

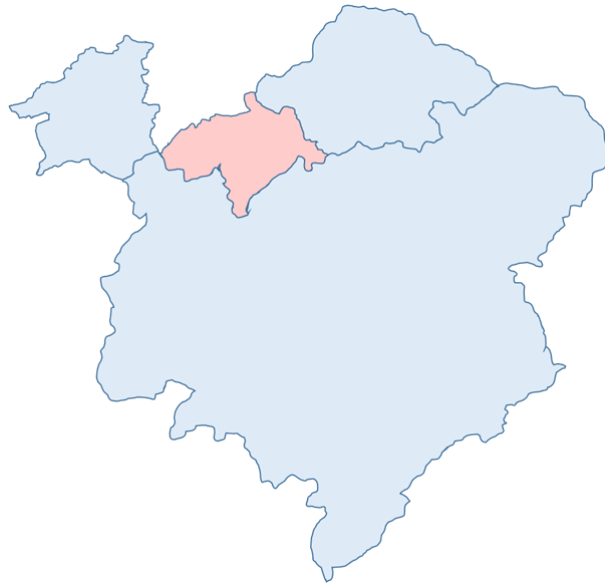
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## Midlothian Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders



Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel

Quarter 3 – 2024/2025

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## **Our Vision**

Sustained excellence in service and protection.

## **Our Purpose**

To improve the safety and wellbeing of people, places and communities in Scotland.

## **Our Values**

Integrity, Fairness and Respect.

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Lothian and Scottish Borders Division Policing Priorities

Your local policing priorities across THE LOTHIANS AND SCOTTISH BORDERS

**Our vision**  
Policing for a safe, protected and resilient Scotland

**Our values**  
Fairness, Integrity, Respect, Human Rights

**Our purpose**  
Working in partnership for the safety and wellbeing of communities in the Lothians & Scottish Borders

**Protecting the most vulnerable people**  
Protect vulnerable people to prevent abuse, neglect & exploitation.  
Implement a delivery model supporting a Violence Against Women & Girls Prevention Strategy.  
Implement the National Missing Persons Framework for Scotland.  
Proactively target domestic abuse offenders.  
Develop partnership approaches to improve public confidence to report incidents of harm & abuse.

**Reducing violence & anti-social behaviour**  
Work collaboratively to identify and target violent offenders.  
Increase awareness of the impact of violence & antisocial behaviour.  
Work in partnerships to reduce alcohol related criminality.  
Collaborate to capture the under reporting of violence & explore preventative approaches (i.e. Navigator).  
Develop night time economy plans with licensed premises & promote participation in 'Best Bar None'.

**Reducing acquisitive crime**  
Focus on domestic housebreaking.  
Raise awareness of current crime trends & prevention tactics.  
Tackle emerging acquisitive crime patterns to identify & target prolific offenders.  
Work to prevent acquisitive crime.  
In partnership, maximise support for victims of acquisitive crime.  
Work with Scottish Partnership Against Rural Crime (SPARC).  
Use Police Scotland Youth Volunteers to deliver crime prevention information.

**Improving road safety**  
Collaborate on the engineering of the roads through our communities to improve road safety.  
Detect offenders who disregard road traffic laws & endanger others.  
Support partnership driver education programmes.  
Raise awareness of the consequences of speeding, not wearing a seat belt, drink or drug driving & using a mobile phone while driving.

**Tackling serious & organised crime**  
Work to divert people from becoming involved in serious & organised crime & using its products (drugs, counterfeit good etc).  
Use social media to raise awareness and educate about human trafficking.  
Work to prosecute those involved in serious organised crime, including online, 'cuckooing' & 'county lines'.  
Maximise the disruption of serious organised crime groups.  
Target the production, cultivation & supply of illegal drugs.

**Police Scotland Strategic outcomes**  
Threats to public safety and wellbeing are resolved by a proactive and responsive police service  
The needs of local communities are addressed through effective service delivery  
Public, communities and partners are engaged, involved and have confidence in policing  
Our people are supported through a positive working environment, enabling them to serve the public  
Police Scotland is sustainable, adaptable and prepared for future challenges

**Logos:** East Lothian Council, Midlothian, Scottish Borders Council, West Lothian Council, Police Scotland (POILEAS ALBA)

## **Introduction**

Crimes and offences are grouped under recognised categories for statistical purposes. The Scottish Government defines these categories, as follows;

- Group 1 – Non Sexual Crimes of Violence
- Group 2 – Sexual Crimes
- Group 3 – Crimes of Dishonesty
- Group 4 – Damage and Reckless Behaviour
- Group 5 – Crimes against Society
- Group 6 – Antisocial Offences
- Group 7 – Miscellaneous Offences
- Group 8 – Road Traffic offences

Police Scotland publishes management information on an annual and quarterly basis by local authority and police division, as well as at a national level. These reports are produced to demonstrate Police Scotland's commitment to transparency. Police Scotland publishes all of these reports on the 'Our Performance' section of the Police Scotland website. The reports can be accessed here:

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/our-performance/>

The Midlothian Policing Plan uses the following Police performance indicators, and these have been mirrored in the Scrutiny Report to maintain parity of understanding:

1. Protecting the most vulnerable people
2. Reducing Violence and Antisocial Behaviour
3. Reducing acquisitive Crime
4. Improving road safety
5. Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

All figures quoted in this report are for the period April 2024 to December 2024 and are compared against the same reporting period from the previous year. Where figures are quoted on rate per 10,000 population, these are based on Midlothian's population of **94,680 in 2021** (Scottish Government figures, published April 2021).

## Midlothian Performance Summary

### Midlothian Performance Summary Report Reporting Period: Q3 April 24 – December 2024

#### Protecting the most vulnerable people

Sexual Assault

-12.5%



49 (7 fewer than 5 year Average)

Domestic Violence Bail detection

12.9%



54 offences

#### Reducing Violence and Antisocial Behaviour

ASB Incidents

-9.8%



462 (50 less)

Robbery

0.8%



14 (0.8 more)

#### Reducing Acquisitive Crime

All Housebreaking

-1.6%



50 (0.8 less)

Business Housebreaking

-47.5%



19 (17.2 less)

#### Improving Road Safety

Road Casualties

-11.5%



9 fewer incidents

## Executive Summary

### Missing Person

During Q3 2024/25 26 Adults, 0 Cared for Adults, 24 Children and 8 Care Experienced Young Persons were reported as missing.

### Domestic Abuse

By the end of Q3 2024/25 there were 892 incidents reported, an increase of 2.6% on the 5 Year Average. The number of reported Domestic Abuse crimes recoded (358 reports) is 2.5% more than the 5 year average of 349 reports. The percentage of domestic incidents that resulted in a crime report being submitted is 40.1% reflecting the 5 year average.

### Hate Crime

The 18 Hate Incidents recorded during Q3 2024/25 represent a 83% increase compared to the 5 year average. During same period there have been 79 Hate Crimes recorded representing a 33.8% increase on the 5 year average. The Detection Rate for Hate Crimes at the end of Q3 2024/25 is 49%.

