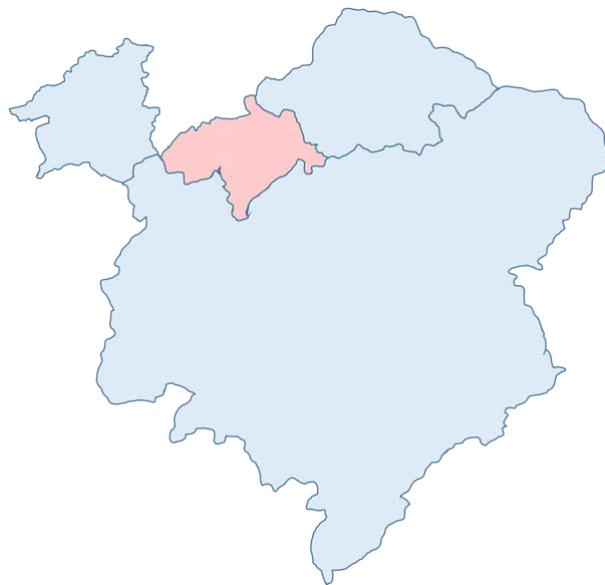




## Midlothian Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders



### Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel

Quarter 3 – 2019/2020

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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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## J Division Policing Priorities 2019/20



### West Lothian

1. Protecting People
2. Reducing Antisocial Behaviour
3. Reducing Violence
4. Tackling Substance Misuse
5. Road Safety
6. Tackling Serious and Organised Crime
7. Tackling Acquisitive Crime

### East Lothian

1. Reducing Antisocial Behaviour
2. Tackling Substance Misuse
3. Reducing Violence
4. Protecting People
5. Tackling Serious and Organised Crime
6. Making our Roads Safer
7. Reducing Housebreaking

### Local Area Command Priorities

### Scottish Borders

1. Protecting People
2. Reducing Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour
3. Tackling Substance Misuse
4. Road Safety
5. Tackling Serious Organised Crime
6. Tackling Acquisitive Crime

### Midlothian

1. Tackling Substance Misuse
2. Protecting People
3. Reducing Violence
4. Making our Roads Safer
5. Reducing Antisocial Behaviour
6. Tackling Serious and Organised Crime
7. Reducing Housebreaking

### J DIVISION PRIORITIES FOR POLICING

**ENABLE, empower and develop our PEOPLE through the provision of support, training and the delivery of effective change**

**Work together with LOCAL communities and partners, to deliver a quality service which responds to their needs by;**

- Protecting the most vulnerable people
- Reducing Violence & Anti-social behaviour
- Tackling Serious & Organised Crime
- Improving Road Safety
- Tackling Acquisitive Crime

### Protecting vulnerable People

Supporting people considered vulnerable and working with partners to reduce harm

### Working with communities

Engaging with the public and communities to build resilience and prevent crime

### Tackling cyber related Crime

Building Capability to address the threat from cyber related crime

### Support for operational Policing

Delivering change that enables our people to deliver an effective and sustainable service

## POLICE SCOTLAND PRIORITIES FOR POLICING

## **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 – Fire-raising, Malicious Mischief etc.
- Group 5 – Other (Pro-activity) Crimes
- Group 6 – Miscellaneous Offences
- Group 7 - Offences Relating to Motor Vehicles

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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. Tackling Substance Misuse
2. Protecting People
3. Reducing Violence
4. Making our Roads Safer
5. Reducing Antisocial Behaviour
6. Tackling Serious and Organised Crime
7. Reducing Housebreaking

All figures quoted in this report are for the period April 2019 to December 2019 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 **91,340 in 2018** (Scottish Government figures, published April 2019).

## Lothian and Scottish Borders Divisional Crime Overview

Lothian and Scottish Borders Division	2018/19 Q3	2019/20 Q3	Per 10,000 Q3 2019/20	Detection Rates 2019/20
<b>GROUP 1: NON SEXUAL CRIMES OF VIOLENCE</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>9.07</b>	<b>78.3</b>
Murder (excluding culpable homicide at common law)	-	2	0.04	100.0
Culpable homicide (at common law)	-	-	-	x
Culpable homicide (under statute including RTA, sec. 1)	3	5	0.10	100.0
Attempted murder	11	11	0.23	100.0
Serious assault	192	189	3.88	84.7
Robbery and assault with intent to rob	71	72	1.48	75.0
Domestic Abuse (of female)	-	50	1.03	74.0
Domestic Abuse (of male)	-	2	0.04	100.0
Domestic Abuse (Total)	-	52	1.07	75.0
Cruel & Unnatural treatment of children	51	61	1.25	86.9
Threats and extortion	31	21	0.43	47.6
Other group 1 crimes	29	29	0.60	41.4
<b>GROUP 2: SEXUAL CRIMES</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>16.11</b>	<b>59.7</b>
Rape	132	181	3.71	60.2
Assault w/i to rape or ravish	5	5	0.10	60.0
<i>Rape and attempted rape - Total</i>	137	186	3.82	60.2
Sexual assault (pre-SOSA 2009)*	13	15	0.31	80.0
Sexual assault (SOSA 2009)*	206	220	4.51	56.4
Lewd & libidinous practices*	65	95	1.95	71.6
<i>Indecent/Sexual Assault - Total</i>	284	330	6.77	61.8
<i>Prostitution related crime - Total*</i>	-	2	0.04	0.0
Taking, distribution, possession of indecent photos of children	27	35	0.72	97.1
Communicating indecently (SOSA 2009)*	63	42	0.86	59.5
Communications Act 2003 (sexual)	13	11	0.23	45.5
Sexual exposure (SOSA 2009)*	19	33	0.68	66.7
Public indecency (common law)	17	5	0.10	100.0
Other sexual crimes (SOSA 2009)*	106	98	2.01	41.8
Other sexual crimes (non-SOSA 2009)*	12	12	0.25	66.7
Threatening / Disclosure of intimate image*	36	31	0.64	41.9
Other Group 2 crimes	-	-	-	x
<i>Other Group 2 crimes - Total</i>	293	267	5.48	
<b>GROUP 3: CRIMES OF DISHONESTY</b>	<b>7 188</b>	<b>6 912</b>	<b>141.83</b>	<b>32.2</b>
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - dwelling house	354	325	6.67	32.6
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - non dwelling	260	227	4.66	14.1
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - other premises	424	246	5.05	26.0
<i>Housebreaking (incl. Attempts) - Total</i>	1 038	798	16.37	25.3
Opening Lockfast Places - Motor Vehicle	183	177	3.63	23.2
Theft of a motor vehicle	347	368	7.55	36.4
Theft from a Motor Vehicle (Insecure etc.)	541	495	10.16	22.0
Attempt theft of motor vehicle	30	26	0.53	7.7
<i>Motor vehicle crime - Total</i>	1 101	1 066	21.87	26.8
Opening Lockfast Places - NOT Motor Vehicle	105	115	2.36	13.9
Common theft	1 865	2 012	41.28	19.6
Theft by shoplifting	2 120	1 783	36.58	53.9
Fraud	454	626	12.84	26.5
Other Group 3 Crimes	505	512	10.51	39.8
<b>GROUP 4: FIRE-RAISING, MALICIOUS MISCHIEF etc.</b>	<b>3 217</b>	<b>3 175</b>	<b>65.15</b>	<b>25.7</b>
Fire-raising	182	177	3.63	23.2

