

Witness appeal following assault in Newhaven



Police are appealing for witnesses following an assault in the Newhaven area which took place around 12.30pm yesterday in North Fort Street when a 22-year-old man was approached and assaulted.

The suspect then directed verbal abuse towards a young woman who tried to intervene.

The suspect is described as a white man in his 20s with a medium build, who was around 6ft tall. He had short dark blonde/brown hair and a beard. He was wearing a hi-vis vest with a dark top underneath, and dark workman-style trousers.

The suspect left the scene on North Fort Street, reaching a footpath and running north towards Newhaven before getting into a car.

The victim sustained head injuries and was taken to the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary for treatment.

PC Iona McWilliam said: "This was a distressing incident for the victim, which took place in the presence of a number of young children and their parents.

"Anyone who witnessed this incident, or who has information which can help with our enquiries, is asked to come forward."

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