

Two women on cycling holiday in Edinburgh robbed at knifepoint



Police are appealing for witnesses after two women were robbed in the North West of the city.

At around 3.30pm on Monday 8th July, the pair aged 47 and 62 were cycling their electric bicycles at Cramond Foreshore and stopped at the tidal timings sign, near to the roundabout at Cramond Causeway.

While they were reading the sign, two men approached and one presented a knife before both bikes were stolen.

The victims were uninjured and returned to their accommodation before contacting police.

Inquiries are ongoing to identify the suspects and anyone who recognises them is asked to come forward.

The first is described as being white, late teens or early twenties with a thin build, pale skin and short brown hair. He was wearing jogging bottoms.

The second is described as being white, late teens or early twenties with an average to stocky build and short dark hair.

The bikes are red Specialized Varda model E-Bikes with women's frames. One is small and the other is medium. One has a black wicker basket on the back.

Detective Inspector Bruce Coutts Corstorphine CID said: "Both victims are on a cycling holiday in Edinburgh and have been left extremely upset at being robbed of their bikes.

"We are pursuing various lines of inquiry to trace the culprits and recover the bicycles and we would urge anyone who can assist with this investigation to contact police immediately.

"If you were in the Cramond foreshore area on Monday afternoon and saw anything suspicious, or believe you can help us identify the men responsible then please also get in touch."

Those with information can contact Corstorphine CID via 101 and quote incident number 2942 of the 8th July. Alternatively, an anonymous report can be made to the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.