

Witness appeal following serious assault in Wester Hailes



Police are appealing for information after a serious assault in Wester Hailes which happened on Friday around 9:30pm when a group of male teenagers approached a 47-year-old man who was waiting at a bus stop for the number 33 service outside West Side Plaza.

The group had apparently been behaving in an aggressive and threatening manner at the entrance of the shopping centre prompting the male victim to tell them to stop what they were doing.

They then approached the man and struck him in the head resulting in a serious facial injury.

Paramedics were called to the scene and the injured man was taken to the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh where he was treated and later released.

Police are now urging anyone who was in the area around the time of this incident to please come forward.

Detective Constable Dougal Begg of Police Scotland said: "This is a popular area of Wester Hailes and there were a number of people in the area who may have seen this group shortly before this incident or even witnessed the attack itself.

"I am very keen to hear from these people and I would ask them to contact police as soon as possible.

"There were a number of youths involved in this violent and senseless attack and we want to trace them as quickly as

possible.

“Those with relevant information can contact police on 101 or, alternatively anonymously through the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.”