### Sexual Crimes

During Q3 2024/25, reports of rape / attempted rape rose by 146% compared to the 5 year average. The Q3 2024/25 Detection Rate for Rape / Attempt Rape is 46.7%. Reports of Sexual Assault during Q3 2024/25 are -12.5% below the 5 year average, and the detection rate is 59.2%. By the end of Q3 2024/25 reports of all other Group 2 Sexual Crime within Midlothian had increased by 36.3% to 202 reports against a 5 year average of 148.2 reports.

### Drugs Supply, Production and Cultivation

During Q3 2024/25 there were 24 Supply of Drugs offences recorded, with a detection rate of 100%. During Q3 2024/25 there were 155 Possession of Drugs offences recorded with a detection rate of 104%, representing a -28.6% reduction on the 5 year average.

### Crimes Of Violence

During Q3 2024/25 there were 35 serious assaults within Midlothian, representing a 15% increase on the 5 year average. The detection rate is 80%. There were 14 reported Robberies and the detection rate is 64.3%, There were 578 recorded Common Assaults in Midlothian and a detection rate of 63.3%. There were 45 assaults on Emergency Workers.

### Reducing Anti-Social Behaviour

There were 462 ASB incidents reported to Police, reflecting a -9.8% reduction in this crime type within Midlothian compared to the five year average. A total of 409 Vandalism type offences were recorded, representing a -9.1% reduction compared to the 5 year average. The detection rate is 28.6%. A total of 402 Breach of Peace type offences were recorded, representing a -13.3% reduction compared to the 5 year average. The detection rate is 75.6%. A total of 42 Fire-raising type offences were recorded, representing a 24.3% increase compared to the 5 year average. The detection rate is 35.7%.

### Dishonesty

A total of 1325 overall Group 3 crimes (including housebreaking crimes) have been recorded within Midlothian. This figure represents 171.4 more or 14.9% increase compared to the 5 year average. The detection rate is 33.6%.

**Housebreaking**

A total of 50 reports of Theft Housebreaking (including attempts to commit this offence) were recorded with a detection rate of 46%. A total of 376 reports of Theft Housebreaking to Non Dwellings (including attempts to commit this offence) were recorded with a detection rate is 21.6%. A total of 19 reports of Theft Housebreaking to Businesses (including attempts to commit this offence) were recorded. This figure represents a significant -47.5% reduction on the 5 year average. The Midlothian detection rate is 68.4%.

**Road Safety**

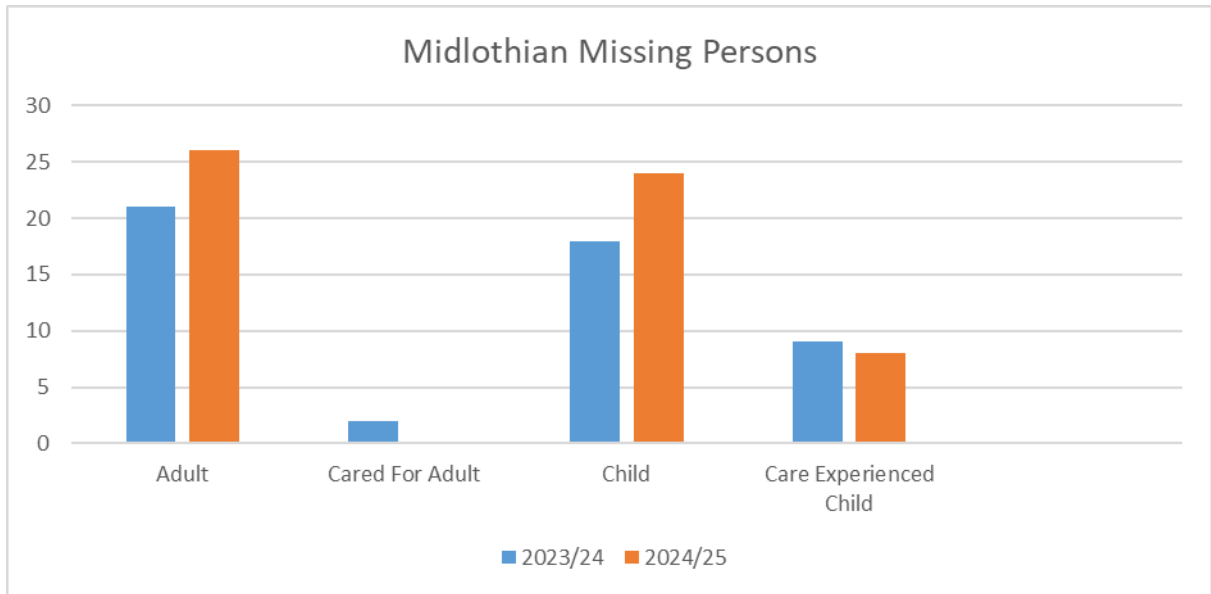
There have been 9 fewer casualties (Fatal, Serious, and Minor) recorded within Midlothian than the previous Q3 2023/24 return, representing a -11.5% reduction in the total number of casualties on Midlothian roads. There have been zero fatalities within Midlothian during the 2024/25 FY. There have been 21 people Seriously Injured, reflecting a -28% decrease (8 fewer incidents) on same period last year. The number of Children Seriously Injured was 3, representing a 50% increase (1 more) than the previous year.

**Tackling Serious Organised Crime**

Continued efforts to disrupt organised crime groups by targeting drugs supply offences, gathering intelligence and generating enforcement opportunities.



<b>Protecting the most vulnerable people.</b>	<b>Missing Persons</b>
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	Adult	Cared For Adult	Child	Care Experienced Child
Q3 2023/24	21	2	18	9
Q3 2024/25	26	0	24	8
Change	+5	-2	+6	-1

During Q3 2024/25 26 Adults, 0 Cared for Adults, 24 Children and 8 Care Experienced Young Persons were reported as missing. We continue to work with partners to support individuals where a risk is identified.

In total there were 58 reports made to police during Q3. As previously highlighted these types of enquiries often place significant resource and financial pressure on Local Policing resilience. I would stress that the number and type of police resources deployed to a locate a person reported as 'missing' varies on a report by report basis and according to any Threat, Risk or Harm posed.

Recognising the vulnerability associated with missing people, particularly those that are young or suffering from mental health challenges, Police Scotland has adopted a rigorous investigation structure and management approach to incidents involving missing people.

<b>Protecting the most vulnerable people.</b>	<b>Domestic Abuse Incidents</b>
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	5 year average	Q3 2024/25	% Change from 5 year average
Number of Domestic Abuse Incidents	869.4	892	2.6%
Total Crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents	349	358	2.5%
Percentage of Domestic Incidents that result in a crime	40.1	40.1	-
Total crimes and offences detection rate	67.7	62.7	-7.3%
Total Detections for Domestic Bail Offences	47.8	54	12.9%

Domestic Abuse is a priority for Police Scotland and for all Midlothian Officers. By the end of Q3 2024/25 there were 892 incidents reported, an increase of 2.6% on the 5 Year Average.

The number of reported Domestic Abuse crimes recoded (358 reports) is 2.5% more than the 5 year average of 349 reports.

The percentage of domestic incidents that resulted in a crime report being submitted is 40.1% reflecting the 5 year average. This statistic reflects a confidence to contact Police at an early stage in disagreements which ultimately do not result in criminality, and seek support from both police and third-party services.

Midlothian Police remain committed to targeting violence against women and girls.

