

# Police urge public to be vigilant following spate of break-ins in Livingston area



Police are appealing for information and urging the public to be vigilant following a number of break-ins in the Livingston area which took place overnight between 10pm on Sunday 12th and 7.30am on Monday 13th November in Mid Calder, East Calder and Murieston.

Car keys were taken from a property in the Murieston area, which were then used to steal a red Toyota Yaris which was recovered in the Addiewell area on Monday evening.

During this time, a property was broken into in the Mid Calder area and at least nine cars were also broken into in the Braeside Park, Teviot Drive, Westgate, Overton Crescent and Ochiltree Crescent areas with a number of items stolen from within, including cash.

PC Kenny Alexander of West Calder's Community Investigation Unit said: "We'd urge anyone who may have seen suspicious behaviour overnight in these areas to get in touch with us as soon as possible.

"I'd urge local residents to check any private CCTV that they may have or let us know if they saw anyone in possession of the stolen Yaris before the car was recovered.

"A thorough investigation is underway with a number of items seized for further enquiry and we will use all resources at our disposal to identify those responsible.

"However, I'd urge the public to take extra precautions with the dark nights now upon us in ensuring that their house and

cars are kept locked and secured overnight.

“Thieves are opportunistic so always hide valuables, including house and car keys, out of sight and please remain vigilant. Report any suspicious behaviour to Police Scotland on 101, always dialling 999 if you see a crime in progress.”

Anyone with information can contact West Calder’s Community Investigation Unit via 101, quoting incident number 0500 of 13th November, or report this anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.