Vandalism (including malicious mischief)	2 910	<b>2 847</b>	58.42	24.7
Reckless conduct (with firearms)	3	<b>3</b>	0.06	100.0
Culpable and reckless conduct (not with firearms)	118	<b>138</b>	2.83	47.8
Other Group 4 Crimes	4	<b>10</b>	0.21	10.0
<b>GROUP 5: OTHER (PRO-ACTIVITY) CRIMES</b>	<b>3 365</b>	<b>3 193</b>	<b>65.52</b>	<b>94.6</b>
Carrying offensive weapons (incl. restriction)	120	<b>114</b>	2.34	96.5
Handling bladed/pointed instrument	109	<b>119</b>	2.44	95.0
Offensive weapon (used in other criminal activity)*	67	<b>104</b>	2.13	80.8
Bladed/pointed instrument (used in other criminal activity)*	57	<b>52</b>	1.07	76.9
<i>Total offensive/bladed weapons</i>	<i>353</i>	<i>389</i>	<i>7.98</i>	<i>89.2</i>
Production, manufacture or cultivation of drugs	67	<b>45</b>	0.92	100.0
Supply of drugs (incl. possession with intent)	249	<b>163</b>	3.34	101.8
Bringing drugs into prison	3	<b>15</b>	0.31	40.0
<i>Supply of drugs - Total</i>	<i>319</i>	<i>223</i>	<i>4.58</i>	<i>97.3</i>
Possession of drugs	1 586	<b>1 512</b>	31.02	94.3
Other drugs offences (incl. importation)	13	<b>12</b>	0.25	50.0
<i>Total drugs crimes</i>	<i>1 918</i>	<i>1 747</i>	<i>35.85</i>	<i>94.4</i>
Offences relating to serious and organised crime	-	<b>4</b>	0.08	100.0
Bail offences (other than absconding)	516	<b>526</b>	10.79	97.0
Other Group 5 crimes	578	<b>527</b>	10.81	97.0
<b>GROUP 6: MISCELLANEOUS OFFENCES</b>	<b>7 100</b>	<b>7 334</b>	<b>150.48</b>	<b>74.5</b>
Common Assault	3 009	<b>3 052</b>	62.62	63.5
Common Assault (of emergency workers)	277	<b>302</b>	6.20	100.0
<i>Common Assault - Total</i>	<i>3 286</i>	<i>3 354</i>	<i>68.82</i>	<i>66.8</i>
Breach of the Peace	98	<b>90</b>	1.85	97.8
Threatening & abusive behaviour	2 575	<b>2 655</b>	54.48	82.4
Stalking	79	<b>59</b>	1.21	94.9
<i>BOP, S38 &amp; S39 Crim Just &amp; Lic (S) Act 2010 - Total</i>	<i>2 752</i>	<i>2 804</i>	<i>57.53</i>	<i>83.2</i>
Racially aggravated harassment/conduct*	96	<b>104</b>	2.13	90.4
Drunk and incapable	46	<b>33</b>	0.68	97.0
Consume alcohol in designated place local bye-law	38	<b>28</b>	0.57	100.0
Other alcohol related offences*	26	<b>37</b>	0.76	100.0
<i>Drunkenness and other disorderly conduct (TOTAL)</i>	<i>110</i>	<i>98</i>	<i>2.01</i>	<i>99.0</i>
Wildlife offences*	18	<b>28</b>	0.57	28.6
Other Group 6 offences	838	<b>946</b>	19.41	73.4
<b>GROUP 7: OFFENCES RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES</b>	<b>4 877</b>	<b>5 145</b>	<b>105.57</b>	<b>84.4</b>
Dangerous driving offences	152	<b>173</b>	3.55	93.1
Drink, Drug driving offences incl. Failure to provide a specimen	389	<b>414</b>	8.49	95.7
Speeding offences	396	<b>441</b>	9.05	98.9
Driving while disqualified	94	<b>91</b>	1.87	101.1
Driving without a licence	367	<b>366</b>	7.51	99.5
Failure to insure against third party risks	945	<b>968</b>	19.86	100.5
Seat belt offences	91	<b>117</b>	2.40	86.3
Mobile phone offences	143	<b>142</b>	2.91	95.8
Driving Carelessly	392	<b>416</b>	8.54	93.5
Drivers neglect of traffic directions (NOT pedestrian crossings)	155	<b>154</b>	3.16	94.8
Using a motor vehicle without test certificate	556	<b>530</b>	10.87	99.6
Other Group 7 offences	1 197	<b>1 333</b>	27.35	46.7

