Criminal Activity February 25

**Beat Area BD01 & ME02 –**

**Bonnyrigg, Lasswade, Poltonhall & District**

During the month of February 2025 in the beat areas BD01 & ME02 – Bonnyrigg, Lasswade, Poltonhall & District – there were 256 calls made to Police. (316 in January)

Between 1900 and 0700hrs on 31/01/25 a Ford Transit van parked in the parking area at Sherwood Loan, Bonnyrigg, was stolen. The vehicle was not in a good condition so it is unknown how it could have been driven away.

About 1600hrs on 01/02/25 a vehicle was scratched whilst it was parked in Sherwood Industrial Estate. The driver had gone into one of the buildings only for a few minutes and on his return he discovered all four panels of his vehicle were scratched.

 01/02/25 staff at The Anvil Inn reported a male causing annoyance, he was issued with a recorded Police warning.

04/02/25 one car vehicle accident on the Distributor Road, Bonnyrigg, driver skidded and collided with lamppost. Driver badly shaken but not injured.

04/02/25 a vehicle parked in De Quincy Road, Bonnyrigg was driven without the consent of the owner, the driver then collided with 3 parked vehicles. Driver charged with various Road Traffic offences.

05/02/25 report of male on off road bike at Cockpen roundabout.

05/02/25 a male was given a recorded Police warning after being found in possession of cannabis in Bonnyrigg High Street.

05/02/25 complaint regarding youths climbing the scaffolding at Polton Street, Bonnyrigg.

08/02/25 call to Al Wahhab Food Store, Polton Street, Bonnyrigg, staff reporting youths causing annoyance within. The youths had left prior to the arrival of Police.

At 0200hrs on 09/02/25 report of three males acting suspiciously in Rose Gardens, Bonnyrigg, they were looking into the windows of a property. No trace of these individuals on arrival of Police.

09/02/25 males captured on CCTV at 0150hrs acting suspiciously in Kilconquhar Place, Bonnyrigg (property backs onto Cockpen Cemetry)

At 0200hrs on 11/02/25 5 males were observed breaking into a property at Bailyfied Park Drive, Bonnyrigg. The occupier has high value vehicles parked on his driveway. The occupier was not at home but observed the suspects on his CCTV camera, they made off after the alarm activated.

11/02/25 male arrested near to Tesco’s for driving whilst under the influence of alcohol. Charged with drink driving.

11/02/25 youths trying to gain access to the disused property at Poplar Terrace, Bonnyrigg.

13/02/25 vehicle damage whilst it was parked in a parking bay at Polton Street, Bonnyrigg. Looked like another vehicle had collided with it and driven off.

13/02/25 report of female having been knocked down outside Tesco Express, Bonnyrigg, minor injuries sustained. Driver of vehicle charged with careless driving.

14/02/25 two further calls from staff at Al Wahhab food store reporting youth causing annoyance.

16/02/25 occupier at Brixwold Rise contacted Police after a male was captured on his CCTV doing something to his letterbox. The actual letterbox was out of view of the camera therefore the male could not be identified.

In the early hours of the 17/02/25 two youths were observed by Police in Polton Street, Bonnyrigg. They ran off on seeing Police but were apprehended nearby. They were conveyed to their home addresses in Edinburgh (aged 13 and 15).

On 18/02/25 entry was forced to a dwelling in Brixwold Drive, Bonnyrigg. The premises was searched and vehicle keys removed. 2 vehicles were then stolen. One of the vehicles was traced in the Leith area of Edinburgh, the reg plate was about to be changed. One male was arrested and another male is still being sought.

At 0555hrs, same date, a property in Burnbrae Loan was entered by force.(door lock snapped), a Vauxhall Vivaro van and a mini cooper were then stolen. Mini cooper tracked in Oxgangs but on Officers attending this area there was no trace of it.

19/02/25 anonymous complaint regarding vehicles blocking the pavement at Rowan Gardens, Bonnyrigg. The informant did contact the Council regarding this matter and they were advised to contact Police. Rowan Gardens and the surrounding streets were not designed for cars resulting in the excess of vehicles and a shortage of parking spaces. As a result cars are parking on the kerbs, this makes manoeuvring challenging, vehicles do not obstruct the roadway however it is extremely frustrating for local residents.

