

Niddrie Bonfire Night – police update on charges

Twenty-six people have now been charged with a total of 51 offences following bonfire night disorder seen in Edinburgh on Sunday, 5 November, 2023.

A further individual will be reported to the Procurator Fiscal in connection with two charges, meaning a total number of 27 people have been identified for 53 offences.

The ages of those range between 12 and 34 years of age, with the majority aged in their mid to late teens.

A total of 31 charges against 15 individuals relates specifically to the significant disorder seen in the Niddrie area.

Within this, two men, aged 29 and 27 have been charged in connection with inciting violence. They are alleged to have filmed the events on mobile phones while encouraging youths to be violent towards police.

A 31-year-old man and a 34-year-old woman were also charged in connection with supplying fireworks to youths.

The charges are a result of an extensive investigation which has been ongoing since bonfire night by a dedicated team of officers.

Chief Inspector Kieran Dougal said: “The events of bonfire night, especially in the East of the city, were wholly unacceptable. The scenes experienced are not reflective of the Niddrie community as a whole and were acts carried out by a minority.

“I would like to thank the local communities who have assisted with and supported our enquiries, and thank colleagues and

partners who have worked within the investigation team.

“We have had specialist detectives from the Criminal Investigations Department who worked closely with community officers to identify and trace those involved in the disorder.

“Enforcement is just one area of our work and many months were spent before November engaging with communities and partners in our efforts to keep people safe. These charges show that we will not tolerate criminality and ensure those who are involved in violence and disorder are identified and reported to the relevant authorities.”

Anyone with concerns over criminality or information relating to bonfire night disorder in Edinburgh should report this to Police Scotland via 101.