

# Witness appeal following racially-motivated serious assault in Davidson Mains



Police are appealing for witnesses following a racially-motivated serious assault which took place around 11.30pm on Saturday 21st July within the Davidson Mains area.

Two men aged 19 and 20, who are originally from Poland alighted a bus with their 20-year-old female friend at the Greggs bakery on Main Street, where they were confronted by a group of over 10 youths.

Both men were then subjected to racial abuse and an altercation ensued involving the group and the 19-year-old man.

During this confrontation the victim challenged the suspects and followed them as they made their way towards The Green. At

this time he was attacked from behind and fell to the ground where the group continued to assault him.

As a result, he sustained a serious facial injury and various cuts to his head and arm that required treatment at the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh.

Inquiries are ongoing to trace those responsible and anyone with information is asked to come forward.

Detective Constable Gavin Howat from Corstorphine Police Station said: "In addition to the serious assault, the victim and one his friends were subjected to racial abuse and we will not tolerate any such offences.

"Anyone who witnessed the attack, or who can help us identify the suspects should contact police immediately.

"We would also urge anyone with any further information relevant to this investigation to also get in touch."

Those with information can contact Corstorphine CID via 101 and quote incident number 4914 of the 21st July. Alternatively, an anonymous report can be made to the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.