

Police urge parents to keep children safe from traffic



Police Scotland is urging parents to ensure their children are safe from traffic when out playing with their friends during the school holidays.

The warning follows two incidents on the road in the past week involving young people.

On Tuesday 15th July a 3-year-old girl was knocked down by a bicycle at around 4pm in The Vennel, Linlithgow.

She was taken to Forth Valley Hospital after sustaining minor injuries and was released the following day.

At around 3.45pm on Wednesday police responded to a collision in East Queensway, Penicuik involving a 4-year-old boy and a car.

Once again the child sustained minor injuries but did not require hospital treatment.

Road Policing Inspector Richard Latto said: "While serious road collisions involving children remain consistently low across Scotland, the summer holidays and warm weather can lead to an increase in the number of children being on or around roads as they increasingly venture outside.

"Young children have limited road sense, and it is essential that parents and guardians ensure they remain safe when playing near traffic."