Criminal Activity November 2020

**Beat Area BD01 –**

**Bonnyrigg, Lasswade, Poltonhall & District**

During the month of November 2020 in the beat area BD01 – Bonnyrigg, Lasswade, Poltonhall & District – there were **63** recorded crimes reported, of which **21** have been solved to date, with a solvency rate of **33%**

During this time period, there were **251** calls to Police Scotland.

# INCIDENTS OF NOTE

Between 10pm on Saturday 31st October and 7am on Sunday 1st of November a stone was thrown by unknown person(s) causing damage to the window of a property at Dundas Street. Police enquiries are ongoing.

About 7:45am on Monday 2nd November 2020 the rear window of the Lothian Bus, Service 31 was smashed by unknown person(s). Police enquiries are ongoing.

About 8:15pm on Tuesday 3rd November 2020 a stone was thrown by unknown person(s) and the window of a property damaged at Dalhousie Avenue West. Police enquiries are ongoing.

Between 5:30pm on Tuesday 3rd and 8am on Wednesday 4th November 2020 a green Skoda Fabia parked on High Street, Bonnyrigg, had its wing mirror damaged by unknown person(s). Police enquiries are ongoing.

Between 9pm on Tuesday 3rd and 9am on Wednesday 4th November 2020 a blue Ford Fiesta parked on Durham Place, had its front nearside window damaged by unknown person(s). Police enquiries are ongoing.

About 6pm on Wednesday 4th November 2020 a brick was thrown by unknown person(s) though a kitchen window at an address on Seaforth Terrace. Police enquiries are ongoing.

About 11:50pm on Wednesday 4th November 2020 a vehicle was stopped by officers on Rosewell Road due to the smell of cannabis. Search of the vehicle revealed small quantity of cannabis within. Passenger of the vehicle was charged and reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

About 8:20pm on Thursday 5th November 2020 it is believed that a group of youths set fire to a bin at Sherwood Place. Police enquiries are ongoing.

About 5:20pm on Saturday 7th November 2020 a woman was arrested for breach of bail and shoplifting at Spar. The female was charged and reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

About 8:20pm on Monday 9th November 2020 a white Fiat 500 care had its windscreen wiper snapped off by a group of youths in King George V car park. Police enquiries are ongoing.

Between 5:15pm on Friday 6th and 11am on Monday 9th November 2020 access was gained to a Co-Operative Delivery van which was parked behind the store on the High Street, Bonnyrigg. Nothing was reported to be missing at this time. Police enquiries are ongoing.

Between 8pm on Monday 9th and 8am on Tuesday the 10th of November 2020 a boundary wall at Saw Mill Court was damaged by unknown person(s) causing damage to the pillars. Police enquiries are ongoing.

About 12:18am on Friday 13th November 2020 a man was driving a vehicle whilst under the influence of alcohol. The vehicle collided with 3 other vehicles. The man was taken to St Leonards Custody whereby he was charged with numerous driving offences and a report submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

Between 8pm on Saturday 14th and 12pm on Sunday 15th November 2020 unknown person(s) attempted to break into a white Vauxhall Corsa van on Polton Street.

Between 6:30pm and 9:45pm on Sunday 15th November 2020 unknown person(s) broke into a house on Cameron Crescent taking numerous items. A Police Forensic team attended Police enquiries are ongoing.

Between 10pm on Wednesday 18th and 8am Thursday 19th November 2020 unknown person(s) have attempted to steal two high value vehicles from Burnbrae Terrace and Saw Mill Court. Police enquiries are ongoing.

About 6:50pm on Sunday the 22nd November 2020 police stopped a Ford Transit van at Eldindean Road and subsequently established that the driver was not insured. The vehicle was seized and the driver has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

There have been numerous calls relating to youth disorder in the Bonnyrigg area particularly within school grounds and King George V Park. Numerous instances of youths throwing items at properties at Sherwood Terrace, Old Market Place, Cameron Crescent, Park Road, Sherwood View and Polton Gardens.

There has also been numerous calls relating to youths setting off fireworks and setting bins on fire. In response to this police have been carrying out uniformed and plain clothed patrols and working closely with local schools. As a result a number of youths have been charged with various offences and where no offences have been committed, but youths found behaving in an antisocial manner they have been taken home and their parents made aware.

A number of residents of the Bonnyrigg area have contacted police after becoming victims of fraud, whereby they have received phone calls from persons declaring themselves as representatives of various banks fraud team. Victims are advised that their accounts have been compromised and asked to transfer funds elsewhere at which time control of funds is lost. Police request members of the public to be vigilant to such conduct and educate elderly or vulnerable family/friends.

**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

16 Days of Activism is a worldwide campaign to oppose gender based violence. It aims to raise awareness of the negative impact that violence and abuse have on women and children and to rid society of abuse permanently.

It runs from 25th November, the UN International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, until the 10th December, International Human Rights Day.

Police Scotland is committed to tackling domestic abuse.  No matter what gender you are or what your relationship status is, domestic abuse will never be tolerated.

If you, or anyone you know, are being abused or are at risk of abuse, please contact Police Scotland on 101 or 999 in an emergency. Or if you need support please contact Scotland's domestic abuse and forced marriage helpline on 0800 027 1234.

Coronavirus restrictions are difficult for everyone. For those living with an abusive partner or family member, it is dangerous, traumatic and relentless.

As a friend or family member or neighbour, it’s not your responsibility to stop the abuse. But you can do a lot to help.

For more advice on how you can support, visit: <https://safelives.org.uk/reach-in>

#ReachIn #16DaysOfAction



DSDAS

Police Scotland’s Disclosure Scheme for Domestic Abuse aims to prevent domestic abuse by giving people the right to ask about the background of their partner. It also allows concerned members of the public, such as relatives and friends, the right to ask about someone's partner if they are concerned that person has been abusive in the past.

More than 8500 people have made requests to Police Scotland’s Disclosure Scheme since its launch 5 years ago.  Of those requests 4536 people were told that their current partner has a violent

You can submit a Right to Ask application if you are concerned about yourself or someone else.  Please visit [www.scotland.police.uk](http://www.scotland.police.uk)



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