Protecting the most vulnerable people.	Hate Crime
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Midlothian			
	5 year average	Q3 2024/25	% change from 5 year average
Hate Incidents	9.8	18	83%
Hate Crimes	59	79	33.8%
Hate Crime Detection Rate	41.6	49	17.8%

Please note that in respect of recorded Hate Crimes, this section references;

- Criminal Law Consolidation 1995 S50a(1)(B)&(5)Cause Distress & Alarm
- Racially Aggravated Harassment (Criminal Law (Consolidation) (S) Act 1995 S50a(1)(A)) Racist Conduct
- Hate Crime and Public order (Scotland) Act 2021

Official Hate Crime statistics include all crime types which have a Hate Crime aggravator added to the crime. The aggravators are Disability, Race, Religion, Sexual Orientation and Transgender Identity with further aggravators of Age and Variations in Sex Characteristics under the new legislation.

Due to the new Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Act 2021 coming into effect on the 1st of April 2024, a new training package has been developed to include the new legislation. This training package has now been offered to all current third-party reporting centres.

- The 18 Hate Incidents recorded during Q3 2024/25 represent a 83% increase compared to the 5 year average.
- During same period there have been 79 Hate Crimes recorded representing a 33.8% increase on the 5 year average.

These increases can be attributed to the implementation of the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Act that was introduced on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024.

- The Detection Rate for Hate Crimes at the end of Q3 2024/25 is 49%, which represents a 17.8% improvement on the 5 Year Average.

Midlothian Police continue to work with partners to encourage the reporting of Hate Crimes. All crimes are reviewed by the Community Policing Inspector to ensure all investigative opportunities are identified and progressed.

Hate has no place in society and Midlothian police will actively pursue offenders and report criminality where evidence supports this.

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**Protecting the most vulnerable people.** **Sexual Crimes (Group 2)**

<b>Crime Type</b>	<b>5 year average</b>	<b>Q3 2024/25</b>	<b>% Change from 5 yr average</b>	<b>% Detection</b>
Group 2	148.2	202	36.3	49.5%
Rape / Attempted Rape	24.4	60	145.9	46.7%
Sexual Assault	56	49	-12.5	59.2%
Other Group 2 crimes	11.2	22	96.4	36.4%

Tackling serious criminality is a top priority for Midlothian officers. We focus on rape and sexual crime to build public confidence in reporting

During Q3 2024/25, reports of rape / attempted rape rose by 146% compared to the 5 year average. Due to the sensitive nature of these crimes, we do not comment on specific incidents. Many cases are linked to domestic abuse and as previously highlighted, the majority of reports in Midlothian are 'historical' in nature ranging back to 1994.

This significant increase in historical reports reflects increased victim confidence in seeking support from police and third-party services. All investigations into rape and attempted rape are overseen by a Detective Inspector, ensuring thorough inquiries that are carefully scrutinised through peer review to maintain high standards of investigation. The Q3 2024/25 Detection Rate for Rape / Attempt Rape is 46.7%.

Reports of Sexual Assault during Q3 2024/25 are -12.5% below the 5 year average, and the detection rate is 59.2%.

By the end of Q3 2024/25 reports of all other Group 2 Sexual Crime within Midlothian had increased by 36.3% to 202 reports against a 5 year average of 148.2 reports.

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Protecting the most vulnerable people.	Drug Supply, Production & Cultivation			
Drugs Supply	5 year average	Q3 2024/25	% Change from 5 yr average	% Detection
Drugs Supply (including possession with intent)	26.4	24	-9.1	100
<p>Police continue to focus on those who bring harm to our communities, and particularly those who are involved in drugs supply, cultivation/production and the sale of Class A (such Heroin or Cocaine) and Class C (such Valium or Xanax) drugs, as it has been identified that these have led to an increase in drug related deaths.</p> <p>We recognise the national Drugs Deaths statistics in Scotland and are committed to targeting drug dealers, whilst working in partnership along with the Midlothian and East Lothian Drugs Partnership (MELDAP).</p> <p>During Q3 2024/25 there were 24 Supply of Drugs offences recorded, with a detection rate of 100%.</p> <p>During Q3 2024/25 there were 155 Possession of Drugs offences recorded with a detection rate of 104%, representing a -28.6% reduction on the 5 year average.</p> <p>Throughout Q3 2024/25, a number of successful house searches have been completed recovering drugs, cash and weapons. These enquiries rely on a continued flow of information from local Midlothian’s communities, as well as proactivity by the MCAT’s and wider policing teams.</p> <p>MCAT officers continue to utilise stop and search powers where appropriate to conduct searches on individuals regarding controlled substances, weapons, and stolen property. During Q3 MCAT enquiries resulted in significant seizures of Class A and B Controlled substances, including Cannabis, Cocaine, Ecstasy and Amphetamine. The overall value of drugs recovered during Q3 totalled £13,790;</p> <p>Class A: £8,900 Class B: £4,840</p> <p>A further £8,638 in cash was seized by officers as being linked to profits from Concern in the Supply of Controlled Substances offences.</p> <p>Police continue to develop drugs intelligence from the local community. Drugs enforcement requires information from sources to build a picture and fill in the pieces of the jigsaw. We rely upon community intelligence, and encourage reporting direct to police by phone, online, in person, via remote reporting sites and / or anonymously through Crimestoppers (0800 555111).</p>				

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<b>Reducing Violence and Antisocial Behaviour</b>	<b>Crimes of Violence (Group 1)</b>
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Crime Type	5 year average	Q3 2024/25	% Change from 5 yr average	Q3 2024/25 Detection Rate
Group 1	689.8	746	8.1	65.7
Serious Assault	30.2	35	15.9	80
Robbery	13.2	14	6.1	64.3
Common Assault	534.6	578	8.1	63.3

Please note that with the introduction of Changes to Recorded Crime Groups, Common Assault is now included within Group 1, where previously this was not, resulting in anticipated increase in YTD data compared to LYTD.

Reducing violence and its impact on our local communities is a priority for The Police Service of Scotland and within Midlothian we work with partners to reduce the circumstances that can lead to violence while endeavouring to identify and arrest perpetrators as swiftly as possible.

All Serious Assaults and Robberies are investigated by the Criminal Investigation Department and detection rates for these offences remain high throughout Midlothian.

During Q3 2024/25 there were 35 serious assaults within Midlothian, representing a 15% increase on the 5 year average. The detection rate is 80%, which remains above the wider Divisional detection rate of 76.2%.

During Q3 2024/25 there were 14 reported Robberies in Midlothian, this is a 0.8% increase on the 5 year average. The detection rate is 64.3%, which is a 2.4% decrease on the Q2 detection rate.

During Q3 2024/25 there were 578 recorded Common Assaults in Midlothian presenting an 8.1% increase on the 5 Year average (43.4 more). The detection rate is 63.3% and remains well above the wider Divisional detection rate of 57.9%.

There were 45 assaults on Emergency Workers during Q3 2024/25 reflecting a -5.9% decrease on the 5 year average. I remind that any assault on an Emergency Worker is unacceptable, it is clear that aggressive or threatening behaviour or verbal abuse against Police Scotland or other Emergency Services personnel is simply not part of their duties.

