



## **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 February 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 few calls relating to anti-social behaviour.

One male has been charged and reported to the Courts in relation to threatening and abusive behaviour within a communal area on Ashvale Place that occurred on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February.

Officers are making enquires in to the vandalism of a window on Pitstruan Place that has occurred in the early hours of Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February.

#### **Acquisitive Crime:**

A male has been charged and reported to the Courts in relation to the Theft of an insecure motor vehicle on Broomfield Road that occurred on between Friday 4<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February.

Between Friday 4<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February items were stolen from a secure locker within the communal basement area of a block of flats on Ashvale Place. Anyone with information is asked to contact Police on 101 quoting incident 1439 of the 6<sup>th</sup> February.

A ground floor property on Nellfield place has had its window smashed and signs of the property having been entered but nothing stolen. This has occurred during the day on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February.

Between Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February an insecure pedal cycle was stolen from an insecure property on Abergeldie Terrace.

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Enquires are ongoing into the above incidents. I continue to encourage us all to remain vigilant, reporting any suspicious activity.

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

There have been no specific incidents of note in relation to Road Safety / Road Crime.

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**

Unfortunately bike theft continues to be all too commonplace across the UK with many bikes being stolen to order by organised crime gangs. The following is provided by our Crime Reduction Unit and provides valuable advice and guidance on how to secure your pedal cycle both at home and whilst out and about.

#### **REGISTER IT**

Register your bike on a secure, Secured by Design (SBD) recognised national database. The police will check these databases if they find bikes in the possession of a criminal or in the street to identify the rightful owner. A bike carrying a database stamp is a highly effective, visible deterrent to bike thieves as they know that if they are caught with a registered bike they will be arrested, as the rightful owner can be traced by the police within seconds.

#### **RECORD IT**

Remember to record as many details of your bike as you can, such as the make/model, size, colour, frame number (normally found underneath the bike between the pedals or where the back wheel slots in), plus any other distinguishing features, and take a photo.

#### **SECURITY MARK IT**

Security marking your bike using a SBD recognised forensic asset marking or etching kit is another highly effective, visible deterrent to thieves and an established method of reducing theft.

#### **DOUBLE-LOCK IT, SECURE IT AND LOCK THE LOT**

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It can take thieves as little as a few seconds to cut through some locks that haven't achieved the Police Preferred Specification, so use two good quality locks, at least one of which is a D-lock (sometimes referred to as a U-lock).

- Secure your bike as close to the stand as possible to give any thieves little or no room to manoeuvre.
- Lock the frame and both wheels to the cycle parking stand. Locks are considered more vulnerable when they come in to contact with the ground, so keep them off the floor.

### **REMOVE THE REMOVABLE BITS**

Take parts that are easy to remove with you, such as the saddle or wheels. Or use locking skewers or nuts which can increase security by securing the bike's components to the frame permanently, making it difficult for thieves to steal detachable parts.

### **PARK SECURE**

Lock your bike at recognised secure cycle parking. It should be well lit and covered by CCTV. Secured cycle hubs and racks are provided by local councils and business, however, while some of these products are security tested some are not, so be wary.

Avoid leaving your bike in isolated or dimly lit places, always leave your bike where a potential thief will have to perform in public!

- Don't lock your bike to an open-ended structure such as a sign post – thieves just lift the bike over the top of it.
- Avoid locking your bike against a gate or wall, thieves will often use leverage against the wall or gate to break the bike lock.
- Electric Bikes are very expensive, so try not to leave in the same place on a regular basis – it may be noticed and stolen to order by a determined thief.

### **REMEMBER SAFETY BEGINS AT HOME**

This is very important to remember, as many bikes are stolen at home. Statistics show that bike thefts are most likely to occur in a semi-private location near the victim's home; this includes outside areas on the premises and garages around, but not connected to, the home.

- Take the same care to lock your bike securely at home as you would on the street.
- Ground anchors can be used together with shed or garage alarms, which can be connected to your house alarm system.
- Doorbell and external security cameras can also be used as a deterrent to thieves.

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You may wish to consider bringing your bike indoors if you don't have appropriately secure external storage.

Lock your bike as described above in a securely locked garage or shed ensuring either is well maintained and the bike is hidden from view.

### **Bike Security - videos**

#### **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>

Please contact the North East Division Crime Reduction team for further advice and the opportunity to have a crime reduction survey at your home by emailing –

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

### **Keep Updated**

There is a service provided by Neighbourhood Watch Scotland that helps share “alerts” where crimes are known to affect a specific area. You might find it useful to sign up to receive these alerts which are free of charge and can be sent to you by email or by text (you can select your preference). If you are interested in joining this then please use this link

<https://member-registration.neighbourhoodalert.co.uk/91/Join>.

Please also visit our Police Scotland website for more links and security advice <https://www.scotland.police.uk/advice-and-information/your-home/>

If you become a victim of crime or wish further advice you can contact Police Scotland by calling 101 or report through our website [www.scotland.police.uk/contact-us](http://www.scotland.police.uk/contact-us)

As always, if you see or are the victim of crime please do report this as below.



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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.

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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