chris Howarth via 101 or email:**

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# Additional Information

Information regarding crime can be passed to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or through an Online Form - both of these routes are completely anonymous and available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

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*As Commander of the Lothians and Scottish Borders Division I am proud of the well-established collaborative approach we have in place with local communities and partners to deliver our shared priorities.*

*We are now in the process of developing the next Local Police Plan which will outline priorities from 2023 until 2026.  I am committed to ensuring that this is fully reflective of the needs of local people and based on engagement to identify the things that are important to our communities.*

*In order to make that engagement as effective and meaningful as possible we have developed the annual ‘Your Police’ survey which I would encourage you to complete. This will enable us to consider your views and incorporate them into our key priorities and actions, ensuring they remain reflective and relevant.*

*The survey can be accessed via the attached QR code or by visiting* [*Your Police 2022-2023 - Police Scotland - Citizen Space*](https://consult.scotland.police.uk/strategy-insight-and-innovation/your-police-2022-2023/)

*Alternatively, if you would like a hard copy of the survey, please contact your local policing team who will be happy to assist.*

*Thank you for helping shape the service we provide.*

*Chief Superintendent Catriona Paton*

*Commander*

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