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<b>Reducing Violence and Antisocial Behaviour</b>	<b>Reducing Antisocial Behaviour</b>
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Indicator	5 year average	Q3 2024/25	% Change from 5 year average	Q3 2024/25 Detection Rate
Antisocial Behaviour Incidents	512.2	462	-9.8	
Vandalism (Including Malicious Mischief)	450	409	-9.1	28.6
Fire-raising	33.8	42	24.3	35.7
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We continue to tackle Anti-Social Behaviour in its various forms with our partners. Police, CLLE and voluntary partners, have continued high-visibility patrols in ASB hotspots to deter any youth disorder, whilst providing reassurance to local businesses.

Throughout Q3 2024/25, there were 462 ASB incidents reported to Police, reflecting a -9.8% reduction in this crime type within Midlothian compared to the five year average.

During Q3 2024/25 a total of 409 Vandalism type offences were recorded, representing a -9.1% reduction compared to the 5 year average. The detection rate is 28.6%.

During Q3 2023/24 a total of 402 Breach of Peace type offences were recorded, representing a -13.3% reduction compared to the 5 year average. The detection rate is 75.6%.

During Q3 2024/25 a total of 42 Fire-raising type offences were recorded, representing a 24.3% increase compared to the 5 year average. The detection rate is 35.7%, and remains considerably above the wider Divisional detection rate of 22.6%.

This Q3 period includes Bonfire Night statistics, which like previous years passed without issue within Midlothian . There were 4 bonfire or firework related incidents recorded in the days leading up to the 05/11/24, with an additional 4 bonfire related incidents reported on Bonfire Night itself. All incidents were attended in partnership with the Scottish Fire Rescue Service who extinguished these fires without further incident.

Similarly, during this period 1 adult was arrested and reported to the Procurator Fiscal after being identified responsible for setting off fireworks whilst intoxicated. All other firework related reports made to police turned out to be false alarm with good intent, with no criminality being detected by officers.

As previously stated, Midlothian has a robust and well practiced Bonfire Night strategy, reflecting strong partnership collaboration between Police Scotland, Scottish Fire Rescue Services and Midlothian Council's Trading Standards. As Midlothian Local Area Commander I would seek to offer my thanks to these strategic partners ensuring another safe and successful Bonfire Night to communities throughout Midlothian.

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In October Community Policing officers attended a partnership event at McDonalds, Dalkeith along with SFRS, Lothian Buses, Y2K and CAP. The purpose of the event was to engage, educate and divert local youths from ASB. During the event, the attending youths were made aware of a list of activities that our partners had planned. Similarly Police, SFRS and Lothian buses provided an educational input to divert youths away from ASB whilst highlighting pathways to local clubs and activities within the Community.



<b>Reducing Acquisitive Crime</b>	<b>Dishonesty (group 3)</b>
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<b>Crime Type</b>	<b>5 year average</b>	<b>Q3 2024/25</b>	<b>% Change from 5 year average</b>	<b>Q3 2024/25 Detection Rate</b>
Total Group 3	1153.6	1325	14.9	33.6

Given the wide range of ‘Acquisitive Crimes’ this priority is covered in 2 sections within this report:

- Dishonesty (covered in this section)
- Housebreaking (covered in next section)

Dealing with Acquisitive Crime to protect people by reducing the impacts of theft on individuals and communities remains a priority.

During Q3 2024/25, a total of 1325 overall Group 3 crimes (including housebreaking crimes) have been recorded within Midlothian. This figure represents 171.4 more or 14.9% increase compared to the 5 year average.

During Q3 2024/25 the detection rate was 33.6% and remains above the wider Divisional detection rate of 30.3%.

Common Theft and Theft by Shoplifting remain the volume crimes under the Dishonesty heading, accounting for 268 out of the 543 crimes of dishonesty for Q3.

Throughout the festive period, Community Policing and MCAT officers completed pro-active patrols within shoplifting hotspot locations under the banner of Operation Frankincense, seeking to detect and deter persons involved in these crimes. This initiative proved highly successful, resulting in the detection of several offences, including 2 recidivist offenders responsible for a total of 36 separate offences.

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<b>Reducing Acquisitive Crime</b>	<b>Housebreaking</b>
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Crime Type*	5 year average	Q3 2024/25	% Change from 5 year average	Q3 2024/25 Detection Rate
Dwelling HB	50.8	50	-1.6	46
Non Dwelling (Sheds, garages) HB	52	37	-28.8	21.6
Other (Business) HB	36.2	19	-47.5	68.4

\*All crime types include attempt thefts.

During Q3 2024/25, a total of 50 reports of Theft Housebreaking (including attempts to commit this offence) were recorded. This figure represents a continued reduction on the 5 year average.

Recognising the harm and concern Housebreaking generates within communities throughout Midlothian, Midlothian Police are committed to targeting those responsible for carrying out this crime. Throughout Q3 2024/25 I have maintained a dedicated Midlothian Housebreaking Investigation Team with a detection rate of 46%, which compares favourably to the wider Divisional detection rate of 37%.

During Q3 2024/25, a total of 376 reports of Theft Housebreaking to Non Dwellings (including attempts to commit this offence) were recorded. This figure represents a -28.8% reduction on the 5 year average. The detection rate is 21.6% compared to the wider Divisional detection rate of 12.6%.

During Q3 2024/25, a total of 19 reports of Theft Housebreaking to Businesses (including attempts to commit this offence) were recorded. This figure represents a significant -47.5% reduction on the 5 year average. The Midlothian detection rate is 68.4% compared to the wider Divisional detection rate of 29.5%.

MCAT officers continue to Prevent / Deter / Disrupt further Serious & Organised Crime activity with daily bail checks, tasked patrolling and dedicated operations at weekends and during hours of darkness.

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<b>Improving road safety</b>	<b>Road Casualties</b>
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	Q3 2023/24	Q3 2024/25	% Change
Fatal	3	0	-100%
Serious	29	21	-28%
Slight	45	47	4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>11.69%</b>
Children (aged<16) Killed	0	0	-
Children (aged<16) Seriously Injured	2	3	50%

Road Traffic Offences	5 year average	Q3 2024/25	% Change from 5 year average
Dangerous driving offences	38.6	48	24.4
Driving carelessly	86.4	81	-6.3
Speeding offences	33.6	56	66.7
Unlawful use of a motor vehicle	345.2	395	14.4
Seat Belt offences	14.8	40	170.3
Mobile Phone offences	26.6	51	91.7
Driving under the influence	84.6	104	22.9

Throughout Q3 2024/25 there have been 9 fewer casualties (Fatal, Serious, and Minor) recorded within Midlothian than the previous Q3 2023/24 return, representing a -11.5% reduction in the total number of casualties on Midlothian roads.

I am pleased to report that there have been zero fatalities within Midlothian during the 2024/25 FY, representing a 100% improvement on last year's Q2 report.

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During Q3 2024/25, there have been 21 people Seriously Injured, reflecting a -28% decrease (8 fewer incidents) on same period last year.

During Q3 2024/25 the number of Children Seriously Injured was 3, representing a 50% increase (1 more) than the previous year.