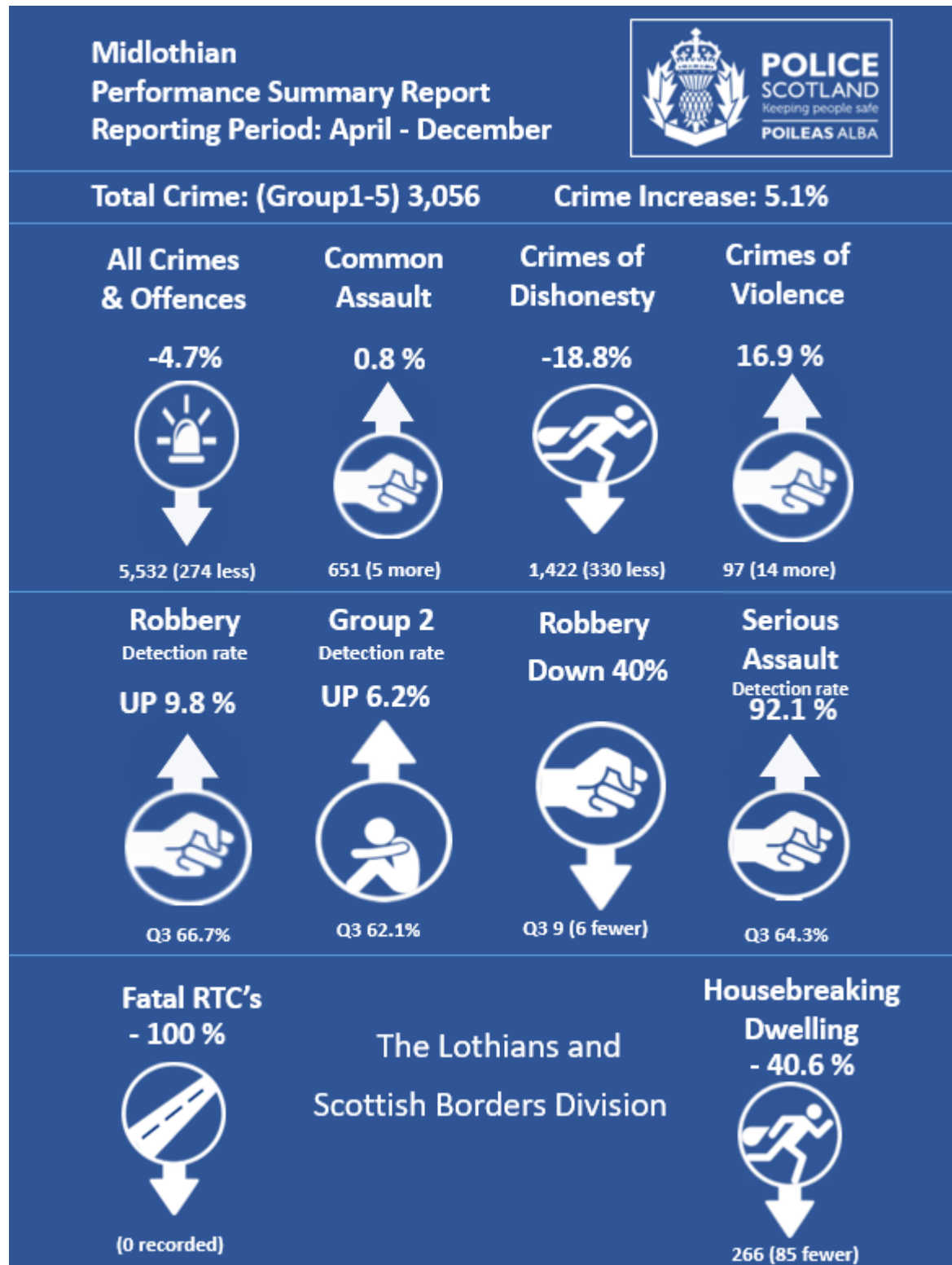
## Midlothian Recorded Crime Overview

Midlothian	2018/19 Q3	2019/20 Q3	Per 10,000 Q3 2019/20	Detection Rates 2019/20
<b>GROUP 1: NON SEXUAL CRIMES OF VIOLENCE</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>10.95</b>	<b>76.3</b>
Murder (excluding culpable homicide at common law)	-	-	-	x
Culpable homicide (at common law)	-	-	-	x
Culpable homicide (under statute including RTA, sec. 1)	1	1	0.11	100.0
Attempted murder	1	-	-	x
Serious assault	28	38	4.29	92.1
Robbery and assault with intent to rob	15	9	1.02	66.7
Domestic Abuse (of female)	-	8	0.90	50.0
Domestic Abuse (of male)	-	-	-	x
<b>Domestic Abuse (Total)</b>	-	8	0.90	50.0
Cruel & Unnatural treatment of children	26	31	3.50	80.6
Threats and extortion	5	4	0.45	50.0
Other group 1 crimes	7	6	0.68	16.7
<b>GROUP 2: SEXUAL CRIMES</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>18.17</b>	<b>62.1</b>
Rape	28	26	2.93	88.5
Assault w/i to rape or ravish	2	-	-	x
<b>Rape and attempted rape - Total</b>	30	26	2.93	88.5
Sexual assault (pre-SOSA 2009)*	2	7	0.79	57.1
Sexual assault (SOSA 2009)*	48	47	5.30	59.6
Lewd & libidinous practices*	13	24	2.71	54.2
<b>Indecent/Sexual Assault - Total</b>	63	78	8.80	57.7
<b>Prostitution related crime - Total*</b>	-	1	0.11	0.0
Taking, distribution, possession of indecent photos of children	8	12	1.35	100.0
Communicating indecently (SOSA 2009)*	11	12	1.35	25.0
Communications Act 2003 (sexual)	2	3	0.34	33.3
Sexual exposure (SOSA 2009)*	8	9	1.02	88.9
Public indecency (common law)	6	-	-	x
Other sexual crimes (SOSA 2009)*	16	15	1.69	26.7
Other sexual crimes (non-SOSA 2009)*	1	1	0.11	200.0
Threatening / Disclosure of intimate image*	8	4	0.45	25.0
Other Group 2 crimes	-	-	-	x
<b>Other Group 2 crimes - Total</b>	60	56	6.32	57.1
<b>GROUP 3: CRIMES OF DISHONESTY</b>	<b>1 752</b>	<b>1 422</b>	<b>160.48</b>	<b>34.0</b>
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - dwelling house	106	63	7.11	30.2
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - non dwelling	87	73	8.24	8.2
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - other premises	73	45	5.08	40.0
<b>Housebreaking (incl. Attempts) - Total</b>	266	181	20.43	23.8
Opening Lockfast Places - Motor Vehicle	27	27	3.05	14.8
Theft of a motor vehicle	82	57	6.43	45.6
Theft from a Motor Vehicle (Insecure etc.)	109	85	9.59	25.9
Attempt theft of motor vehicle	2	7	0.79	14.3
<b>Motor vehicle crime - Total</b>	220	176	19.86	30.1
Opening Lockfast Places - NOT Motor Vehicle	14	22	2.48	13.6
Common theft	388	342	38.60	24.9
Theft by shoplifting	631	472	53.27	45.6
Fraud	103	111	12.53	33.3
Other Group 3 Crimes	130	118	13.32	40.7
<b>GROUP 4: FIRE-RAISING, MALICIOUS MISCHIEF etc.</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>69.63</b>	<b>26.1</b>
Fire-raising	42	26	2.93	23.1




