



## **Ashley and Broomhill Community Council Report**

This report covers progress we have made in dealing with your priorities for the Ashley and Broomhill Community Council area during April 2022.

The report aims to highlight emerging issues in your area, and to provide crime prevention advice and guidance to Community Council members and residents you represent. Our focus is to reduce crime and disorder, help create safer communities and respond effectively to local concerns.

### **Community Policing Priorities**

#### **Antisocial behaviour, Violence and Disorder:**

This month we have seen a couple of calls relating to anti-social behaviour on Broomhill Road. These have been late at night and early hours with people returning from nights out ringing doorbells and knocking on communal doors to gain access to their properties.

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April officers were called to a property on Louisville Avenue regards noisy music, as a result the occupant was warned by officers.

On the morning of Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April officers responded to reports of a male acting suspiciously, going in and out of properties on Great Western Road, the male was traced due to a good description and it was found to be a false call with good intent.

Overnight from Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> into Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April a motor vehicle had its door window smashed whilst parked on Great Western Road. Enquiries are ongoing, but appears a mindless act of vandalism.

Officers continue to patrol areas known for anti-social behaviour including the above areas. Please do continue to report suspicious behaviour, providing as much of a description of those responsible as you can.

#### **Acquisitive Crime:**

On the afternoon of Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April a parcel was stolen from the side door of a property on Cromwell Road, having been dropped off by a delivery driver. Enquiries are ongoing, but above highlights the importance of designating a safe place or neighbour if possible to collect your parcels, if you know you are not going to be in.

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### **Road Safety & Road Crime:**

On the afternoon of Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April officers supported by Roads policing officers responded to reports of a Road Traffic Collision involving an electric scooter and motor car on Broomhill Road. Thankfully the rider of the scooter only received minor injuries, but was subsequently charged with a number of Road Traffic Offences.

We continue to work with partners in response to specific complaints in terms of road traffic offences and road safety. Residents in the areas affected by antisocial driving are encouraged to contact Police on 101 at the time, to report incidents and provide as much description as possible of the vehicle(s)/person(s) in order for us to take positive action.

### **Community Engagement & Reassurance**

Operation Armour was launched at the start of April and will run throughout the summer months with the aim of preventing, deterring and detecting bike thefts across the City.

Sergeant Tom Spencer who is leading the initiative said "Bike thefts are a priority for the North East Division all year round however we see an increase in this sort of crime over the summer months with more people utilising their bikes. This operation is essential in sending out a clear message that this sort of crime will not be tolerated".

As part of the operation Officers will be carrying out both plain clothes and high visibility patrols to deter and disrupt thefts.

Another important part of the operation is to educate bike owners on simple but effective security measures they can take and to visit local bike shops asking retailers to continue to promote bike security to their customers.

Operation Armour Officers along with Crime Reduction Officers today attended at Edinburgh Bicycle (as pictured) who have partnered with Operation Armour this year to promote bike security.

The demand for bicycles has never been greater and as such bicycles are being targeted regularly by thieves. Whether you have just purchased your first bike or are a seasoned cyclist it is worth investing in a good quality cycle specific lock to secure your bike.

Thieves will routinely carry bolt croppers or even battery powered angle grinders and light weight, poor quality locks offer little resistance. As a rough guide consider spending around 10% of the value of your bike on a lock.

Always buy the best quality lock you can afford and look out for those that have been endorsed as 'Sold Secure' or 'Secured by Design.'

It's not enough to simply lock your bicycle whenever it is left unattended for a longer period. Modern bikes are light and can be carried away quickly. Whether a bicycle stand, lamp post or metal fence: a bike must be locked to something and whatever you choose, it must be at least as secure as the lock itself. Ideally, use two different types of lock - a thief will need more tools to steal it.

The best place for your bike at night is a locked room, e.g. a cellar or garage, and it should always be secured with a bicycle lock; ideally combined with a ground anchor. If bicycles cannot be locked to something, for example in the hall or garage, simply lock several bikes together.

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Photograph your bike and record all of your bike's details and distinguishing features and keep in a safe place. The serial number can be found on the bottom bracket. Consider using a bike registration scheme to mark your bicycle. Not only is this a deterrent to thieves but should you be unlucky enough to have your bicycle stolen it increases the chances of getting your bicycle back.

How to Keep Your Bike Safe | A Guide To Preventing Bicycle Theft

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ye4p6IGGQWw>

How to lock your bike in town/ gmbn tech's guide to urban bike security

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zQfaFZ5OpOs>

How To Install A Ground Anchor | Ultimate Bike Security

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2DiLSzzPVyE>

Tested - £11,000 of Bike Locks Destroyed

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BxIbAFnmsIQ>

Further guidance can be found at

<https://www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/home-and-personal-property/keep-your-bicycle-secure>

Or by contacting Police Scotland Crime Reduction Officers on

[NorthEastCrimeReduction@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:NorthEastCrimeReduction@scotland.pnn.police.uk)

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Also available are the three following contact email addresses for the West End:

[AiryhallBroomhillGarthdeeCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:AiryhallBroomhillGarthdeeCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk)  
[HazleheadAshleyQueensCrossCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:HazleheadAshleyQueensCrossCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk)  
[TorryFerryhillCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:TorryFerryhillCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk)

The primary purpose of these e-mail addresses is for residents to **report non-criminal queries**, such as passing attentions, information, advice and non-criminal quality of life issues, such as youth annoyance. These e-mail addresses are not for reporting crimes or offences. The process for reporting any crimes or offences is to call 101, where our Service Centre will log the call on our Command and Control system and allocate the incident to our area. Using this process negates the possibility of the report being missed and also ensures that the caller's details, addresses and telephone numbers are noted for our awareness and response.

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Should you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to discuss these with the Officer attending your Community Council Meeting or by emailing the above e-mail addresses or our Service Centre. It is not necessary to wait until the meeting and your local CPT Inspector, PI Sim welcomes your contact.

### Contact Us

Please also remember you can communicate with us using any of the following:

-  101 – Non emergency;
-  Twitter - @NorthEPolice;
-  Facebook – [www.facebook.com/NorthEastPoliceDivision](http://www.facebook.com/NorthEastPoliceDivision);
-  Web – [www.scotland.police.uk](http://www.scotland.police.uk);
-  999 – Emergency;
-  0800 555 111 - Crimestoppers.

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