Culture and Communities Committee

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Police Partnership Performance and Activity Report: 1 October – 31 December 2018

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Executive Summary

In June 2018 the Culture and Communities Committee agreed a refreshed Partnership Agreement between the City of Edinburgh Council and the Edinburgh Division of Police Scotland in respect of community policing. They requested a detailed qualitative and quantitative progress report from the Edinburgh Divisional Commander for Police Scotland, or their designated deputy, on a quarterly basis. The Performance and Activity report provided by Police Scotland covering the period from 1 October to 31 December 2018 is at Appendix 1.

Police Partnership Performance and Activity Report: 1 October – 31 December 2018

1. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Culture and Communities Committee:

1.1 Note the detailed qualitative and quantitative progress report from the Edinburgh Divisional Commander for Police Scotland attached at Appendix 1 covering the period 1 October – 31 December 2018.

2. Background

- 2.1 Since 2003, the Council has provided funding to support community policing activities, both in local neighbourhoods and in the city centre, to help improve the safety of Edinburgh's communities for residents, businesses, and visitors. The Council formalised the arrangement to support community policing through a Service Level Agreement with Police Scotland.
- 2.2 In 2018/19, £2.6 million revenue funding has been provided to Police Scotland by the Council to resource the following:
 - 41 "named" Community Police Officers (Police Constable rank) working within local communities, based on an allocation of two officers per ward, with an additional seven officers allocated to the city centre to manage specific issues such as those concentrated around the night time economy, business community and tourists.
 - 12 Family and Household Support Officers (Police Constable rank), based within localities, whose role is to share information daily and support Council Family and Household Support teams in activity within the locality.
 - One Youth Justice Officer (Police Sergeant rank) responsible for coordinating Police Scotland activity around the development of Youth Services in line with Council policies and in liaison with Youth Justice services within the Council.
 - The sum of £150,000 to pay for community based initiatives to tackle antisocial behaviour, violence, and disorder.

2.3 The current Partnership Agreement provides a reporting framework to monitor activities carried out by these additionally funded officers and the Youth Justice Police Sergeant and supports transparency and accountability for the funding awarded.

3. Main report

- 3.1 In June 2018 the Culture and Communities Committee agreed a refreshed Partnership Agreement between the City of Edinburgh Council and the Edinburgh Division of Police Scotland in respect of community policing.
- 3.2 A detailed qualitative and quantitative progress report from the Edinburgh Divisional Commander, or their designated deputy, was requested on a quarterly basis.
- 3.3 The Performance and Activity report provided by Police Scotland covering the period from 1 October to 31 December 2018 is included at Appendix 1 which has been written by Police Scotland with additional information provided by the City of Edinburgh Council's Family and Household Support team.

4. Measures of success

- 4.1 The success of the additional Community Policing services provided through the Edinburgh Division of Police Scotland will be measured and assessed through a range of qualitative and quantitative measures contained within the agreement, which will be reported to Committee on a quarterly basis. These may be varied or supplemented during the term of the partnership, by mutual agreement between the parties.
- 4.2 Whilst it is recognised that the Community Policing resource delivered through this partnership agreement contributes to reducing crime and the fear of crime, as well as antisocial behaviour, there is not always a direct correlation, because other Police resources, both locally and nationally, also contribute to such reductions, as do Council services and other partner agencies.

5. Financial impact

5.1 There are no financial implications to this report. The cost of delivering the Partnership Agreement has already been met through the £2.6m funding allocation provided to the Edinburgh Division of Police Scotland for 2018/19 as approved by the City of Edinburgh Council on 22 February 2018.

6. Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact

6.1 The Council and Police Scotland are committed to working together to deliver positive outcomes for communities through the Partnership Agreement. A revised performance framework has been adopted for 2018/19 to support the new Agreement.

