Criminal Activity November 2022

**Beat Area BD01 –**

**Bonnyrigg, Lasswade, Poltonhall & District**

During the month of November 2022 in the beat areas BD01 – Bonnyrigg, Lasswade, Poltonhall & District – there were **45** recorded crimes reported, of which **15** have been solved to date, with a solvency rate of **33%**

During this time period, there were **270** calls to the BD01 area of Police Scotland.

# INCIDENTS OF NOTE

Between Sunday the 30th of October and Tuesday the 1st of November unknown persons have gained entry to a shed at De Quincey Road and stole 3 high value pedal cycles from within. Police enquiries are ongoing.

Between March and November there have been numerous instances of a Bart Simpson like character being spray painted in the Bonnyrigg and wider Midlothian area. A 25 year old man has been identified as being responsible for this and has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal. It is estimated that £10,000 worth of damage has been caused.

On Thursday the 3rd of November the occupant of an address at Polton Road returned home to discover that unknown persons had made attempts to gain access to his garage and had caused damage to the garage door. Police enquiries are ongoing.

Between 7.30pm Thursday the 3rd and 11:30am Friday the 4th of November unknown persons caused damage to a car parked on Raes Gardens. Police enquiries are ongoing.

About 8.20am Friday the 4th of November a car collided with another parked car at Polton Avenue Road. The offending car has been identified and police enquiries are ongoing

About 07:20 hours, Tuesday the 15th of November a quantity of waste cooking oil was stolen from a public house in the Lasswade area. Police enquiries are ongoing.

Between 7pm on Wednesday the 16th and 5.30am on Thursday the 17th of November unknown persons stole a black and gold Triumph Street Triple motorcycle from a garden at Polton Street, Bonnyrigg. Police enquiries are ongoing.

At some point during the night between Thursday the 17th and Friday the 18th of November unknown persons gained entry to a shed at Skeltiemuir Grove by damaging a padlock and stole high value pedal cycles from within. Police enquiries are ongoing.

About 3pm on Saturday the 19th of November police stopped a silver Nissan Primera at Bairds Way and established that the 34 year old man driving was not insured. The car was seized and the man has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

At some point between Tuesday the 22nd and Saturday the 26th of November unknown persons have entered an unlocked shed at Eskdale Drive and stole gardening equipment and machinery. Police enquiries are ongoing.

On Sunday the 27th of November staff at a business premises on High Street, Bonnyrigg discovered that damage had been caused to a window. Police enquiries are ongoing.

About 5am on Monday the 28th of November entry was gained to a business premises at Staiside Court after a car was driven at the building. A till was stolen from within. Police enquiries are ongoing.

At some point between 22.30pm on Monday the 28th of November and 8am on Tuesday the 29th of November unknown persons stole a white Volkswagen Golf that was parked on the street at Cameron Crescent. The car was later found by police crashed in to a tree. Police enquiries are ongoing.

Between 8.30am and 9.30pm on Tuesday the 29th of November unknown persons have smashed a window and gained entry to a property at Chesters View, thereafter stealing jewellery and electrical goods from within. Police enquiries are ongoing.

There were a handful of incident to Bonnyrigg which related to minor young antisocial behaviour in the Bonnyrigg area during the month of November including fireworks being set off, bottles being smashed and complaints being made regarding the use of off road bikes.

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, away from windows and consideration could be given to purchasing a safe. Police Scotland offer free crime prevention advice, which can be accessed by contacting with PC’s Jonny Cassidy or Chris Howarth.

A number of Bonnyrigg residents have fallen victim to telephone frauds during the month of November, the majority of these victims being elderly. Government agencies are unlikely to contact you via telephone, if you do receive such phone calls do not take for granted that the caller is who they say they are. Hang up and call them back on official phone numbers, which can be obtained from government or banking websites. If in doubt contact police on 101 for advice.

**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.

# Police Scotland use social media to circulate the latest news, events and information to the public via Twitter (@LothBordPolice and @MidLothPolice) and Facebook ([www.facebook.com/LothiansScottishBordersPoliceDivision](http://www.facebook.com/LothiansScottishBordersPoliceDivision) and [www.facebook.com/MidlothianPolice](http://www.facebook.com/MidlothianPolice)).

If you live in the Lothians and Scottish Borders, help shape policing in your community by taking part in our survey.

*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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