



COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM MIDLOTHIAN

ACTIVITY SUMMARY

January – March 2019

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Anti-Social behaviour:

Time spent on dedicated patrols of identified ASB & areas of concern:	Hi-visibility foot patrol:	114
	Mobile patrol:	1642
ASB:	Number of Youth ASB calls attended:	96
ASBO:	Breach of ASBO calls attended	0

Searches:	Persons + ve	62
	Persons - ve	56
	Dwellings / Property + ve	11
	Dwellings / Property - ve	5

Licensed Premises Visits	Public house	6
	Off-Sales	48
Seizures:	Persons + ve	4
	Persons - ve	0

Searches:	Weapons (Persons) + ve	1
	Weapons (Persons) - ve	0

Searches:	Stolen property +ve	1
	Stolen Property -ve	2

Court Bail & restrictions (Curfew)	Bail Curfew check + ve (compliant)	251
	Bail Curfew check - ve (failed to comply)	12

Arrest Warrants:	Persons Arrested on Warrant	46
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Prevention & Enforcement	Static road checks:	17
	Fixed Penalty notices issued (RTA only)	7
	Number of Section 165 RTA Seizures:	6
	Breath Tests - negative	84
	Breath Tests - positive	1
Vehicle ASBO Warnings and Vehicles Seized:	ASBO Warnings Issued	1
	ASBO Vehicle Seizures	0

Number of Incidents Joint activity attended	Fire service	3
	Ambulance / NHS	3
	Local Council	1

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with partners:	Organised public event	7
Standard Police reports submitted:	Adult	47
	Juvenile	6
	Juvenile VPD submission to Youth Justice	10
	Recorded Police warnings	43
Persons identified at risk: (Misc VPD submissions)	Adult	8
	Juvenile	13

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In January through to March MCAT officers continued to make a positive contribution to the Midlothian area with work carried out across a range of themes. This has included dealing with incidents reported to the police, and proactive work although, due to the time of year, the number of events has been limited.

The quarter has seen a steady increase in patrols. In particular this quarter has seen foot patrols increasing, relating to the improved weather and associated footfall in the community. MCAT will continue to use a range of patrol methods according to the needs of the geography and issues that are being dealt with.

One increased area of activity during these patrols has been identifying drug use, often in public car parks but also by individuals on foot. During the quarter a total of 118 people have been searched under the terms of the Misuse of Drugs Act, with 62 found in possession of drugs. The vast bulk of these have been cannabis resin or herbal cannabis and most offenders are dealt with by utilising a Recorded Police Warning. There have also been seizures of various tablets as well as some Class A drugs.

Where possible MCAT officers have developed intelligence about drugs possession and supply. A total of 16 premises have been searched under warrant and a number of charges for possession libelled. There have also been some supply related charges including approximately £5000 of diamorphine found in one house. One of these searches also recovered an unregistered firearm, and another traced £3000 of counterfeit tobacco products.

There has been a sustained focus on challenging recidivist offenders. MCAT have arrested 46 people on warrant and maintain an overview of all warrants in Midlothian, sharing that information with other officers that has resulted in further arrests by non-MCAT officers. In addition bail curfew checks are carried out regularly with a total of 251 checks in the quarter. This has led to 12 breaches being reported. Checks are carried out at all permissible times with the offenders not advised when they will be visited and the 95% compliance rate shows this is having a positive effect of curtailing some of our more prolific offenders.

During the quarter the team have continued to intervene in youth issues. This has seen a consistent number of youth calls attended with a total of 96 in the period. Often linked to these calls is the use of alcohol and in the latter stages of the quarter there was a focus on visiting off-sales licensed premises. Premises were checked for signage and staff awareness, and efforts made to identify any attempts by young people to approach adults to purchase alcohol on their behalf.

Following one incident where young people were found under the influence of alcohol, follow up enquiries led to a male being charged with selling alcohol to underage youths.

There has also been a focus on on-sales premises with MCAT officers regularly assisting their colleagues with night time dispersal from premises. Various individuals have been dealt with for breaches of the peace, urinating and minor assault with the vast bulk of these happening out with the premises. When the circumstances allow, exclusion orders are requested to help prevent repeat offences.

Roads policing remains a team priority and 17 static road checks have been conducted. For minor offences a suitable warning and advice is sufficient however there have also been 7 fixed penalty tickets issued, and 6 vehicles seized due to drivers having either no insurance or an unsuitable driving licence. MCAT officers also carried out 84 negative breath tests with 1 failure. A further motorist was also issued with an ASBO warning related to the manner of driving. A day of action was also carried out alongside Roads Policing officers.

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MCAT officers have also tackled a number of specific incidents that fall under their remit. These have included one male being charged, following extensive enquiries, after a large number of vehicles having had their tyres punctured; a youth was charged relating to three vehicles having had wing mirrors kicked off; following a report of an abandoned vehicle MCAT officers were able to piece together the driver's actions over about an hour and this led to a female being charged due to being unfit to drive through drink or drugs; not long after a new local takeaway opened officers dealt with a youth who had spat on staff, leading to him being charged and proactive patrols being initiated. The issues have subsided; after four males were seen acting suspiciously they were challenged and searched, with one being arrested after being found with a knife; and following a robbery three males were seen to make off, were then chased and captured with weapons discovered discarded in a garden.

The end of the quarter also saw the first of a number of planned days relating to rural crime, including wildlife crime and livestock worrying. This includes patrols to support local farmers as well as identifying offenders.

Where possible MCAT officers have worked alongside partner agencies. This has included supporting the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service when attending suspicious fires, assisting Scottish Ambulance Service when dealing with unruly people needing their help, and also carrying out joint visits to housing tenants that are at risk of breaching their tenancy.

Forthcoming Activity:

A plan has now been drawn up to tackle antisocial use of off-road vehicles and this will begin to be implemented.

Officers will continue tackling the key issues through responding to relevant calls and then carrying out proactive work.

This will also see some specific days of action across a range of themes. This will include rural crime days that started at the end of the quarter.

The next quarter will also see an increase in local events where MCAT officers will be specifically deployed. These will range from local town days through to larger events such as music festivals.

Abstractions:

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Over the quarter 95 days were taken as annual leave.

35 days have been used for training with a combination of annual refresher training, new skills that will enhance our capability and training relating to new legislation.

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.