Vandalism (including malicious mischief)	582	<b>570</b>	64.33	24.6
Reckless conduct (with firearms)	-	-	-	x
Culpable and reckless conduct (not with firearms)	23	<b>21</b>	2.37	71.4
Other Group 4 Crimes	3	-	-	x
<b>GROUP 5: OTHER (PRO-ACTIVITY) CRIMES</b>	809	<b>759</b>	85.66	<b>96.7</b>
Carrying offensive weapons (incl. restriction)	27	<b>20</b>	2.26	100.0
Handling bladed/pointed instrument	23	<b>28</b>	3.16	114.3
Offensive weapon (used in other criminal activity)*	9	<b>17</b>	1.92	82.4
Bladed/pointed instrument (used in other criminal activity)*	7	<b>7</b>	0.79	85.7
<b>Total offensive/bladed weapons</b>	66	<b>72</b>	8.13	100.0
Production, manufacture or cultivation of drugs	12	<b>6</b>	0.68	66.7
Supply of drugs (incl. possession with intent)	58	<b>31</b>	3.50	109.7
Bringing drugs into prison	-	-	-	x
<b>Supply of drugs - Total</b>	70	<b>37</b>	4.18	102.7
Possession of drugs	441	<b>383</b>	43.22	96.1
Other drugs offences (incl. importation)	1	-	-	x
<b>Total drugs crimes</b>	512	<b>420</b>	47.40	96.7
Offences relating to serious and organised crime	-	<b>1</b>	0.11	100.0
Bail offences (other than absconding)	115	<b>145</b>	16.36	97.2
Other Group 5 crimes	116	<b>121</b>	13.66	94.2
<b>GROUP 6: MISCELLANEOUS OFFENCES</b>	1 462	<b>1 466</b>	165.44	<b>77.8</b>
Common Assault	579	<b>585</b>	66.02	61.2
Common Assault (of emergency workers)	67	<b>66</b>	7.45	100.0
<b>Common Assault - Total</b>	646	<b>651</b>	73.47	65.1
Breach of the Peace	11	<b>24</b>	2.71	100.0
Threatening & abusive behaviour	532	<b>562</b>	63.42	89.1
Stalking	18	<b>7</b>	0.79	128.6
<b>BOP, S38 &amp; S39 Crim Just &amp; Lic (S) Act 2010 - Total</b>	561	<b>593</b>	66.92	90.1
Racially aggravated harassment/conduct*	30	<b>11</b>	1.24	100.0
Drunk and incapable	16	<b>4</b>	0.45	100.0
Consume alcohol in designated place local bye-law	19	<b>12</b>	1.35	100.0
Other alcohol related offences*	9	<b>14</b>	1.58	107.1
<b>Drunkenness and other disorderly conduct (TOTAL)</b>	44	<b>30</b>	3.39	103.3
Wildlife offences*	1	<b>5</b>	0.56	40.0
Other Group 6 offences	180	<b>176</b>	19.86	79.0
<b>GROUP 7: OFFENCES RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES</b>	897	<b>1 010</b>	113.98	<b>77.7</b>
Dangerous driving offences	31	<b>41</b>	4.63	95.1
Drink, Drug driving offences incl. Failure to provide a specimen	79	<b>88</b>	9.93	88.6
Speeding offences	17	<b>16</b>	1.81	81.3
Driving while disqualified	36	<b>32</b>	3.61	103.1
Driving without a licence	94	<b>65</b>	7.34	100.0
Failure to insure against third party risks	213	<b>197</b>	22.23	100.0
Seat belt offences	6	<b>4</b>	0.45	100.0
Mobile phone offences	19	<b>21</b>	2.37	90.5
Driving Carelessly	35	<b>60</b>	6.77	95.0
Drivers neglect of traffic directions (NOT pedestrian crossings)	24	<b>40</b>	4.51	90.0
Using a motor vehicle without test certificate	78	<b>79</b>	8.92	100.0
Other Group 7 offences	265	<b>367</b>	41.42	45.0

## Midlothian Performance Summary



## Executive Summary

### Tackling Substance Misuse

Tackling Substance Misuse	Executive Summary			
<b>Drug Supply, Production &amp; Cultivation</b>  	Q3 2018/19	Q3 2019/20	Change	5-year average
	70	37	-47.1%	57.6
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Drug Supply figures only</b></li> </ul> <p>Tackling substance misuse in Midlothian remains a priority and links closely to our work in tackling Serious and Organised Crime.</p> <p>When comparing 2018/19 and 2019/20, we can see a reduction in the detected crime figures. This reduction was mainly seen in Q1 of this year, where there was a reduction of 20 in comparison to the previous year. The figures whilst decreasing can be seen as a positive through preventative work undertaken by Midlothian Community Action Team (MCAT) to minimise the supply of illicit substances within Midlothian.</p> <p>Working closely with our communities and the public that we serve enables us to establish close working relationships, which in turn should allow the continued flow of intelligence in to the police. Members of the public can report drug dealing or suspicious activity directly to police, anonymously via crime stoppers or through a partner agency.</p> <p>To ensure Police in Midlothian remain focused on Tackling Substance Misuse the following activities take place,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Midlothian Community Action Team funded by Midlothian Council, play an active role in developing and acting on intelligence received. They target individuals and groups who are linked to addresses in Midlothian.</li> <li>Midlothian Community and Response officers receive a daily electronic briefing on the commencement of their tour of duty. This ensures the officers are aware of the current up to date picture and they know who to actively target in Midlothian.</li> <li>The Midlothian CPT continue to host mobile drop in sessions / surgeries in a continued effort to increase community engagement.</li> <li>Youth Community Officers continue to deliver interactive drugs inputs to 3rd year High schools utilising Choices for life resources.</li> </ul>			

