

# Witness appeal following racist attack in Drylaw



Police are appealing for witnesses after two men were subjected to a racist attack around 9pm last night in Drylaw.

Two 18-year-old men, of Arabian and Pakistani ethnicity, were walking home when they reached the junction with West Granton Road.

At this time a group of male youths began to shout racial abuse at the pair before throwing rocks and stones at them.

The suspects then chased both victims into their home address before continuing to throw objects at the property, which sustained damage to a front window.

Officers are following a positive line of enquiry to identify a number of those believed to be involved in this attack but are urging anyone who can assist with their investigation to come forward.

Inspector David Happs said: "As a result of being struck by rocks, one of the victims suffered an injury to his arm. In addition the property both men share was also damaged and we are undertaking a thorough enquiry to bring those responsible to justice.

"This incident is being treated as racially-motivated and we are keen to hear from anyone who was in the West Pilton Terrace area on Monday evening and witnessed the disturbance or who saw anything suspicious.

"In addition, anyone with any further information relevant to this investigation is also asked to contact police immediately.

“Police Scotland is committed to tackling hate crime in all its forms and the local community within Drylaw can rest assured we are devoting appropriate resources to this investigation and offering all the necessary support to both victims.”

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