

Police recover Class B drugs worth £80k in Newbridge



Police have recovered a quantity of Class B drugs with a potential street value of £80,000 after a warrant was executed at an address in the Newbridge area by officers from the Organised Crime and Counter Terrorism Unit on Thursday, February 26, and a large number of cannabis plants were found inside.

Three men aged 36, 39 and 46 were subsequently arrested and charged under the Misuse of Drugs Act.

A report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal and all three are due to appear in Edinburgh Sheriff Court on Monday, March 2.

Officers are now urging neighbours and landlords to be wary of suspicious behaviour by residents and look out for signs of cultivation, which include a strong sickly-sweet smell, permanently blacked out windows, and high levels of heat or condensation on windows.

Detective Inspector Paul Grainger said: "This is the second recovery of a significant cannabis cultivation in under a week and shows the dedication of Police Scotland to removing illicit drugs from our communities.

"I would urge landlords and letting agents, in particular, to be aware of what is happening in the premises they let. Not only is this activity harmful to the community but their properties are more susceptible to structural damage and fire due to excessive cabling, use of flammable materials and illegal tampering with electricity systems.

“They may also lose rent during eviction and periods of repair or be held liable by the property’s energy supplier for outstanding bills.”

Anyone with further information about these crimes is asked to contact Police Scotland on 101 or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.