

Police investigating youth related antisocial behaviour

✘ Police in Edinburgh are investigating following reports of youth-related antisocial behaviour in the west of the city this week.

On Monday 29 April, police received two separate complaints of vehicles having been vandalised with spray paint in Harvester's Way and Wester Hailes Park. Later that day, a report was received with regard to racist graffiti in Wester Hailes Park. A number of young people were seen in the area with spray canisters and enquiries are ongoing to trace them.

Investigations are also ongoing after stones thrown at a Polish man and women and at their house.

About 1.20pm yesterday two Muslim women were racially abused and an attempt was made to remove their headscarves by a couple of young boys who were playing in the area.

Officers are investigating all of these incidents and anyone who can assist with their enquiries is asked to come forward.

Inspector Stevie Dolan said:- "A number of residents in the Wester Hailes area have recently reported anti social behaviour by local youths and we are working with the local community to identify those responsible. Several of these have been racially-motivated".

"Police Scotland is committed to keeping people safe and crime in any form will not be tolerated. We are investigating each of these reports thoroughly and anyone found to be involved will be robustly dealt with. Increased patrols will be out across the coming holiday weekend to offer reassurance to the community, engage with local youths and deter further criminal activity. Anyone wishing to report a crime can visit their

local policing team, contact Police Scotland on 101 or alternatively, the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.”