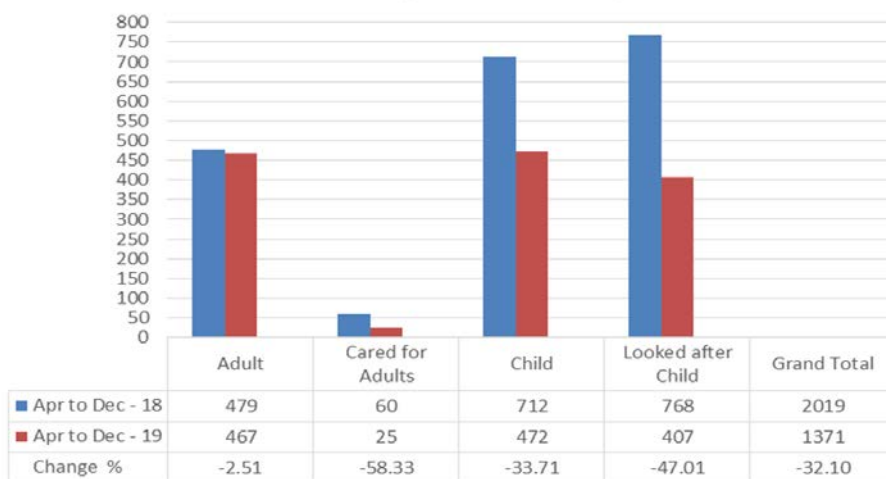
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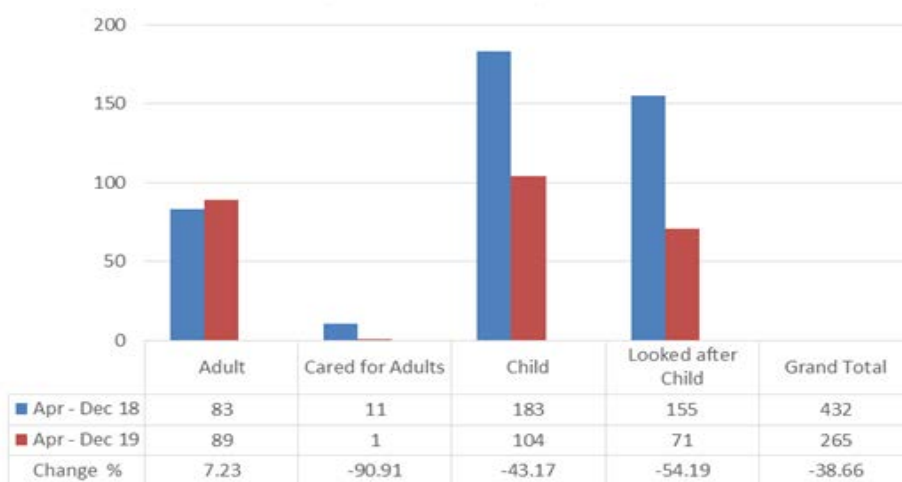
## Missing Persons



Year to Date - Categories of Missing Persons



Year to Date - Categories of Missing Persons - Midlothian



\*Raw data, not assessed

The Lothians & Scottish Borders (J) Division and the communities of Midlothian recognise that protecting people, particularly those considered vulnerable, is a policing priority. Within the remit of protecting people is the work and investigations carried out to trace people who are reported missing. To put the scale of this work into context;

- Police Scotland, on an annual basis undertake over 22,000 investigations into missing people.
- In the Lothians and Scottish Borders Division this equates to the following;

Year 2017 / 2018 – 2390 missing person investigations


Year 2018 / 2019 – 2581 missing person investigations


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 missing person incidents.


Significant work has been undertaken in respect of engaging with children identified as repeatedly being reported missing. This has led to several partnership meetings being convened to support these children. Input has also been provided to establishments for looked after children. This has led to a significant reduction in reported incidents involving such children and ensured support for them.

Significant input has been provided in respect of one looked after adult who had historically been reported missing multiple times. Risk not only to this adult but members of the public was identified and multi-agency discussions were progressed. This led to more robust management of the male resulting in a significant decrease in reports and risk presented.

During this reporting quarter the co-ordinated use of specialist resources and local police officers to search for several High Risk missing people resulted in them being found with positive outcomes.

Protecting People	Executive Summary											
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<p>Tackling Acquisitive Crime, and as such working to Protect People by reducing the impact (both financial and personal) it has on our communities' remains a priority for the Lothians &amp; Scottish Borders (J) Division and Midlothian. Given the wide range of 'acquisitive crimes' this priority is covered in 2 sections within this report;</p> <p><b>Dishonesty</b> (which is covered in this section) <b>Housebreaking</b> (which is covered on page 24).</p> <p>At the end of Q3 2019/2020 Group 3 crimes has decreased by 330 (-18.8%) when compared to last year's reporting period. (This overall figure incorporates housebreaking crimes).</p> <p>Further breakdown of the data provided in the table above yields the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>There have been <b>significant reductions</b> in a number of dishonesty crimes, namely, Housebreaking (-85), Motor Vehicle Crime (-44), Theft (-46) and Theft Shoplifting (-159).</li><li>Fraud has witnessed an increase of 7.7% (8 more victims) when compared to the same reporting period last year, although this is well below the UK average</li><li><b>Motor vehicle crime has reduced by 20% or 44 fewer victims, when compared to the same reporting period last year.</b></li><li>The Group 3 detection rate sits at <b>34% at the end of Q3</b>. This has improved from 31.6% at the end of Q2.</li></ul> <p>During the reporting period police in J Division and Midlothian carried out the following preventative work;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Continue to deliver Shut out Scammers, a high profile national campaign, delivered locally to tackle all forms of bogus callers and associated doorstep crime.</li><li>Use of social media to highlight scams and deliver pertinent real-time advice and information to members of the community.</li><li>Continue to support <b>Shopwatch</b> in the towns, where regular meetings are held with retailers</li><li>Themed/seasonal rolling programme of crime prevention advice at events.</li><li>Individuals and organisations continue to receive Crime Preventions surveys from specially trained Police Officers.</li><li>A number of new housing developments have been utilising the Police Architectural Liaison service to help 'design out' crime at the development stage.</li><li>Police Officers, working with partners in the public and private sector, have been attending events where crime prevent advice has been offered.</li></ul>												

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<p><b>Domestic Abuse Incidents</b></p> 		Q3 2018/19	Q3 2019/20	% Change
	Number of Domestic Abuse Incidents	904	900	-0.4%
	Total Crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents	421	437	3.8%
	Percentage of Domestic Incidents that result in a crime	37.6%	36.3%	-1.3%
	Total crimes and offences detection rate	72.4%	73.2%	0.8%
	Total Detections for Domestic Bail Offences	32	55	71.9%
	<p>Two key priorities for J Division remain supporting the victims of Domestic Abuse and pursuing perpetrators. This is a daily focus in Midlothian.</p> <p>In April 2019 Section 1 of the Domestic Abuse Scotland Act was introduced. This crime takes into consideration offenders who follow a pattern of coercive and controlling behaviour. It is a Group 1 crime and provides Police and Scottish Courts additional power to tackle Domestic Abuse offenders. To date, there have been 8 Section 1 DASA crimes recorded in Midlothian. The new legislation brought with it training for all officers at the Scottish Police College. This training was delivered by Safe Lives Scotland.</p> <p>On review of domestic abuse incidents, there has only been a 0.4% increase when comparing end of Q3 in 2018/19 and 2019/20. In addition, crimes and offences has risen by 3.8% over the same comparison periods.</p> <p>Midlothian's detection rate for Domestic crimes and offences sits at 71.9%.</p> <p>Over the reporting period we have 55 bail detections, which is up 71.9% on the previous year. This evidences how proactive and robust we are in Midlothian in respect of bringing Domestic perpetrators to justice.</p> <p>From 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, to 10 December, Human Rights Day, and the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence Campaign was a time to galvanize action to end violence against women and girls around the world. The international campaign originated from the first Women's Global Leadership Institute coordinated by the Centre for Women's Global Leadership in 1991.</p> <p>Midlothian police supported this campaign by coordinating a variety of events and social media posts to promote and raise awareness of this subject in the county.</p>			