7. Equalities impact

7.1 There are no identified equality issues arising from this report.

8. Sustainability impact

8.1 There are no identified sustainability impacts arising from this report.

9. Consultation and engagement

9.1 There was no consultation with elected members with regard to the preparation of this report.

10. Background reading/external references

10.1 None.

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11. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Police Partnership Performance Activity Report: 1 October – 31 December 2018

Appendix 1



PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT: FUNDED OFFICERS: PERFORMANCE AND ACTIVITY REPORT

Time Period: 1st October to 31st December 2018

Governance: Culture and Communities Committee

This report outlines the performance and activity of the City of Edinburgh Council funded community officers who are covered under the terms of the Partnership Agreement between Police Scotland and City of Edinburgh Council.

It outlines the activity of:

- 41 Ward officers deployed across 4 Localities in the City,
- 12 officers who work in conjunction with the Family and Household Support Teams.
- 1 Youth Justice Sergeant.

Over and above the data provided in this report Appendix A has been included to highlight the range of community policing activity and responsive work carried out by the officers.

NB. It should be noted that Area Commanders also provide local update reporting to their 4 Locality Committees and also provide verbal updates regarding bespoke work and engagement activity carried out by funded officers in their area.

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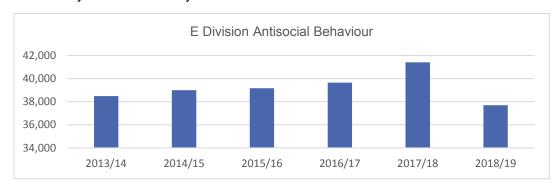


SECTION 1 ACTIVITY AND PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW

Key Performance Indicator	Activity Measured	Data
Current Vacancy Level		Zero
Compensatory Abstractions	Number of days where officers are abstracted from role/locality i.e. for non-funded duties: i.e. Public Order, firearms	North East: 16 days (2.3% of available shifts) North West: 12 days (1.6% of available shifts) South East: 21 days (2.4% of available shifts) South West: 9 days (1.6% of available shifts) Compensatory Work (carried out by non-funded officers in localities)
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		South East: DVRU – 18 days Op Orbit – 3 days Op Orbit – 3 days South West: DVRU – 15 days Op Orbit – 3 days
Routine abstractions	i.e. rest days, absence, mandatory training, and major incidents.	147 (5.2% of available shifts)
Engagement activities with communities and educational establishments	Activities within communities including community council meetings, community surgeries, events and social media messages.	Council meetings: 101 Community Surgeries: 176 Community Events: 119 Social Media Messages: 733 Tweets and 284 Facebook posts across the division.
Level of recorded antisocial Behaviour Incidents recorded by Police Scotland	Incidents recorded by Police Scotland	This year to date: 30,064 Last Year to date: 32,891
Level of recorded antisocial behaviour complaints recorded by Local Authority	Per 10,000 of population	Reduction of 8.6% (see graph below) This year: Last Year:
Number of repeat antisocial behaviour complaints to be	Recorded by Local	Increase/reduction:
provided by local authority Number of intervention visits	i.e. ASB, FHS etc.	Hate crime: 409 Acquisitive crime: 1,050 Antisocial Behaviour: 1,532 Total: 2,991
Licensed Premises Monitoring	Recorded Licensed Premises Visits	Total Innkeeper Entries: 405
Road Safety Key focus on monitoring and activity around 20mph zones and local road safety Issues	Number of Road safety operations carried out	1. 144 2. 1505
of concern	2. Number of warning issued 3. Number of speeding tickets issued	3. 68

Antisocial Behaviour

The following graph depicts the total year end ASB incidents in each of the previous five years. This identifies the relative stability in the first four of those years, the rise in the fifth and the subsequent reduction so far, this year to date and anticipated year end position should the reduction that has been seen this year continue to year end.



