Criminal Activity December 24

**Beat Area BD01 & ME02 –**

**Bonnyrigg, Lasswade, Poltonhall & District**

During the month of December 2024 in the beat areas BD01 & ME02 – Bonnyrigg, Lasswade, Poltonhall & District – there were 280 calls made to Police. (302 in November)

02/12/24 theft shoplifting, Premier Store in Dundas Street, female youths stealing from within, there was a further three youth calls that evening and a theft shoplifting from the CO-OP, they are all linked,the youths responsible were traced and charged.

Number of shopliftings reported at the CO-OP

06/12/24 youths kicked a door in Waverly Drive, Bonnyrigg, also further call on 17/12 re youths kicking a door on Eskbank Road, Bonnyrigg,

06/12/24 window damaged at the Bonny Café, High Street, Bonnyrigg

About 0350hrs on 07/12/24 a resident of Rose Gardens, Bonnyrigg contacted Police reporting a suspicious male in the street, the wear was wearing dark clothing and had a torch, Officers searched for the male but he was not traced, no reported thefts in the area.

10/12/24 vehicle damaged in Chesters Court, Bonnyrigg, person responsible was captured on CCTV and a recorded Police warning given.

10/12/24 vehicle being driven with no insurance in Polton Terrace, Bonnyrigg, driver charged.

11/12/24 vehicle being driven with no insurance in Golf Course Road, Bonnyrigg, driver charged.

Between 06/12 and 11/12 a shed was broken into in Dundas Street, Bonnyrigg and a number of fishing items stolen.

13/12/24 vehicle driven with no insurance and driver did not have a license, vehicle stopped on Broomieknowe Gardens, Bonnyrigg. Driver charged.

14/12/24 group of youths causing annoyance outside Pias Pizzeria, Bonnyrigg.

18/12/24 theft shoplifting at Tesco Express, youths had stolen alcohol.

20/12/24 theft of childs scooter outside the new Morrisons.

21/12/24 male issues with Recorded Police Warning after being found in possession of cannabis.

21/12/24 habitual shoplifter (not local) seen leaving the CO-OP by passing Officers with a big filled with items she had just stolen. She was charged with multiple shopliftings from various locations.

22/12/24 Orange Ford Fiesta stolen from car park at the rear of Sherwood Terracce, Bonnyrigg

22/12/24 person seen riding an e scooter on Cockpen Road, Bonnyrigg, rider did not have insurance or a drivers license, charged with Road Traffic offences and scooter seized.

23/12/24 report of a bus shelter in Lothian Street having been spray painted by youths.

Between 2300rs on 29/12/24 and 0200hrs on 30/12/24 a garage in Durham Grove, Bonnyrigg was forced open, two off road bikes and a mountain bike were stolen.

Between 29/12/24 and 30/12/24 a red ford fiesta was stolen from Gordon Avenue, Bonnyrigg, a grey transit van was also stolen from the same street.

30/12/24 complaint re youths loitering at Poltonhall Pavilion.

Multiple complaints re parking issues at various locations, vehicles obstructing the roadway, vehicles parked on pavements.

Other calls include domestic incidents, mental health concerns, communications offences (crimes involving the misuse of communication technologies such as phones, social media and the internet) and road traffic accidents.

For the month of December the Community Policing Team & Midlothian Community Action Team were involved in a winter initiative which entailed focussed targeting of resources in enforcement, detection and disruption in relation to

Minimising violence and disorder

Minimising Anti-Social behaviour

Minimising acquisitive crime

Supporting Roads Policing to maximise road safety and minimise road crime

Both high-visibility and plain clothed patrols were carried out in the area in relation to parking issues and ASB, and there was a focus on Bail Offenders, carrying out pro-active bail checks on highlighted nominals.

Due to the time of the year and an expected increase in Shoplifting offences, in addition to the winter initiative, local officers were also involved in focussing on progressing enquiries and making arrests for nominals linked to outstanding crime reports , and specifically, shoplifting & repeat offenders. During a period of 2 months (18/11/24 – 18/01/25), these initiatives saw over 100 Crime Reports being detected and resolved, with over 40 nominals being arrested &/or charged in relation. These crimes were predominantly for shoplifting, however other linked offences are included within these figures. In addition to local officers carrying out patrols within their ward area, assistance was provided to give Straiton Retail Park additional resourcing due to this being the largest shopping area within the Midlothian area.

**If any person has any information about the incidents listed above, or indeed any other crime, please contact your Community Policing Officer PC Fiona Cunningham via 101 or email:**

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# Additional Information

**Crimestoppers**

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