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<div>Racially Aggravated Conduct</div> <div></div>	<table><tr><th colspan="4">Midlothian</th></tr><tr><th></th><th>2018/19 Q3</th><th>2019/20 Q3</th><th>Per 10,000 Q3</th></tr><tr><td>Hate Incidents</td><td>71</td><td>71</td><td>7.9</td></tr><tr><td>Hate Crimes</td><td>72</td><td>67</td><td>7.4</td></tr><tr><td>Hate Crime Detection Rate</td><td>79.2%</td><td>79.1%</td><td></td></tr></table> <p>Official Hate Crime statistics include all crime types which have a hate crime aggravator added to the crime.</p> <p>The aggravators are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Disability</li><li>• Race</li><li>• Religion</li><li>• Sexual Orientation</li><li>• Transgender Identity.</li></ul> <p>A hate crime is “any crime which is perceived by the victim or any other person to be motivated (wholly or partly) by malice and ill-will towards a social group”.</p> <p>Hate Crimes in Midlothian have <b>decreased by 5 crimes</b>, from 72 in Q3 2018/19 to 67 in Q3 2019/20.</p> <p>The detection rate remains <b>high at 79.1%</b>, almost static with the previous year.</p> <p>For further information on Hate Crime you can visit the Police Scotland website via the following link:</p> <p><a href="https://www.scotland.police.uk/whats-happening/campaigns/2019/hate-crime-2019/">https://www.scotland.police.uk/whats-happening/campaigns/2019/hate-crime-2019/</a></p> <p>It is known that some victims and witnesses of Hate Crime do not feel comfortable reporting the matter directly to police. To minimise underreporting, Police Scotland work in partnership with a variety of agencies who perform the role of Third Party Reporting Centres. These partners have been trained to assist people in submitting a report to the police, or they can make a report on their behalf. We will continue to raise awareness of hate crime and Third Party Reporting Centres through social media and national initiatives such as Keep Safe.</p>	Midlothian					2018/19 Q3	2019/20 Q3	Per 10,000 Q3	Hate Incidents	71	71	7.9	Hate Crimes	72	67	7.4	Hate Crime Detection Rate	79.2%	79.1%	
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There are over 400 third party reporting sites across Scotland.

Hate Crime in Midlothian can be reported to police via phone number 101 or Third Party Reporting as follows;

Midlothian Third Party Reporting Contacts		
Dalkeith Library	2 White Hart Street, Dalkeith, Midlothian, EH22 1AE	0131 663 2083
Dalkeith Citizen Advice Bureau	8 Buccleuch Street, Dalkeith, EH22 1HA	0131 654 9059
Dalkeith Midlothian Women's Aid	29A Eskbank Road, Dalkeith, Midlothian, EH22 1HJ	0131 6639827
Danderhall Library	1a Campview, Danderhall, Midlothian, EH22 1QB	0131 663 9293
East & Midlothian Travellers Site	Old Dalkeith Colliery, Dalkeith	0131 654 2095
Gorebridge Library	98 Hunterfield Road, Gorebridge, Midlothian, EH22 4TT	01875 820 630
Lasswade Library	The Lasswade Centre, 19 Eskdale Drive, Bonnyrigg, Midlothian, EH19 2LA	0131 271 4534
Loanhead Library	George Library, Loanhead, Midlothian, EH20 9LA	0131 440 0824
Mayfield Library	Stone Avenue, Mayfield, Midlothian, EH22 5PB	0131 663 2126
Midlothian Council Fairfield House	8 Lothian Road, Dalkeith, EH22 3AA	0131 271 6677
MPEG - Midlothian Peoples Equality Group	(Telephone only)	0131 663 9609
Newtongrange Library	St David's, Newtongrange, Midlothian, EH22 4LG	0131 663 1816
Penicuik Citizen Advice Bureau	14A John Street, Penicuik, EH26 8AB	01968 675 259
Penicuik Midlothian's Women Aid	10 Carnethy Avenue, Penicuik, EH26 8AR	01968 670 970
Penicuik Library	Penicuik Centre, Carlops Road, Penicuik, Midlothian	01968 664 050
St Joseph's Services	72 Carnethie Street, Rosewell, EH24 9AR	0131 440 7200

Protecting People	Executive Summary					
<div>Sexual Crimes (Group 2)</div> <div></div>	Q3 2018/19	Q3 2019/20	Change	TYTD Per 10,000 population		
	153	161	5.2%	18.17		
	Crime Type	Q3 2018/19	Q3 2019/20	Change	TYTD Per 10,000 population	Q3 2019/20 Detection Rate
	Group 2	153	161	5.2%	18.17	62.1%
	Rape & Attempt Rape	28	26	-7.1%	2.93	88.5%
	Indecent/Sexual Assault	63	78	23.8%	8.80	57.7%
	Other Group 2	60	56	-6.7%	6.32	57.1%
	Tackling criminality that poses the greatest threat and risk is, and will always be, a priority for officers in Midlothian. Rape and Sexual Crime is an area of focus in terms of providing confidence to report, undertaking professional investigations, providing victim support, pursuing perpetrators and managing offenders.					
	A Q3 comparison between last year and this year for Sexual Crime in Midlothian shows the following;					
	<div><div></div><div>5.2% increase in Sexual Crime (Group 2).</div><div>13.3% decrease in Rape and Attempt Rape, which equates to 4 less victims.</div><div>Group 2 Detection rate <b>improvement of 14.4%, now 62.1%.</b></div><div>Rape and Attempt Rape Detection rate <b>improvement of 41.8%, now 88.5%.</b></div></div>					
The investigation of sexual crime, alongside the management of offenders and support of victims is achieved through close partnership working. The support offered to victims of Sexual Crime by partner agencies is essential and we continue to refer victims to these agencies. We know that Rape and Sexual Crime remains under reported and it is only through that work with partners can we help to give victims that confidence to report.						

