

Three men in court following spate of break-ins



Three men have been arrested and charged following a Police Scotland operation to target acquisitive criminals in the North of Edinburgh.

Between 5th and 19th October a number of break-ins and thefts were reported in the West of the city. During these incidents, a Volkswagen Polo was stolen from an address in Saughtonhall Gardens and a Nissan Micra was taken from a home in Craigmount Terrace.

Police enquiries led to three addresses in Crewe Road North, Royston Mains Crescent and May Court area being simultaneously searched in the early hours of Tuesday morning and the males aged 22, 20 and 20 were all subsequently detained.

Both the Polo and the Micra were then recovered in Greendykes Road and Stewart Crescent respectively.

All three men are due to appear at Edinburgh Sheriff Court today (Wednesday).

Chief Inspector Sara Buchanan, Local Commander for North Edinburgh said: "The recent offences did not occur within the North of the city, but our intelligence revealed that individuals from the area were responsible.

"Working alongside officers from the West and Pentlands ward and with assistance from our Operational Support Unit, we conducted early morning searches at three homes within Drylaw and as a result of these enquiries we were able to recover two stolen vehicles.

"I am fully aware that many local residents within North

Edinburgh have concerns about ongoing issues including acquisitive crime, antisocial behaviour and youth disorder and I want to reassure these communities that we continue to use all resources at our disposal to bring those responsible for these offences to justice.

“The arrest of these three individuals should serve as a further reminder that we continue to work alongside our partner agencies and the local public to remove criminals from our communities.”