

Police investigate attempted robbery in Bonnyrigg



Police in Midlothian are appealing for witnesses following an attempted robbery in Bonnyrigg.

The incident happened just before 8am today (Monday) at the Dalhousie Newsagents in Dalhousie Place.

A 41-year-old man was working alone within the store when a male entered and presented what appeared to be a handgun. Following a struggle, the shopkeeper sustained minor injury after being struck to the face. The male then made off from the area empty handed and police were contacted.

Officers are now urging anyone who can assist with their enquiries to come forward.

The suspect is described only as white and wearing a faded black top and blue jeans.

Inspector Stuart Reid said: "This must have been a terrifying experience for the shopkeeper. However, he refused to hand over any money and successfully fended the suspect off.

"Thankfully he did not sustain any serious injury and police are now conducting various enquiries within the area to identify the male responsible.

"During this time, high-visibility police patrols are being carried out to engage with local residents and offer reassurance to the community.

"Anyone who remembers seeing any suspicious activity around the shop on Monday morning or who has information relevant to this investigation is asked to contact police immediately."

Those with information can contact Police Scotland on 101 or alternatively, the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.