

Concern for missing woman

✘ The daughter of a woman who has been missing from her friend's home in West Lothian since last Friday is appealing to the public to help find her mother.

51-year-old Heather McKay was last seen at the address in Dechmont, Broxburn at around 7.30am by her friend who was leaving for work.

A large-scale enquiry is underway by Lothian and Borders Police to trace Ms McKay, however so far officers have been unable to trace her.

Officers are conducting door-to-door enquiries and examining CCTV in and around the Dechmont area. Community Officers will also be distributing posters and leaflets with a picture of Ms McKay, and over the weekend members of the local community have been instrumental in raising awareness of Ms McKay's disappearance.

Heather's daughter, Andrea Waddell, said: "Mum's disappearance is so out of character and none of us can understand what has happened to her.

"We are such a close family and my mum has a wide circle of friends. She is a keen walker and enjoys going for lunch with her friends and family. We're all worried sick and are desperate for any news that can help put our minds at rest.

Inspector Stephen Innes from Lothian and Borders Police said: "Heather has not been seen since early on Friday morning, and we are growing more and more concerned for her well-being with every hour that passes.

"Our extensive enquiries have so far not revealed anything that might identify her whereabouts, and her disappearance is highly out of character.

"We are grateful for the help that the local community have provided in helping us raise awareness, and I would encourage anyone who thinks they might have seen Ms McKay to get in touch with us immediately."

Heather McKay is described as being around 5ft 7ins tall, medium build with hazel/ green eyes and brown hair. She speaks with a Scottish accent and has a small burn mark on her forearm and a small tattoo on her right shoulder.

She may be wearing a light blue Berghaus rain jacket, jeans and a pair of brown hi-tec walking boots.

Anyone with any information is asked to contact Lothian and Borders Police immediately on 0131 311 3131.