

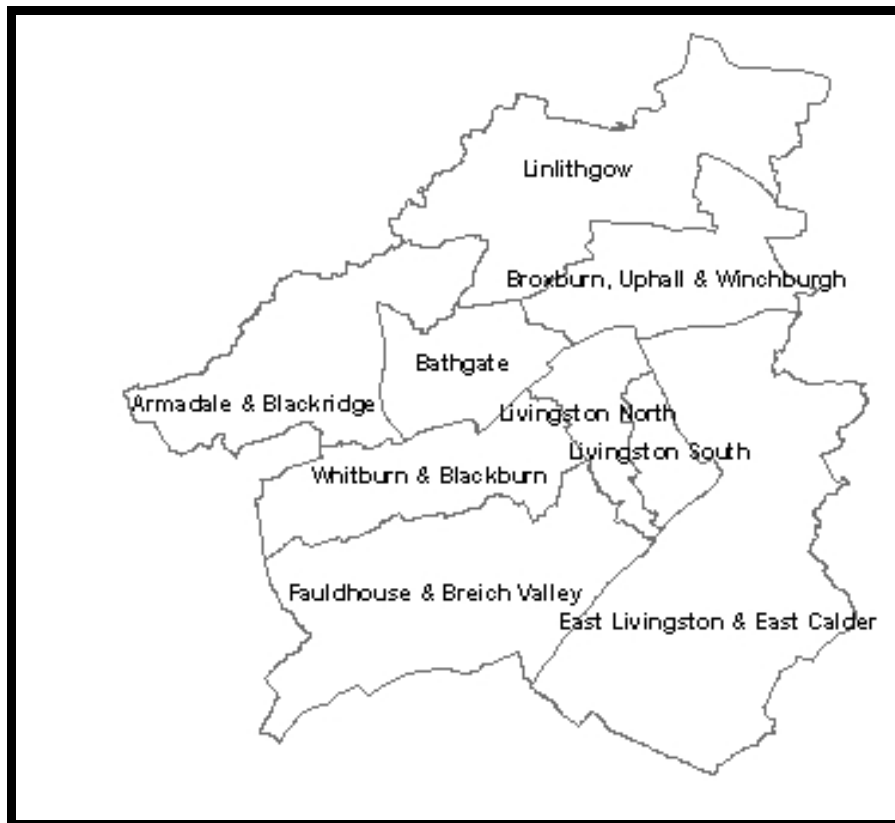


West Lothian Local Policing

Armadale Ward Report for the Local Area Committee

Dec 2018- Mar 2019

Report compiled by PC Ross Walker



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.