Throughout Q3 2024/25, MCAT officers have increased the number of static speed check deployments throughout Midlothian reflected by a 66% increase on the detection rate for Speeding offences compared with the 5 year average, as well as high visibility patrols targeting ASB involving off-road motorbikes resulting in a 14% increase in detection rate compared to the 5 year average. Where operational demand permitted pro-active vehicle stop type deployments resulted in a further:

- 3 arrests for Drink Driving offences
- 2 arrests for Drug Driving offences
- 6 vehicles seized for being driven without valid insurance
- 2 vehicle ASBOs were issued for antisocial and careless driving.

<p>Representation. <b>UK terror threat levels</b> (as of February 9 2022)</p> <p>PA graphic. Source: Joint Terrorism Analysis Centre</p>	<p>The UK National Threat Level is <b>SUBSTANTIAL: an attack is likely.</b></p> <p>On Wednesday, 9 February 2022, the Home Secretary announced that the UK's Terrorist Threat Level has been lowered from Severe to Substantial.</p> <p>Assistant Chief Constable Mark Williams said: "At this time there is nothing to suggest that there is any specific threat to Scotland. However, I would remind the people of Scotland that they should remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity to Police Scotland."</p>
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Midlothian continue to work closely with partner agencies to actively target "County Lines" nominals that use Midlothian as a base to distribute drugs throughout our community.

Throughout Q3 2024/25, officers from the Divisional Prevention, Interventions & Partnerships Unit have delivered drug prevention inputs alongside Educational partners to Midlothian based S2 and S4 pupils.

During Q3 2024/25, Community Policing and MCAT officers targeted Serious & Organised Crime Groups responsible for volume shoplifting offences. As part of these deployments 5 individuals have been reported to the Procurator Fiscal and issued bail conditions preventing them from entering Nike or Boots retail stores located within the UK.

During Q3 2024/25, as part of the Midlothian Partnership Against Rural Crime, officers supported national Rural Crime partners participating a Hare Coursing prevention initiative. Hare coursing is the deliberate hunting of hares with dogs. The principle legislation applied to Hhare Coursing crimes in Scotland is S1. The Hunting With Dogs (Scotland) Act 2023. Within Midlothian, the areas most targeted are the Whitburgh Estate, Falla, Peaston, Costerton, Oxenford, Prestonhall, Dodridge Farm, Southside farm, Ravensneuk and Crighton Mains. There have been 5 reported Hare Coursings reported in 2024, however figures are believed to be under reported due to the rural nature of these crimes. Future deployments are planned for throughout 2025 to Detect, Divert, Deter and Disrupt this crime type in Midlothian.

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Complaints	Executive Summary
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Total Complaint Cases Received			Total Number of Allegations Received		
YTD	LYTD	% CHANGE	YTD	LYTD	% CHANGE
78	76	2.6	121	149	-18.8%

The breakdown above details the total number of Complaints about the Police, received in relation to the Midlothian area command as at 31<sup>st</sup> December.

The breakdown below provides further detail on the Allegation Category and Type. As can be seen there has been a 2.6% increase in the overall number of Complaints about the Police when comparing LYTD and YTD.

Area	Allegation Category and Type	LYTD	YTD	% change
<b>Midlothian Council</b>	<b>Allegation Category and Type</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>PYTD</b>	<b>% change from PYTD</b>
	<b>On Duty - TOTAL</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>-2.5%</b>
	Assault	11	3	266.7%
	Discriminatory Behaviour	1	2	-50.0%
	Excessive Force	6	4	50.0%
	Incivility	13	17	-23.5%
	Irregularity in Procedure	33	50	-34.0%
	Neglect of Duty	5	0	x
	Oppressive Conduct/Harassment	1	0	x
	Other - Criminal	3	1	200.0%
	Other - Non Criminal	1	1	0.0%
	Traffic Irregularity/Offence	1	2	-50.0%
	Unlawful/Unnecessary Arrest or Detention	3	0	x
	<b>Quality Of Service - TOTAL</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>-37.7%</b>
	Policy/Procedure	10	9	11.1%
	Service Delivery	13	23	-43.5%
	Service Outcome	20	37	-45.9%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>-18.8%</b>	

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Activities

- **High Visibility Patrolling:** *the provision of community support and reassurance by undertaking high visibility vehicle, foot and cycle patrols focusing on identified antisocial behaviour issues.*

During Q3 MCAT officers maintained a focus on high visibility proactive policing, conducting mobile and foot patrols throughout the county. Particular focus was given to areas identified as having a higher density of incidents, namely Dalkeith Town Centre and Straiton Retail park, with MCAT officers deployed on Operation Frankincense throughout the month of December in these areas. Numerous antisocial behaviour and acquisitive offences were identified and reported throughout this deployment.

Quad bike patrols were conducted in the Pentlands with a focus on rural and livestock crime awareness. Positive engagement was conducted with visitors and dog walkers in this area to provide crime deterrence and community reassurance.

MCAT continued to provide reassurance to minority communities within Midlothian, regularly visiting and completing high visibility patrols to local mosques and refugee accommodation.

Following a high-profile incident in Dalkeith, MCAT officers deployed for two weeks to provide high visibility reassurance to the local community. As part of this tasking MCAT officers completed patrols on foot, within marked police vehicles and on also utilising quad bikes.

- **Recidivist Offenders:** *intelligence led focus on individuals known to engage in antisocial behaviour, drugs use/supply and persistent alcohol abuse, with specific attention being given to persons subject to ASBOs and judicial bails (including curfews).*

During Q3 MCAT officers completed evidential search warrants at 8 addresses throughout the county. This resulted in seizure of Class A and B Controlled substances, including cannabis, Cocaine, Ecstasy and Amphetamine. In addition £8,638 in cash was seized as being linked to crime.

Proactive stop and search activities yielded 4 further positive drug recoveries of Class A and B substances.

The overall value of drugs recovered throughout Q3 totaled:

Class A: £8,900

Class B: £4,840

however the uncut nature of a portion of the Cocaine recovered indicates that the potential value once readied for distribution would be significantly higher.

MCAT officers retained their focus on individuals wanted on warrant, resulting in 37 arrests within Q3.

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A number of Midlothian based nominals remain on the 'G4's monitored electronic tag scheme'. MCAT officers routinely liaise with G4S in the monitoring of these individuals and submit reports in relation to any breaches identified.

Bail checks remained a focus for MCAT officers with a total of 80 compliant checks made and 27 failures resulting in the offenders being reported accordingly for breaching bail curfew.

Bail Curfew Check COMPLIANT	80
Bail Curfew Check FAILED	27
Arrest on warrant	37
Search Person MDA Positive	2
Search Person MDA Negative	2
Search Property MDA Positive	8
Search Property MDA Negative	0
Search Weapons Positive	0
Search Weapons Negative	0
Search Stolen Property Positive	0
Search Stolen Property Negative	0

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**Youth**

**Engagement:** *actively engage with youths and foster a positive image of the police and their local communities. Act as primary first responders to youth calls, disrupt antisocial behaviour and enforce appropriate legislation firmly but fairly. Maximise alcohol seizures. Engage with partners and CBO colleagues to identify appropriate support and diversionary activities.*

During Q3, MCAT attended 61 youth incidents across Midlothian. This number is similar to that attended in Q2 and incorporated the Halloween, Bonfire Night and the Festive periods, which all traditionally result in a higher volume of reports to police and strategic partners.

