

Assault and robbery in Victoria Park



Police are appealing for witnesses following an assault and robbery on the walkway in Victoria Park which happened at around 9pm yesterday.

Three men aged 18, 19 and 20 were approaching the Steadfast Gate when a group of five youths walked passed them.

The 18-year-old was then struck to the head, and the trio were threatened.

They were all struck to the face, causing minor injuries, before one of the suspects stole a plastic bag and a rucksack from the 18-year-old.

The suspects were last seen heading towards Leith and are all described as white males, aged around 16 years old, with local accents.

The first is described as 5ft 7-8inches tall with a bulky build. He was wearing a black beanie hat, black tracksuit top with white strips, and black gloves.

The second suspect was 5ft 5inches tall with a skinny build, and was wearing all black.

The third suspect is described as 6ft tall with a skinny build. He was wearing grey trackie bottom shorts, and a black hooded top.

The fourth was 5ft tall and wearing a black tracksuit.

The fifth is 5ft 5inches with a slim-medium build.

DC Stevie Herd of Gayfield CID said: "This was a distressing

and cowardly attack on three people who were seemingly just going about their business.

“Officers carried out a thorough search of the local area and have recovered the bags and their contents, which will be reunited with their rightful owner.

“We’re conducting numerous enquiries as part of our efforts to trace the suspects and are asking for anyone who saw the group described, or recognises their description, to come forward.”

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