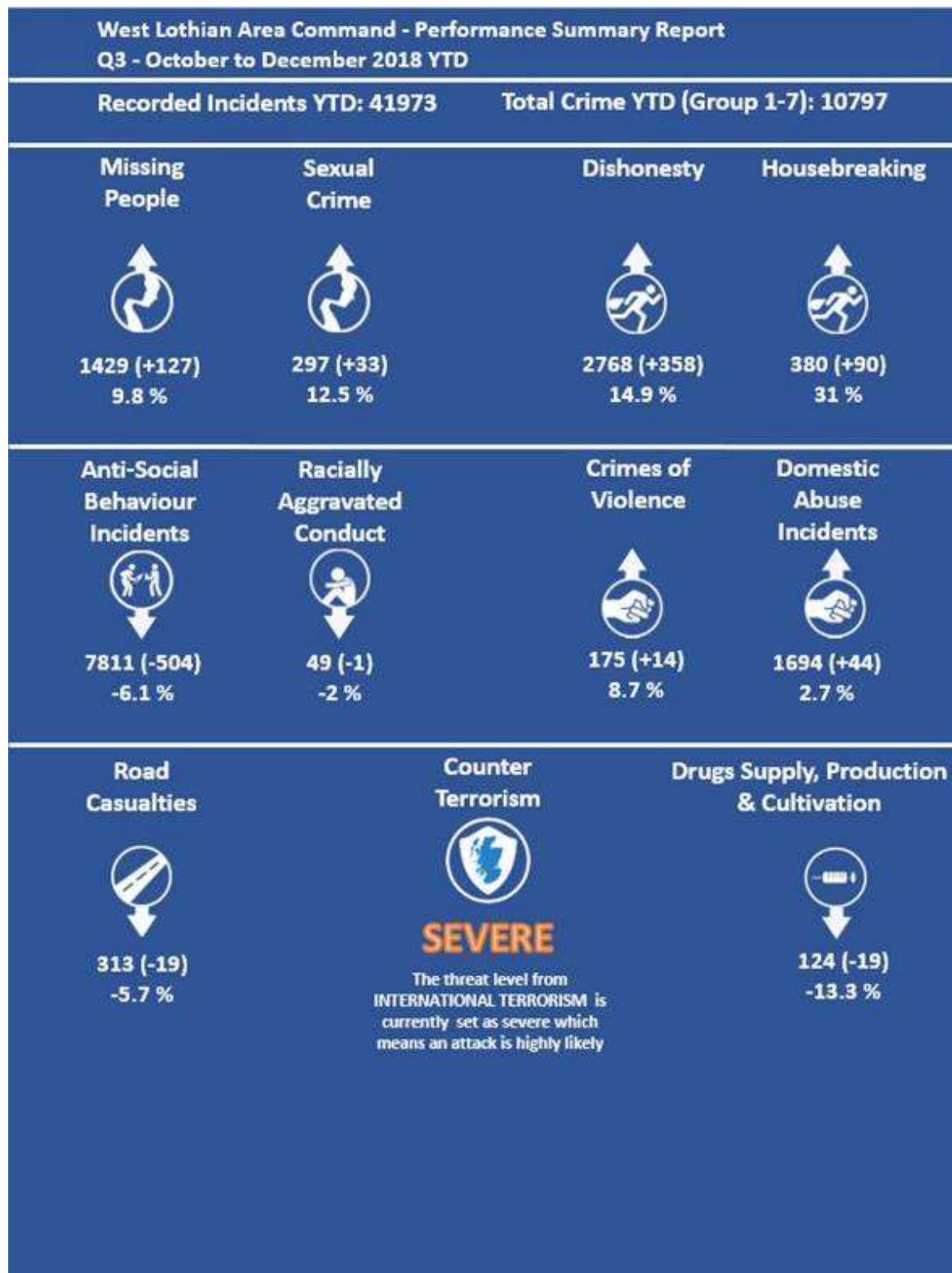
National Policing Priorities	
Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour	Protecting People at Risk Of Harm
Serious Organised Crime	Road Safety
Counter Terrorism	Acquisitive Crime

Theme as per West Lothian Local Outcomes Improvement Plan 2013 to 2023	Identified Police Priority	Short Term Police Outcome
Protecting People	Child protection	Children at risk are safer and less vulnerable
	Child sexual abuse & exploitation	Children at risk are safer and less vulnerable
	Missing persons	To reduce the instances and harm
	Sexual crimes	To reduce the harm
	Adults at risk	Adults at risk are safer and less vulnerable
	Financial harm including doorstep crime & fraud	To reduce the instances and harm
	Cyber crime	To reduce the harm
Reducing Antisocial Behaviour & Hate Crime	Antisocial behaviour & hate crime	To reduce the harm
Reducing Violence	Domestic abuse	To reduce the harm
	Crimes of violence	To reduce the harm caused by public and private space violence
Tackling Substance Misuse	Misuse drugs & alcohol	To reduce the harm
Reduce Home, Fire and Road Casualties	Road casualties	To reduce the instances and harm
Tackling Serious and Organised Crime and Counter Terrorism	Drugs, financial harm & fear	To reduce the harm
	Extremism & terrorism	To reduce the risk

PERFORMANCE

For full details, please use the below link to access the Police Scotland Internet site.

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



Protecting People

Local Response and Community ward Officers routinely attended incidents involving missing persons, Domestic incidents as well as concern for incidents within the ward. These incidents can be complex, therefore Officers work closely with partner agencies in an effort to solve and prevent further issues.

