

Gosford House death – police update



Police and scientific experts are continuing their work near to Gosford House in East Lothian following the discovery of human remains at the weekend.

The remains were found off the A198 near Longniddry on Sunday evening 2nd April by a cyclist. Police and other specialist forensic services have been in attendance since this time, and work is ongoing to recover the remains, identify the deceased and inform their family, and establish the circumstances of the death.

Detective Superintendent Pat Campbell said: “We are consulting with a number of experts to ensure that the remains are recovered in a sensitive and careful manner and no evidence that helps us to establish what happened is damaged or missed. I understand the anxiety of those who may be waiting for news of a missing loved one, but whilst the identity of the remains is unknown we cannot speculate.

“I want to again reassure the public that when we have new information we will act upon it and inform the next of kin of any person who is relevant to the investigation; this has been taking place and updates have been given. The death is being treated as unexplained and once the remains are recovered, there will be significant, detailed forensic analysis required to establish the cause of death and whether any crime has been committed.”

Local Area Commander, Chief Inspector Matt Paden, added: “The discovery at the weekend has caused both curiosity and concern and my officers are available to speak to in the area, carrying out additional patrols. We are supporting the

specialist teams involved in the recovery and the investigation, and we are committed to returning the area to normal as soon as our inquiries have finished.

“Local diversions are currently in place and we have been liaising with transport partners to ensure people can go about their daily business. I’m very grateful for the support we have received from the local community and from the Gosford Estate.”