

# Handbag Theft

Police in Midlothian are appealing for information after a woman was the victim of a handbag snatch in Dalkeith yesterday.

The incident happened around 4.45pm, in St Andrews Street.

The 61-year-old victim was about to enter her home address when she was approached by the female suspect, who grabbed her handbag from within a shopping trolley that the victim had with her at the time.

She then made off down St Andrews Street towards South Street, before turning right down an alleyway that leads to the High Street.

She is described as being in her late teens to early 20s, medium build, with red/brown hair that was tied up, and wearing a brown three-quarter length jacket.

A police spokesman said: 'We are appealing for anyone who witnessed the incident to contact police as soon as possible.

'Similarly, we want to speak to anyone who was in the area of St Andrews Street or the High Street in Dalkeith at the time the incident, who thinks they may have seen the suspect there.

'Anyone else who recognises her description, or who has any other information that can assist our inquiries, should also get in touch.'