



COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM MIDLOTHIAN

ACTIVITY SUMMARY

October – December 2018

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**MIDLOTHIAN CAT
KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS RETURN
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Anti-Social behaviour:

Time spent on dedicated patrols of identified ASB & areas of concern:	Hi-visibility foot patrol:	133
	Mobile patrol:	2795
ASB:	Number of Youth ASB calls attended:	124
ASBO:	Breach of ASBO calls attended	

Searches:	Persons + ve	38
	Persons - ve	19
	Dwellings / Property + ve	19
	Dwellings / Property - ve	4

Licensed Premises Visits	Public house	5
	Off-Sales	7
Seizures:	Persons + ve	32
	Persons - ve	6

Searches:	Weapons (Persons) + ve	
	Weapons (Persons) - ve	1

Searches:	Stolen property +ve	4
	Stolen Property -ve	

Court Bail & restrictions (Curfew)	Bail Curfew check + ve (compliant)	334
	Bail Curfew check - ve (failed to comply)	33

Arrest Warrants:	Persons Arrested on Warrant	40
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Prevention & Enforcement	Static road checks:	23
	Fixed Penalty notices issued (RTA only)	9
	Number of Section 165 RTA Seizures:	2
	Breath Tests - negative	109
	Breath Tests - positive	

Vehicle ASBO Warnings and Vehicles Seized:	ASBO Warnings Issued	
	ASBO Vehicle Seizures	

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Number of Incidents Joint activity attended with partners:	Fire service	6
	Ambulance / NHS	2
	Local Council	1
	Organised public event	1
Standard Police reports submitted:	Adult	37
	Juvenile	5
	Juvenile VPD submission to Youth Justice	13
	Recorded Police warnings	33
Persons identified at risk: (Misc VPD submissions)	Adult	3
	Juvenile	11

Incidents of note:

The period from October – December saw MCAT officers continue to make a positive and significant contribution within Midlothian communities. They have dealt with a great variety of incidents, some significant events and operations and their pro-active work has led to many notable successes.

This quarter involved two periods which always have significant impact on police resources. Halloween/Bonfire Night sees increased demand due to anti-social behaviour therefore proactive prevention work was undertaken in partnership with Midlothian Council and the Fire Service identifying and arranging the removal of dangerously positioned bonfires. This nullified the risk caused to the public, had these been set alight. On the night of 5th Nov two MCAT officers were dedicated to travel with the Fire Service to any calls. This was hugely beneficial in deterring hostility which has previously been aimed towards Fire Officers attending calls and dousing bonfires.

The festive period is the other spike in demand and MCAT had considerable input in deterring and detecting shoplifting offences, alcohol fuelled disorder, particularly around closing time dispersal, and also road safety.

Dalkeith and Straiton Retail Park were a particular focus for shoplifting. A number of frequent offenders were identified and reported for thefts with a request that banning orders be sought. Relationships have been enhanced with many retailers due to the proactive manner in which MCAT targeted this issue. A Shopwatch Scheme is to be introduced in Straiton which should lead to even greater information sharing between retailers and provide support and reassurance to staff and customers in the retail park.

Many hours of patrols around licensed premises were also undertaken to deter alcohol fuelled disorder. MCAT provided a high visibility presence and friendly engagement with staff and patrons over this busy period reassuring revellers and staff. Occasional disorder did break out and MCAT were often the first officers on hand to deal with matters. Over the course of the festive period 13 people were charged with a variety of offences and 14 issued Recorded Police Warnings.

MCAT officers were an important part of the Midlothian Festive Road Safety campaign throughout December. Nine static road checks were undertaken at various locations, some in partnership with specialised Road Policing Officers. Where appropriate drivers were required to provide breath samples and vehicles were checked to ensure they were safe and no offences were being committed. Four fixed penalty tickets were issued and one vehicle was seized after the driver was found to have no insurance.

