

Bag snatching in Pennywell Road

The first incident happened in Pennywell Road around 11.20pm on Monday 28th June. A woman who had just left a chip shop noticed a group of youths who had gathered outside. A male from the group then approached her and snatched at the shopping bag she was carrying. A struggle ensued before he was able to wrestle the bag from her grasp and make off from the area. The victim sustained a sore hand during the incident but did not require medical attention. The suspect is described as being aged 16 – 17 years, 5'7' tall wearing a grey hooded top and tracksuit bottoms. During the second incident, which also happened in Pennywell Road a woman was robbed of her handbag as she made her way home. The theft took place around 12.10am yesterday (30th June). The woman was walking along the lane that connects Muirhouse Avenue North to Pennywell Road. Upon entering the lane, the woman noticed two males within who began to follow her before struggling with her for her handbag and making off with the bag towards Muirhouse Avenue North. The woman suffered minor injuries. The first suspect is described as white, 20s, 5ft 6ins tall with a skinny build and acne on his face. He was wearing a dark beanie hat, dark long coat and blue denim jeans. The second suspect is described as white, 5ft 4ins tall with a skinny build and wearing a dark-coloured hoody. Police are now appealing for anyone who can help trace those responsible for these incidents to come forward. A police spokesman said: 'At this time we do not believe either theft to be linked, but we are keen to speak to anyone who may be able to assist with our enquiries. 'If you were in the Pennywell Road area around 11.20pm on Monday night or around 12.10am this morning and saw anything suspicious we would ask that you contact police immediately.'