

# Spate of business housebreakings in the Penicuik area



Police are investigating following a spate of business housebreakings in the Penicuik area.

The first incident was reported to police on Wednesday 12th October at Kentigern Mall, when a business premises was broken into. Police believe the break in happened overnight and nothing was taken.

A further incident also happened on Wednesday 12th October at around 3am where a business premises was broken into in John Street and several beauty products were taken as a result.

Three further incidents were reported on Thursday 13th October. The first was reported around 8.30am where an attempt was made to break into at a café in West Street.

There was also a break-in and an attempted break-in to two properties on Penicuik High Street, which were also reported to police on Thursday 13th October.

Police are now investigating these incidents and are appealing for information.

Police Sergeant Michele Lindsay of Penicuik Police Station said: "Our enquiries into all incidents are ongoing and we are pursuing various lines of inquiry. However, given the nature of these offences and proximity of all the properties we cannot rule out the possibility that they are linked.

"There are several steps that businesses can take to protect their properties. Make sure all windows and doors are secure;

remove your float and advertise on the door of the premises advising potential thieves that no cash is held on site out of hours; consider the installation of CCTV and ensure that all moveable electrical items are out of sight.

“More information on physical crime prevention measures can be found on the Police Scotland website.”

Anyone with information about these housebreakings should call Police Scotland on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.