Throughout October, MCAT attended an increased amount of youth related calls. This was expected due to the darker nights setting in and youths congregating in local hot spots. This also saw the beginning of Halloween/Bonfire/Fireworks events, which often bring an increase in Anti-Social Behaviour.

MCAT deployed in varying different ways, including plain clothes as a way of tackling specific problem areas and dispersal of youths from hot spots continues.

Bonfire night saw MCAT police the evening under a planned operation, which was deemed highly successful as Midlothian faced significantly less anti-social behaviour type calls compared to neighbouring local



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authority areas. Most calls continue to relate to the same groups of individuals, and because of the previous positive engagement MCAT are aware of the problem groups.

November saw the implementation of an MCAT “Warning Letter” strategy, whereby the parents of youths identified involved in ASB receive a letter informing them of their child’s behaviour. This is in its infancy with plans to evolve it and collaborate with strategic partners regarding correspondence to the addresses of those involved. The aim being to involve the parents of the repeat youth offenders, in the hope to encourage a change in patterns of behaviour.

MCAT also continue to liaise with school link officers to educate and assist with combating youth ASB.

Throughout the month of December, MCAT attended a total of 4 youth related calls. This is a major improvement on previous months, reflecting the success of the recent MCAT focus on youth ASB and the new “warning letter” system implemented in November. This new approach seems to have had the desired effect and will remain in place should the problem arise again.

MCAT continue to stop and engage with groups of youths and have a positive relationship with most they encounter. On the occasion where crime is identified VPD’s have been submitted as appropriate

Youth Calls Attended	61
Alcohol Seizures	0
Children At Risk VPDs Submitted	6

- **Licensed Premises:** *monitor licensed premises activity and act as first responders to antisocial behavior related incidents whenever possible.*

During early Q3 MCAT carried out an operation to combat football related ASB which included liaising with local pubs and off licenses. This forged good relations but also reaffirmed our stance on selling to minors and those not considered suitable.

Most checks took place at weekends, with licensees being spoken with and the ensuring of appropriate staffing and measures being taken to run without issue.

November also saw MCAT carry out an initiative called “It’ll Cost You” which saw MCAT officers attend every pub in Midlothian as well as most of its licensed premises to engage with and hand out flyers and posters around the selling of alcohol to underage youths. This initiative was supported by CAP (Community Alcohol Partnership) who provided the appropriate material.

This was hugely successful and saw positive engagement from all involved.

As part of this initiative, MCAT also utilised social media which garnered lots of support online.

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All of Midlothian Licensed premises continue to be monitored by MCAT officers with random visits conducted regularly. Very few issues have been identified.

LP Visit Public House	34
LP Visit Off Sales	36

- **Support Partners & Colleagues:** *engage with community partners to work together towards the vision and promote joint patrolling. Support divisional colleagues by acting as first responders to antisocial behaviour related incidents that are occurring in real time whenever possible. Instigate and contribute to operations and initiatives linked to the core vision.*

The value of the work completed by MCAT officers is at times difficult to measure given the pro-active nature of the work completed, often preventing incidents from developing into more significant or serious problems. Because MCAT officers know who/when/where problems are likely to occur, they are often placed perfectly when issues develop and stop them at source.

This approach alleviates pressure on frontline response officers, prevents calls to SFRS / SAS and Midlothian council call-out services to assist.

November saw MCAT deploy across the county for all Remembrance Day Parades, with officers involved in both policing the events and representing Midlothian Police. All events passed without issue.

November also saw Bonfire nights take place in most towns and MCAT spearheaded all police activity around this issue. All planned events were policed safely and without issue, with any unauthorised fires resolved swiftly in partnership with SFRS.

December saw Christmas festivities begin across the county in a number of different ways. These include licensed premises putting on entertainment, and organised events by Midlothian Council. MCAT policed all of these without issue, giving passing attention as events took place.

MCAT also carried out an initiative with LRT to tackle ASB on buses, providing support to our partner agencies and maintaining positive engagement with those encountered.

Joint Activity NHS/SAS	0
Joint Activity Local Council	10
Joint Activity SFRS	7
Joint Activity Public Event	13

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- **Road Safety:** *tackle antisocial vehicle use, giving specific attention to inconsiderate vehicle use on the Midlothian road network and the illegal use of off-road motorcycles. Maximise the appropriate use of ASBO warnings and vehicle seizures.*

Static road checks remain a core function of MCAT officers, who continue to deploy throughout Midlothian to maximise road safety.

MCAT officers continued to carry out high visibility patrols regarding anti-social behaviour involving off-road motorbikes.

In total throughout Q3, 3 individuals were arrested by MCAT officers for drink driving and 2 for drug driving. Reports were submitted in relation to these offences.

6 vehicles were seized by MCAT officers for driving without insurance and 2 vehicle ASBOs were issued for antisocial and careless driving.

Speed Safety initiatives were completed by MCAT officers in response to concerns raised by local communities and direct tasking from Elected Members resulting in a multitude of vehicles being stopped and drivers provided with corrective advice regarding their driving style.

MCAT continue to maintain a presence at Shawfair Park and Ride each weekend, engaging with and checking vehicles which congregate in a boy racer fashion. This has had the desired effect with the crowds dispersing and on some weekends no vehicles congregating at all.

All wards of Midlothian benefitted from MCAT carrying out static road checks in relation to the festive drink drive campaign. This was highly effective and saw positive engagement with motorists and member of the public. Warnings were also issued to numerous drivers about the state/safety of their vehicles moving towards worsening weather conditions and conditional offers issued for minor offences where appropriate.

Static Road Checks	16
Fixed Penalty Tickets (RTA only)	4
Section 165 Seizures	6
Breath Tests Negative (pass)	15
Breath Tests Positive (fail)	3
S5A Drug Wipe Negative (pass)	1
S5A Drug Wipe Positive (fail)	2
ASBO Warnings	2

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ASBO Seizures	0
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- **Other Incidents and Arrests of Note**

Operation Rac has been continued to tackle acquisitive crime. MCAT saw significant arrests made with recidivist offenders being charged with over 30 crimes of dishonesty.

MCAT officers always provide support to frontline policing across the county and have been involved in the search for and tracing of several high risk missing persons, relieving pressure on frontline whilst providing community reassurance. MCAT continues to assist in the search for high risk domestic offenders and have made multiple arrests throughout Q3.

MCAT investigated a concerning incident involving a group of youths targeting a young person in the Dalkeith area, resulting in one male committing a sexual assault. Following exhaustive MCAT investigation the male suspect was identified and a report was submitted to SCRA and further engagement completed with all other youths present and their families.

- **Planned Activity**

Looking ahead to Q4, MCAT officers are planning an operation involving air support to tackle the use of off-road motorbikes across the entire county. This will see the deployment of new RPA / drone technology, dog handlers and uniformed/non-uniformed officers.

Further static road checks and speed gun checks are planned for the winter months to tackle issues raised in the local community. This will also form part of the winter drink drive campaign.

During January 2025 MCAT officers will be involved with Plain Clothes patrols, targeting anti-social behavior and drug misuse throughout Midlothian.

Following extensive positive feedback received from the community outreach initiative with local nurseries completed in Q1, MCAT officers are developing plans to repeat and expand this model into local primary schools in 2025. The intention is to carry out engagement visits utilising police quad bikes and deliver inputs to primaries 1-3 regarding the role of police and road safety, developing positive engagement with the county's youth at an early stage.