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Over the period there was a significant increase in the volume of Youth anti-social behaviour (ASB) calls MCAT officers attended. This is in part down to a couple of 'hotspots' which have required focussed patrols, both mobile and on foot, in order to deter ASB and to apprehend and deal with offenders. As a result a number of youths have been reported most of whom are being dealt with through youth offending processes. This activity has been well received within the affected areas providing reassurance to residents who have been encouraged to report instances in order to ensure we have a true understanding of the extent of the issue and enabling appropriate response from MCAT. Thirty two alcohol recoveries from youths were made.

MCAT officers have been a regular presence in and around Lasswade Centre and at Newbattle High School following recent increases in ASB at both locations.

The negative impact of drugs within our communities continues to be a focus for MCAT who searched 23 different addresses over the course of the quarter recovering significant quantities of Heroin, Cocaine, Cannabis and assorted tablets, causing disruption to drug dealing in Midlothian. In separate searches 38 people were stopped and found to be illegally in possession of controlled drugs when searched. Much of this activity is intelligence led and we rely on our communities passing information to allow proactive enforcement.

MCAT officers have been involved in a number of significant incidents including assisting in the arrest of a male employed as a delivery driver who decided to steal rather than deliver a high number of parcels. All the parcels were subsequently recovered during searches of two houses. Assistance was given to the Community Investigation Unit in searching rural buildings believed to be being used by a gang stealing, breaking up and exporting vehicles. A number of items were seized and the lease terminated by the landlord.

MCAT officers took part in 'Operation Reaction' a multi-agency operation tackling human trafficking in Midlothian.

MCAT officers assisted in policing the 2 Scots Homecoming Parade in Penicuik. This was a high profile military event and officers engaged positively with hundreds of spectators and participants which was acknowledged by the parade organisers. They also played a prominent role in policing the many annual Remembrance parades which occur across the county ensuring they passed safely.

Bail curfew enforcement is an important duty of MCAT and 367 proactive checks were undertaken in this period. On 33 occasions people failed to present themselves to police at the door as required and all have since been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

Forty people were arrested on a variety of arrest warrants and detained in custody to attend court the next day, with MCAT officers proactively tasked with all priority warrants issued.

November saw the first meeting of a new monthly ASB partnership meeting. This has been formed to replace the weekly ASB Tactical Meeting and the Community Safety Delivery Group. MCAT Sergeants will be key members of this group along with Midlothian Council Community Safety, Education, Housing, Fire Service and reps from the two large Housing Associations. It is intended to enable and promote a joint approach to tackling ASB issues across Midlothian, working collaboratively to develop opportunities to address ASB. The first two meetings have set some parameters within which the group will work.

Forthcoming Activity:

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The anti-social use of off road motorcycles has become a regular concern in many areas of Midlothian but Shawfair in particular has seen a significant increase in recorded incidents. Buccleuch Estates own much of the land in the area and in partnership with Police Scotland, and particularly MCAT, are eager to deter riders and disrupt them by preventing access to the land.

Intelligence led activity to tackle acquisitive crime and drug supply will remain a focus for MCAT in the coming months.

Focus will also continue towards road safety with the use of hand held speed gun equipment in speeding hotspots.

The development of the ASB partnership meeting will also continue and MCAT Sergeants will be key contributors within this new forum.

Abstractions:

Over the quarter 86 shifts were taken as annual leave and three lost to sickness.

Twenty two shifts were used for training which included courses to enable some officers to utilise Digitally Recorded Interviewing, Police National Computer and Criminal History (Scotland) systems and the use of Mobile Phone Kiosks. These training courses will greatly increase the capabilities of MCAT by enabling trained officers to undertake these functions internally as opposed to relying on others to conduct checks on their behalf. This will lead to increased effectiveness and efficiency within MCAT.

MCAT

VISION & ACTIVITIES

Vision

Impact positively on life quality within the communities of Midlothian by reducing all types of antisocial behaviour through prevention, disruption and enforcement.

Activities

- 1. 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.
- 2. 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).
- 3. 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.
- 4. Licensed Premises:** monitor licensed premises activity and act as first responders to antisocial behaviour related incidents whenever possible.
- 5. 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.
- 6. 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.