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POLICE are asking residents not to become blasé about vandalism after more than a dozen houses and cars were sprayed with graffiti in East Albury at the weekend.

Residents of Walsh, Percy and Butt streets woke early on Saturday to find car doors, windscreens, numberplates, fences and letterboxes had been scrawled with blue spray paint overnight.

Some escaped with a single line across their numberplates while one utility was covered in blue spots.

Luckily, the culprits sprayed the properties early in the morning when surfaces were covered in dew so the damage was easily wiped away.

But police were surprised residents were relatively unfazed by the damage.

"It's just a bit of paint and it scrubbed off fairly easily so we're not too bothered," said one man whose letterbox was targeted.

"It's a bit of a nuisance to wake up to on Saturday morning and we didn't expect it in a small town, but maybe we just need to find more for young people to do," said another who scrubbed pictures off his cars.

A third couple whose numberplate was covered took a positive view.

"It could've been worse; they could've covered our whole fence or smashed windows and stolen things from inside the car," they said.

Albury Sen-Constable George Krooglik has urged Border residents not to become complacent about vandalism.

He said a similar graffiti attack had occurred in East Albury about a month ago with the same pictures and taglines.

Both attacks occurred at the weekend, leading police to believe it was young people affected by drugs or alcohol.

He said it was important for people to report vandalism to police so a database could be built.

"People don't have to accept this as a part of modern society," he said.

"If people call us with details of what street they are in, what property or kind of car was vandalised and at what time of day we can build up a picture of how these groups operate.

"And phone calls such as last week's, when a member of the public alerted us to some kids spraying graffiti at Centro Lavington, are fantastic because they allowed us to catch the offenders red-handed."

ABOVE: Duncan and Christina with their children Lia, 5, and Malcolm, 9, next to their fence.

LEFT, RIGHT: Vandals also hit cars and utes.

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