19/02/25 report of 2 vehicles abandoned in Dobbies Road, Bonnyrigg having been there for months. Both vehicles have MOT’s and VEL’s but are not insured. Police don’t have any powers to uplift them.

22/02/25 Group of youths in South Chesters Bank, Bonnyrigg kicking at doors.

24/02/25 male (not local) caused a disturbance within Cheeky Chicken, he was arrested and found in possession of various quantities of drugs. Charged with various offences.

On 26/02/25 a vehicle failed to stop for the school crossing guide at St Marys PS as she was trying to cross children over the road. The incident was reported to Police but as there were no witnesses, no further action could be taken. Guide later provided with advice from CPT who as yet has been unable to warn the driver as the vehicle is registered to London.

27/02/25 report of a fight in Raes Gardens, Bonnyrigg. Male is to charged with an assault.

27/02/25 youths kicking doors in Scollon Avenue, Bonnyrigg. No trace of the youths on the arrival of Police.

Also during this month there were 3 shopliftings at Tesco Express, one at the CO-OP and one at the new Morrisons.

Other incident reported to Police include domestic incidents, mental health concerns, communication offences and other minor beat complaints.

Crime prevention advice –

There has been an increase in vehicle thefts in the Lothian area whereby high value vehicles are being targeted and stolen.

The following is advice to consider to make it harder for criminals to steal your vehicle or break into your home.

For vehicle Theft –

* Buy a signal blocking pouch, this can block the transmission of the signal from the car key. You can buy these online. Ensure that your keys are out of sight also!
* Using a steering lock can be an effective way of ensuring that your vehicle is not stolen, it can be a useful deterrent.
* If you have a garage, I would strongly recommend that you use it to secure vehicle. Park in the driveway if you have one.

For home security –

* Keep your home locked at all times
* Many thieves do not need to break in at all because a door or window has been left open or unlocked
* Don’t leave keys on the inside of door locks, under mats or anywhere else they can be easily found
* If you have a ‘thumb turn’ lock on the inside of a door, ensure that it cannot be accessed from outside
* Consider installing a home alarm system
* Look for the Secured By Design accreditation on the product and register - you can place an invisible imprint of your postcode and house number on your possessions
* Don’t leave valuables where they can be seen through a window - for example, around the tree at Christmas time
* Don’t post on social media that you are out the country for a period of time
* Doors should be fitted with a 5 lever mortice deadlock to BS 3621 standard or a Euro Profile Cylinder lock to TS007 3 star standard
* Door frames should be strong enough to support the door, hinges and lock.
* If the door is not a ‘multi – point locking’ door, fit mortice bolts at the top and bottom of the door and hinge-bolts give additional resistance
* External timber doors should be solid core and a minimum of 45 mm thick.
* UPVC doors should be to PAS024:2016 standard as below
* New / replacement doors should be manufactured and installed to meet standards PAS 024:2016 or equivalent
* Glazed panels within or adjacent to the door should have laminated glass in at least the inner pane to standards P1A
* Letterboxes should have an internal cover plate and not be at floor level. This means that mail drops down and can't be taken from outside
* If you are replacing your letter-plate, look to replace it with a letter-plate to TS008 standard
* Fit a door viewer and a door chain
* Don’t leave keys in the door. They could be turned or stolen through the letter-plate if a standard letter plate is fitted
* Think about having your door reinforced with a security door bar
* Ask the manufacturer/supplier before fitting any extra locks to double glazed windows or doors
* Windows should have internal beading to avoid the glass being removed from the outside. Some systems which have external beading are secure because the glass is adhered to the frame or secured by special tamper-proof clips. This can be checked by consulting the manufacturer

New / replacement windows should be manufactured and installed to PAS024:2016 or equivalent. This indicates set specific standards of design and security for windows.

More advice can be found on the Police Scotland website

**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:**

BonnyriggCPT@scotland.police.uk

# Additional Information

**Crimestoppers**

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