

Seven men arrested following large-scale disturbance in the city centre



Seven men have been arrested in connection with a large-scale disturbance in the city centre last week.

Following the Hearts vs Hibernian Scottish Cup match on Sunday 12th February, police received reports of disorder and violence taking place outside a pub on Brougham Place.

As a result of this incident two men required treatment for facial and head injuries.

Earlier today officers carried out enforcement activity in the Oxfords, Newington and Meadowbank areas of the city, as well as within Newtongrange, Ormiston and Aberfeldy.

The men aged 16, 20, 26, 33, 33, 48 and 48 were all subsequently charged and will appear at Edinburgh Sheriff Court on Thursday 23rd January.

Chief Superintendent Kenny MacDonald, Divisional Commander for Edinburgh said: "The disorder on Brougham Place was football-related and caused a great deal of concern to local residents, businesses and patrons in the area.

"We will not tolerate such offences and will actively pursue anyone believed to be involved to ensure they are brought to justice.

"The vast majority of supporters of both Hearts and Hibernian are regularly a credit to their clubs and behave responsibly whenever their teams are in action. However, a small minority behave in a manner, which puts themselves and others at risk.

“The replay of the Scottish Cup match takes place tonight and we’ll have an appropriate presence in place to ensure the safety of all spectators and maintain order in and around the stadium.

“In addition, police will be assisting stewards to check for contraband items such as alcohol, weapons and flares and anyone in possession of such things will be prevented from entering the ground and may be arrested.

“Following the match, officers will be out on patrol and any offences identified will be dealt with robustly.”