Reducing Violence	Executive Summary					
<b>Crimes of Violence</b>  <b>(Group 1)</b>  	Crime Type	Q3 2018/19	Q3 2019/20	Change	TYTD Per 10,000 population	Q3 2019/20 Detection Rate
	Group 1	83	97	16.9%	10.95	76.3%
	Serious Assault *	28	38	35.7%	4.29	92.1%
	Robbery	15	9	-40%	1.02	66.7%
	Common Assault	646	651	0.8%	73.47	65.1%
<p>*Common assaults are not recorded as group 1 crimes.</p> <p>Reducing violence is a policing priority for the Midlothian local authority area and the wider Lothian &amp; Scottish Borders (J) Division of Police Scotland. We all recognise the impact violence has in our communities and the desire from these communities that we collectively work to make a difference.</p> <p>The increase in Group 1 includes the new crime of Section 1 Domestic Abuse Scotland Act crimes, which is explained in the Domestic Abuse section of this report on page 15.</p> <p>The most significant increases in respect of recorded crime in Midlothian has been crimes of violence. The following headlines report;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group 1 crime up 14 crimes (16.9%)</li> <li>• Serious Assault recorded crime up 10 crimes (35.7%)</li> <li>• Robbery recorded crime down 6 crimes (-40%)</li> <li>• Common assault recorded crime up 5 crimes (0.8%)</li> <li>• Section 12 Children Young Persons Act up 5 crimes (19.2%)</li> <li>• There have been 8 Section 1 DASA crimes recorded in Midlothian. An increase of 1 more than Q2.</li> </ul> <p>Positively Detection rates for violent crime have improved. The most significant increases when comparing Q3 2018/19 and 2019/20 are as follows;</p> <p>Group 1 detection rate <b>up 24.5% to 76.3%</b></p> <p>Serious Assault detection rate <b>up 27.8% to 92.1%</b></p> <p>*(38 Serious Assaults from 1/4/19 to 31/12/2019 of which, 15 have Alcohol Aggravators and 7 are on or near licensed premises).</p> <p>Robbery detection rate <b>up 26.7% to 66.7%</b></p>						

Making our  
Roads Safer

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Road Casualties



	Q3 2018/19	Q3 2019/20	Change
<b>Fatal</b>	1	0	-100%
<b>Serious</b>	24	27	12.5%
<b>Slight</b>	109	77	-29.4%

	Q3 2018/19	Q3 2019/20	Change
<b>Dangerous driving</b>	31	39	25.8%
<b>Speeding</b>	18	13	-27.8%
<b>Disqualified driving</b>	36	33	-8.3%
<b>Driving Licence</b>	93	65	-30.1%
<b>Insurance</b>	209	197	-5.7%
<b>Seat Belts</b>	7	4	-42.9%
<b>Mobile Phone</b>	17	19	11.8%
<b>Drink/Drug Driving Detections</b>	79	88	11.4%

During the reporting periods, injury road traffic collisions (RTC's) have **reduced** in Midlothian from 109 in Q3 2018/19 **to 77 in Q3 2019/20**.

Midlothian Police continue to support National Safety Campaigns including working with the National Roads Police Department in relation to the Festive Drink / Drug Drive campaign in Q3.

Within Midlothian the following operations have been carried out by Road Policing colleagues;

**Operation Alternate Checks (throughout Oct-Nov 2019)**

Road policing officers deployed alongside various partner agencies on 6 occasions during October and November. This was a road safety / road crime operation responding to concerns raised by the communities of Midlothian.

**Get Ready for Winter Campaign**

Taking place during the last week in October this week long pro-active campaign sought to engage with all road users to encourage preparation for adverse weather and longer hours of darkness. Road checks were conducted to ensure vehicles were legal and ready for winter, with particular focus on tyres and wiper blades.

**Speed/Seatbelts/Mobile - w/c 11<sup>th</sup> Nov**

A week long campaign of road checks and unmarked patrol focussing on the 3 of the 4 core offences often referred to as the Fatal Four. The Fatal Four are; Inappropriate Speed, Not Wearing a Seat Belt, Using a Mobile Phone, Drink / Drug Driving – all offences that are the leading causes of fatal and serious injury collisions on our roads.

**BRAKE Road Safety Week – w/c 18<sup>th</sup> Nov**

A campaign by the charity Brake and supported by Police Scotland calling on drivers across Scotland to tune into road safety, to prevent appalling crashes caused by multitasking at the wheel. This is in response to the following statistics:

- Nearly 85,000 Scottish drivers have points on their licence for using their mobile phone at the wheel or being otherwise distracted.
- One in 11 (6.2%) of these drivers have six points or more for driving distracted and three in four (75%) are male

**#LightUp campaign – w/c 25<sup>th</sup> Nov**

Police Scotland utilised social media to launch the #LightUp campaign and deliver key messages to cyclists regarding the legal requirement to have lights on bicycles when travelling in darkness. This was to highlight that cyclists are vulnerable road users and encourage them to be as visible as possible.


Roads policing officers offered free bike lights to get cyclists on their way 'legally' and more safely as an alternative to on the spot fines in an effort to educate and inform.


**Drink/Drive Campaign**


J Division Road Policing submitted the second highest return for Roadside breath tests in Scotland.

An impressive 511 Breath tests were carried out, which resulted over 20 drink drivers being reported by Road Policing and a further 20 in conjunction with Divisional Resources.

Road policing officers also utilised the new roadside drug testing kits to report 16 drivers who tested positive for either cannabis or cocaine.

Reducing Antisocial Behaviour	Executive Summary			
				

Tackling Serious and Organised Crime and Counter Terrorism	Executive Summary
<p><b>National Terror Threat - SEVERE</b></p> 	<p>In November 2019 the National Terror Threat Level was reduced from SEVERE meaning an attack is highly likely, to SUBSTANTIAL meaning an attack is likely.</p> <p>Response Policing officers in Midlothian have received CT training ACT for Policing – Your Vital Role. This is a campaign to raise awareness of the vital role front line officers play in spotting the signs of attack planning and radicalisation of individuals.</p> <p>The Counter Terrorism Liaison Officer has been working on a project designed to increase the security of buses following three incidents involving the theft of buses in the Lothian and Scottish Borders area (two in SB and one attempt in EL). The group have developed a training input to deliver to bus companies, based on the ACT Awareness package, to raise awareness of counter terrorism and the importance of securing their vehicles and depots properly to prevent one of their buses potentially being used as a weapon for a terrorist.</p> <p>Dates have been arranged to provide Mail Handling presentations to Midlothian Council mailroom staff to enable them to identify potentially suspicious packages and take the appropriate action on the discovery of such an item.</p> <p>Midlothian Police continue to make good use of Social Media to share important counter terrorism messages in line with national campaigns. Over Christmas the Festive Stay Safe Campaign was launched to help keep crowded places secure during the busy period. The message called on the public and those who work in our busy towns and cities to remain vigilant and report any concerns to staff, security or, in confidence, to the police at <a href="https://gov.uk/ACT">gov.uk/ACT</a>. This annual campaign asks everyone to be the extra eyes and ears of the police, so we can work together to tackle terrorism.</p>