Within the ward locality officers have been routinely tasked with carrying out enquiries into the granting or renewing of air weapon, shotgun and firearms licences. These enquires ensure the continued safe use of all guns within the ward and ensure the person requesting to hold any such license is a suitable person. Should the suitability of a license holder be questioned, officers ensure the quick seizure of any weapons or ammunition, prior to a full enquiry being carried out into the continued suitability of that person.

There has also been recent success with several persons in the community wanted on priority warrants being traced and put before the courts.

Reducing Antisocial Behaviour & Hate Crime

Community Ward Officers have dealt with neighbour disputes carrying out early intervention and prevention activities. Partnership working between West Lothian Council Safer Neighbourhood Officers and Housing officers continues, and a number of intervention visits, tenancy anti-social behaviour warnings have been carried out to problematic/repeat houses and locations in the area. This is a key partnership that assists greatly in the reduction of Anti-Social Behaviour in communities.

There have been a number of youth calls reported within the ward in the last few weeks. Youths have been identified and charged with offences detected. Intervention visits were also carried out by local Community Officers along with West Lothian Council's Safer neighbourhood Team whereby those responsible were warned and advised of the Anti-Social Behaviour legislation and their responsibilities to adhere to it. Parents were also advised of this legislation.

Members of the public are always encouraged to report crimes and incidents of anti-social behaviour to the police to allow us to respond appropriately and gather information and intelligence. Letter drops have been carried out in areas with issues to promote this.

There have been no significant patterns of hate crime. We have however attended at various schools to engage with pupils and discuss the impact of hate crimes along with delivering an anti-bullying talk.

Reducing Violence

The number of violent crimes within West Lothian has risen slightly and a number of open space Assaults have occurred within the ward over the last quarter, most notably

an incident in Blackridge in January 2019. Local Community ward Officers assisted West Lothian CID with their enquiries and as a result person/s were reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

Despite this, local Community ward Officers have and will continue to monitor these incidents and at this time there does not appear to be any emerging trends.

Ward officers continue to make regular visits to the numerous licensed premises in the High Street, supporting and advising licensees. They also endeavour to attend the monthly Pub Watch meetings.

Tackling Substance Misuse

Officers have routinely patrolled areas within the ward highlighted by members of the public where alcohol or drug abuse may be occurring.

There were several Misuse of Drugs Act warrant in the ward in the last quarter and resulted in person(s) reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

Officers have carried out weekly visits and inspections of licensed premises during the weekend high time economy hours to deter and disrupt the supply of drugs and ensure adherence to alcohol licensing standards and conditions.

Members of the public are always encouraged to report suspicious activity, so that police can continue to gather intelligence and disrupt those who deal and misuse controlled drugs.

Reduce Home, Fire and Road Casualties

Officers continue to act on information regarding illegal or inconsiderate driving in various areas throughout the ward, to monitor and where necessary issue tickets for speeding and/or other motoring offences. The Police Facebook page and other social media is regularly updated with posts reminding drivers of the expected driving standards.

Locality officers have continued to sign post local Primary Schools to the Parksmart Scheme, on receiving information of complaints regarding inconsiderate parking. Officers will support the scheme and schools at a local level when appropriate. Local schools have access to the relevant materials on Parksmart, however should there be any issues, the contact within West Lothian Council is Karen McCubbin. Karen.McCubbin@westlothian.org.uk

Tackling Serious and Organised Crime and Counter Terrorism

As previously mentioned a warrants initiative was carried out and person involved in organised crime were specifically targeted. This resulted in sizeable amounts of drugs being recovered and individuals being arrested.

Other

The number of Theft by Housebreakings have increased throughout West Lothian. Thieves are currently targeting rural properties, business premises as well as homes with high value vehicles outside. A rural Crime prevention day is being planned by local Community Ward Officer's and additional Hi-Viz patrols during evening hours are being carried out.

Crime prevention advice for local residents can be found on the Police Scotland website: www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/home-and-personal-property

Operation Glistening was a festive campaign directed throughout West Lothian. In Armadale we focused on licensed premises and night time economy and during the day focused on priority warrants and substance misuse.

Contacts

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