The "it'll cost you" initiative run in Q3 will be repeated in conjunction with our partners in late Q4/early Q1 with a view to continuing this as an ongoing initiative throughout the year.

Continuing on from MCAT's excellent results in Q3 an initiative is planned focusing specifically on apprehending those individuals who are wanted on warrant in the county with a view to reducing the number outstanding and securing the prosecution of recidivist offenders.

## Appendix

### Lothian and Scottish Borders Divisional Crime Overview

Lothian and Scottish Borders Division	5 Year Average	Q3 2024/25	% Change against 5 year average	Detection Rates 2024/25
<b>GROUP 1: NON SEXUAL CRIMES OF VIOLENCE</b>	<b>3913.4</b>	<b>4163</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>61.5</b>
Murder (excluding culpable homicide at common law)	1.8	2	11.1	100
Culpable homicide (at common law)			0.0	
Culpable Homicide (other)	2.6	9	246.2	100
Attempted Murder	13.2	10	-24.2	120
Serious Assault (of an emergency worker)		1	0.0	100
Serious Assault (Incl. FGM, culpable & reckless conduct – causing injury)	180.6	164	-9.2	76.2
Common Assault (of an emergency worker)	298.2	291	-2.4	99
Common Assault	3,025.2	3,185	5.3	57.9
Robbery (including assault with intent to rob)	66.6	75	12.6	68
Domestic Abuse (of male)	3.2	7	118.8	42.9
Domestic Abuse (of female)	85.4	151	76.8	65.6
Stalking	65.8	69	4.9	72.5
Cruel & Unnatural treatment of children	46.2	58	25.5	100
Threats and extortion	94.0	107	13.8	7.5
Other group 1 crimes	30.6	34	11.1	32.4
<b>GROUP 2: SEXUAL CRIMES</b>	<b>826</b>	<b>945</b>	<b>14.4</b>	<b>55</b>
Rape	150.2	217	44.5	43.8
Attempted Rape	6.2	18	190.3	16.7
Sexual assault	307.4	281	-8.6	61.2
Crimes associated with prostitution	1.2	1	-16.7	100
Indecent photos of children	42.4	76	79.2	90.8
Communicating indecently	76.2	65	-14.7	70.8
Causing to view sexual activity or images	121.2	139	14.7	48.9
Threatening or Disclosure of intimate image	53.2	58	9.0	41.4
Other Group 2 crimes	68.0	90	32.4	46.7
<b>GROUP 3: CRIMES OF DISHONESTY</b>	<b>5593.6</b>	<b>5975</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>30.3</b>
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - dwelling house	247.2	224	-9.4	37.1
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - non dwelling	161.2	103	-36.1	12.6
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - other premises	183.4	173	-5.7	29.5
Opening Lockfast Places - Motor Vehicle	123.6	120	-2.9	22.5
Theft of a motor vehicle	284.6	309	8.6	37.2
Theft from a Motor Vehicle (Insecure etc.)	265.8	208	-21.7	18.3
Attempt theft of motor vehicle	22.2	35	57.7	20
Opening Lockfast Places - NOT Motor Vehicle	88.2	92	4.3	13

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Common theft	1,575.2	1,314	-16.6	18.6
Theft by shoplifting	1,456.2	2,286	57.0	42.3
Fraud	813.0	823	1.2	16.4
Other Group 3 Crimes	373.0	288	-22.8	40.3
<b>GROUP 4: DAMAGE AND RECKLESS BEHAVIOUR</b>	<b>2739.6</b>	<b>2540</b>	<b>-7.3</b>	<b>28.5</b>
Fireraising	172.8	199	15.2	22.6
Vandalism (including reckless damage etc)	2,384.0	2,175	-8.8	26.5
Reckless conduct (with firearms)	3.0	1	-66.7	100
Culpable and reckless conduct (not with firearms)	170.8	156	-8.7	63.5
Other Group 4 Crimes	9.0	9	0.0	22.2
<b>GROUP 5: CRIMES AGAINST SOCIETY</b>	<b>2809.2</b>	<b>2793</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>94.1</b>
Possession firearm/offensive weapon/knife in prison (not used in crime)	13.6	15	10.3	66.7
Possession offensive weapon/knife in school (not used in crime)	7.0	6	-14.3	83.3
Possession offensive weapon/knife in a private place (not used in crime)	4.6	29	530.4	106.9
Possession of a corrosive substance (not used in crime)			0.0	-
Other possession of offensive weapon/knife (not used in crime)	199.2	159	-20.2	88.1
Possession firearm/offensive weapon/knife in prison (used in criminal activity)	3.4	7	105.9	71.4
Possession offensive weapon/knife in school (used in criminal activity)	2.6	3	15.4	66.7
Possession offensive weapon/knife in a private place (used in criminal activity)	1.4	3	114.3	166.7
Possession of corrosive substance (used in criminal activity)	0.2		-100.0	-
Other possession of offensive weapon/knife NEC (used in criminal activity)	167.0	266	59.3	66.9
Production, manufacture or cultivation of drugs	36.6	26	-29.0	84.6
Supply of drugs (incl possession with intent)	122.8	148	20.5	91.9
Bringing drugs into prison	15.0	50	233.3	26
Other drugs offences (incl. importation)	8.2	14	70.7	100
Possession of drugs	1,071.6	792	-26.1	105.7
Offences relating to serious and organised crime	3.6	11	205.6	100
Bail offences (other than absconding)	643.2	667	3.7	96.7
Other crimes against public justice	498.8	576	15.5	96.5
Other crimes against society	10.4	21	101.9	85.7
<b>GROUP 6: ANTISOCIAL OFFENCES</b>	<b>2738.4</b>	<b>2691</b>	<b>-1.7</b>	<b>74.1</b>
Breach of the Peace	75.6	111	46.8	92.8
Threatening & abusive behaviour	2,443.0	2,368	-3.1	71.5
Hate aggravated conduct (incl stirring up hatred)	83.2	100	20.2	87
Drunk and incapable	20.6	15	-27.2	100

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Consume alcohol in designated place (local bye-laws)	20.4	23	12.7	100
Other alcohol related offences	24.4	25	2.5	100
Urinating	71.2	49	-31.2	93.9
<b>GROUP 7: MISCELLANEOUS OFFENCES</b>	<b>871.8</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>57.8</b>
Wildlife offences	31.0	20	-35.5	35
Offences involved animals (not wildlife)	85.8	71	-17.2	56.3
Community and public order offences	584.0	690	18.2	53.3
Environmental offences	22.6	17	-24.8	70.6
Licensing offences	86.2	59	-31.6	93.2
Other misc. offences	62.2	43	-30.9	88.4
<b>GROUP 8: ROAD TRAFFIC OFFENCES</b>	<b>4987.2</b>	<b>5029</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>81.9</b>
Dangerous driving offences	182.0	179	-1.6	77.1
Driving carelessly	448.0	419	-6.5	86.2
Driving under the influence	371.0	420	13.2	101.7
Speeding offences	343.0	130	-62.1	100
Seatbelt offences	92.4	99	7.1	100
Mobile phone offences	118.2	116	-1.9	99.1
Unlawful use of a motor vehicle	1,879.4	1,663	-11.5	99.2
Vehicle defect offences	148.4	305	105.5	98.4
Drivers neglect of traffic directions (NOT pedestrian crossings)	252.8	368	45.6	91
Road traffic offences (involving bicycle/tricycle)	5.8	4	-31.0	75
Other Group 8 offences	1,146.2	1,326	15.7	42.5