Reducing Housebreaking	Executive Summary					
<p>Housebreaking</p> 	Crime Type	Q3 2018/19	Q3 2019/20	Change	TYTD Per 10,000 population	Q3 2019/20 Detection Rate
	Dwelling HB	106	63	-40.6%	7.11	30.2%
	Non Dwelling (Sheds, garages) HB	87	73	-16.1%	8.24	8.2%
	Other (Business) HB	73	45	-38.4%	5.08	40%
	All HB	266	181	-32%	20.43	23.8%
	<p><i>*All Crime Types above include attempts</i></p> <p>During the Q3 2019/2020 Housebreaking (including attempts) crimes <b>decreased by 32%</b> when compared to last year's reporting period. (This overall figure incorporates all housebreaking crimes). This equates to <b>85 fewer victims of Housebreaking</b>.</p> <p>Further breakdown of the data provided in the table above yields the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There were <b>43 fewer</b> reports of dwelling Housebreaking in Midlothian for the comparable period last year.</li> <li>Detection rate for Housebreakings to Dwellings is <b>30.2%</b></li> <li>The detection rate for Housebreaking, encompassing dwelling, non-dwelling and business, is <b>23.8%</b>.</li> </ul> <p>J Division continues to work with other Police Scotland Divisions to tackle Organised Crime Groups (OCG's) who predominantly target high-value vehicles, which are then often used in the commission of other crime. We are committed to working with neighbouring territorial policing divisions and specialist resources to share and target our resources to maximum effect.</p> <p>Locally, the Area Command Community Policing Teams have housebreaking as one of their priorities. These officers are tasked with reviewing trends to detect offences and identifying those responsible for committing these crimes in Midlothian.</p>					



## MCAT Vision

Midlothian Community Action Team (MCAT) impact positively on life quality within the Midlothian community by reducing all types of antisocial behaviour through prevention, disruption and enforcement.

## Q3 Activities

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

MCAT officers have been conducting a wide range of patrols. These have been directed to target areas of existing or emerging issues, and sees them carried out in vehicles, on foot and on quad bikes. In excess of 600 hours of patrols are conducted every month.

2. **Recidivist Offenders:** Intelligence led focus on individuals known to engage in antisocial behaviour, drugs use/supply and persistent alcohol abuse, with specific attention given to persons subject to judicial bails and curfews.

Each day opportunities are taken and also directed to challenge recidivist offenders, who are often responsible for a large number of offences. Offenders wanted on warrant are prioritised, arrested and presented to court. The arrest rate has remained consistently high with 66 arrests this quarter. The number of warrants has now reached a further all time low with arrest rates surpassing other divisional areas.

Where there is a legislated reason MCAT officers search individuals for controlled substances, stolen property and weapons, progressing these to house searches if the circumstances allow. There have been several large seizures of drugs including £85,000.00 of heroin. The impact of this single seizure resulted in significant disruption to supply and organised crime within Midlothian. The vast majority of searches relate to controlled substances with 63% of searches being positive.

Bail curfew checks have steadily increased and we have seen more of these curfews being set at our request by the courts. This quarter there has been a 96% compliance rate, demonstrating how effective these can be in curtailing certain types of offending.

Bail Curfew Check COMPLIANT	497
Bail Curfew Check FAILED	23
Arrest on warrant	66
Search Person MDA Positive	33
Search Person MDA Negative	19
Search Property MDA Positive	4
Search Property MDA Negative	3
Search Weapons Positive	1
Search Weapons Negative	0
Search Stolen Property Positive	2
Search Stolen Property Negative	4

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

Youth issues have continued through the quarter however there has been a significant reduction in calls regarding youths and disorder. Several youths have spoken positively around arrests made by MCAT including possession of offensive weapons. Alcohol seizures are down on last quarter probably due to the darker nights and reduction in calls being made.

Youth Calls Attended	62
Alcohol Seizures	12
Children At Risk VPDs Submitted	22

4. **Licensed Premises:** Monitor licensed premises activity and act as first responders to antisocial behaviour related incidents

MCAT officers normally attend premises due to identified issues, with more routine visits carried out by other officers within Midlothian Community Policing Team. They also assist with the night time dispersal from licensed premises, dealing with a range of matter such as antisocial behaviour. The positive work continued near to licensed premises, with a drugs dog, resulting in patrons being found with controlled substances and an offensive weapon. There has been a directed approach with regards to problematic premises resulting in an increased visit regime.

LP Visit Public House	28
LP Visit Off Sales	7

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.*

MCAT officers often attend incidents with partner agencies although these have been limited in this quarter.

Officers worked alongside Scottish Fire and Rescue Service for fireworks night, targeting known hotspots.

In addition local authority staff assisted in the early stages of two significant drugs recoveries. MCAT officers also worked with Trading Standards to secure evidence at another property.

Joint Activity NHS/SAS	1
Joint Activity Local Council	10
Joint Activity SFRS	1
Joint Activity Public Event	13

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.*

A number of road checks have been carried out, normally targeting speeding hotspots.

MCAT officers have also dealt with a mixture of incidents such as drivers with no insurance or driving licence, disqualified driving and being unfit through consumption of alcohol. A number of vehicles have been seized.

All opportunities are taken to breathalyse drivers, where there are legal grounds, and MCAT officers also contributed to the broader Police Scotland festive drink drive campaign.

There have been several evenings of activity linked to taxi use. This has resulted in drivers warned regarding minor defects, as well as some drivers with no legitimate reason to be in Midlothian due to the limits of their licence, being asked to leave the area.

Static Road Checks	4
Fixed Penalty Tickets (RTA only)	4
Section 165 Seizures	3
Breath Tests Negative (pass)	94
Breath Tests Positive (fail)	1
ASBO Seizures	1

#### **Other Incidents and Arrests of Note**

Of particular note has been the focus on theft by shoplifting at Straiton Retail Park. Reported crimes fell through the quarter, with a number of regular offenders being remanded or given robust bail conditions. December normally sees a noted rise on reports but the 2019 figure was **41% down** from 2018.

#### **Planned Activity**

Further plans will be developed through the next quarter according to local needs and responding to intelligence and on-going crime trends.