## Midlothian Recorded Crime Overview

Midlothian	5 Year Average	Q3 2024/25	% change against 5 year average	Detection Rates 2024/25
<b>GROUP 1: NON SEXUAL CRIMES OF VIOLENCE</b>	<b>689.8</b>	<b>746</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>65.7</b>
Murder (excluding culpable homicide at common law)	0.2		-100.0	-
Culpable homicide (at common law)			0.0	
Culpable Homicide (other)	0.2	1	400.0	
Attempted Murder	1.4	2	42.9	50
Serious Assault (of an emergency worker)			0.0	-
Serious Assault (Incl. FGM, culpable & reckless conduct – causing injury)	30.2	35	15.9	80
Common Assault (of an emergency worker)	47.8	45	-5.9	100
Common Assault	534.6	578	8.1	63.3
Robbery (including assault with intent to rob)	13.2	14	6.1	64.3
Domestic Abuse (of male)	1.0	1	0.0	100
Domestic Abuse (of female)	13.4	29	116.4	75.9
Stalking	10.0	13	30.0	61.5
Cruel & Unnatural treatment of children	15.0	6	-60.0	83.3
Threats and extortion	17.2	16	-7.0	-
Other group 1 crimes	5.6	6	7.1	65.7
<b>GROUP 2: SEXUAL CRIMES</b>	<b>148.2</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>36.3</b>	<b>49.5</b>
Rape	24.4	60	145.9	46.7
Attempted Rape	0.2	3	1400.0	-
Sexual assault	56.0	49	-12.5	59.2
Crimes associated with prostitution	0.2		-100.0	-
Indecent photos of children	9.2	15	63.0	86.7
Communicating indecently	16.2	12	-25.9	33.3
Causing to view sexual activity or images	20.2	29	43.6	41.4
Threatening or Disclosure of intimate image	10.6	12	13.2	50
Other Group 2 crimes	11.2	22	96.4	36.4
<b>GROUP 3: CRIMES OF DISHONESTY</b>	<b>1153.6</b>	<b>1325</b>	<b>14.9</b>	<b>33.6</b>
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - dwelling house	50.8	50	-1.6	46
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - non dwelling	52.0	37	-28.8	21.6
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - other premises	36.2	19	-47.5	68.4
Opening Lockfast Places - Motor Vehicle	17.6	21	19.3	33.3
Theft of a motor vehicle	57.4	61	6.3	37.7
Theft from a Motor Vehicle (Insecure etc.)	41.2	52	26.2	25
Attempt theft of motor vehicle	3.2	8	150.0	12.5
Opening Lockfast Places - NOT Motor Vehicle	16.6	8	-51.8	37.5
Common theft	273.0	268	-1.8	21.3



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Theft by shoplifting	383.6	543	41.6	42.4
Fraud	147.0	175	19.0	19.4
Other Group 3 Crimes	75.0	83	10.7	39.8
<b>GROUP 4: DAMAGE AND RECKLESS BEHAVIOUR</b>	<b>521.4</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>-7.9</b>	<b>31</b>
Fireraising	33.8	42	24.3	35.7
Vandalism (including reckless damage etc)	450.0	409	-9.1	28.6
Reckless conduct (with firearms)			0.0	-
Culpable and reckless conduct (not with firearms)	35.2	27	-23.3	63
Other Group 4 Crimes	2.4	2	-16.7	-
<b>GROUP 5: CRIMES AGAINST SOCIETY</b>	<b>556.6</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>-3.9</b>	<b>95.1</b>
Possession firearm/offensive weapon/knife in prison (not used in crime)	0.2		-100.0	-
Possession offensive weapon/knife in school (not used in crime)	2.2	4	81.8	75
Possession offensive weapon/knife in a private place (not used in crime)	1.4	7	400.0	85.7
Possession of a corrosive substance (not used in crime)			0.0	-
Other possession of offensive weapon/knife (not used in crime)	34.6	21	-39.3	90.5
Possession firearm/offensive weapon/knife in prison (used in criminal activity)	0.2		-100.0	-
Possession offensive weapon/knife in school (used in criminal activity)	0.2	2	900.0	100
Possession offensive weapon/knife in a private place (used in criminal activity)	0.4		-100.0	-
Possession of corrosive substance (used in criminal activity)			0.0	-
Other possession of offensive weapon/knife NEC (used in criminal activity)	26.4	49	85.6	71.4
Production, manufacture or cultivation of drugs	6.2	2	-67.7	50
Supply of drugs (incl possession with intent)	26.4	24	-9.1	100
Bringing drugs into prison			0.0	-
Other drugs offences (incl. importation)	0.4	6	1400.0	116.7
Possession of drugs	217.2	155	-28.6	104.5
Offences relating to serious and organised crime	0.8	4	400.0	100
Bail offences (other than absconding)	143.2	144	0.6	97.2
Other crimes against public justice	96.4	109	13.1	90.8
Other crimes against society	0.4	8	1900.0	87.5
<b>GROUP 6: ANTISOCIAL OFFENCES</b>	<b>512.2</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>-9.8</b>	<b>78.4</b>
Breach of the Peace	14.8	18	21.6	94.4
Threatening & abusive behaviour	463.8	402	-13.3	75.6
Hate aggravated conduct (incl stirring up hatred)	9.0	14	55.6	92.9
Drunk and incapable	2.6	3	15.4	100
Consume alcohol in designated place (local bye-laws)	7.0	4	-42.9	100

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Other alcohol related offences	6.2	10	61.3	100
Urinating	8.8	11	25.0	100
<b>GROUP 7: MISCELLANEOUS OFFENCES</b>	<b>162.4</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>-2.7</b>	<b>59.5</b>
Wildlife offences	3.4	1	-70.6	-
Offences involved animals (not wildlife)	15.6	15	-3.8	86.7
Community and public order offences	115.4	130	12.7	52.3
Environmental offences	7.4	1	-86.5	100
Licensing offences	19.0	8	-57.9	112.5
Other misc. offences	1.6	3	87.5	100
<b>GROUP 8: ROAD TRAFFIC OFFENCES</b>	<b>955.8</b>	<b>1178</b>	<b>23.2</b>	<b>82.9</b>
Dangerous driving offences	38.6	48	24.4	70.8
Driving carelessly	86.4	81	-6.3	84
Driving under the influence	84.6	104	22.9	104.8
Speeding offences	33.6	56	66.7	100
Seatbelt offences	14.8	40	170.3	100
Mobile phone offences	26.6	51	91.7	100
Unlawful use of a motor vehicle	345.2	395	14.4	98.2
Vehicle defect offences	36.2	89	145.9	100
Drivers neglect of traffic directions (NOT pedestrian crossings)	42.0	23	-45.2	95.7
Road traffic offences (involving bicycle/tricycle)	1.0	1	0.0	100
Other Group 8 offences	246.8	290	17.5	40.7