SECTION 2: OVERVIEW OF FAMILY AND HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT TEAM (FAHST) OFFICER WORK On-Going Day-To-Day Partnership Working:

Significant progress has been made over the last 12 months to continue to build and consolidate the role, relationships, and linkages between of the Family and Household Support Teams, FAHST Police Officers and Community Policing Teams. This has included events which have for the first time recognised and celebrated the commonality and joint work of the teams, including an input at the Community Policing Development event held on the 12 November 2018 and for the first time the bringing together of the FAHST officers and FHS management teams for a joint event on the 27 November 2018

Ongoing close partnership work and engagement at an operational and strategic level continue to promote and foster consistent and cooperative approaches to tackle anti-social behaviour and establish strong community engagement through restorative approaches, such as frontline mediation (offered at initial point of contact), identification of vulnerable adults reported to police and FHS as perpetrators of noise and ASB and families at risk of eviction due to disruptive and damaging behaviours within their communities. We continue to work towards a consistent model of daily police briefings across all 4 Localities, to ensure fast and effective information sharing to identify and respond quickly to persistent and complex cases. In seeking to address a problem of Anti-Social Behaviour there are times when enforcement action is required. Our FHS police colleagues continue to support FHS Support Workers in joint action such as joint visits to tenancies or issuing warning to a tenant where necessary and appropriate.

Case example 1:

The North-East Team became involved in a complaint about drug dealing coming from a tenancy. As well as the criminal activity taking place, residents were disturbed by noise and the volume of visitors coming to-and-from the tenancy. The Council and a FAHST Police Officers worked together to investigate the matter and gather evidence. The FHS Support Worker contacted residents and gathered evidence to corroborate the complainer's concerns. The Police Officer identified the details of the landlord and the letting agency acting on the landlord's behalf. While there was little evidence to take forward any criminal action, the Police Officer was able to speak to the landlord about his responsibilities regarding addressing the evidenced Anti-Social Behaviour established through the investigation. The tenant left the property and the FHS negotiated with the letting agency and landlord that the tenancy would be considered as a 'sensitive let'. The matter has now been resolved.

Case example 2:

A second example from the South-East Team involved supporting a Vulnerable Adult to achieve Independent Living. Information provided during daily Police Briefings identified serious concerns related to

the health, wellbeing, and safety of an elderly male. By adopting a multiagency case management approach, FHS staff successfully engaged with the male, despite him having a history of offending behaviour compounded by alcohol and substance dependency. In building a supportive relationship based on trust, information came to light that revealed the male was under considerable pressure to support serious and organised crime activity by storing weapons and drugs within his home. FAHST Police Officers and FHS Staff worked closely with the male to help him safely manage visitors to his tenancy, a panic button was also installed for his safety. FHS staff supported the male to reduce his rent arrears as to avoid the risk of eviction by securing a successful Housing Benefit appeal, income maximisation of welfare benefits and to engage with the South East (SE) Recovery Hub.

Over the last 12 months the service has seen a positive transformation in the circumstances of the male service user. His general health has improved greatly as he no longer chooses to drink alcohol and has successfully reduced his methadone prescription. He is now able to enjoy his home and safely manages his visitors. He has also rebuilt relationships with family members who now support him to manage independent living.

Case example 3:

A further case example involved working with a resident who was reported to be persistently making noise by playing loud music. The Support Worker undertook a thorough investigation but found no evidence of Anti-Social Behaviour. Instead the investigation identified the complainer as having a low tolerance threshold to any form of noise, exacerbating his mental health condition. Excessive or persistent noise appeared to have a detrimental impact on the complainer's mental health and causing distress. Building a trusting relationship proved challenging as the complainer continued to complain about noise, believing his complaints were being ignored by the FHS service. The Support Worker asked the FHST Police officer to assist in the case to help the residents understanding of the legislation around Anti-Social Behaviour. The Support Worker and Police Officer have been able to meet with the resident and explain what the Support Worker can, and cannot, do to resolve the matter. Together the Support Work and Police Officer continue to build a trusting relationship with the resident offering ongoing support and guidance as matters arise.

Service User Events:

In several localities the service has developed and delivered a range of 'open invitation' service user events, where residents and members of the public from each Locality have the opportunity to engage with staff, offer feedback, ask questions and learn about the role and function of the FHS Service within their own communities. These events are also attended by FHST Police Officers, providing an opportunity to meet residents informally and in the South-East Team offer a 'surgery' in which residents and their support workers can discuss any problems or issues they were experiencing in their area safely and in confidence.

SECTION 3 OVERVIEW OF YOUTH JUSTICE SERGEANT ROLE

Weekly Pre- Referral Screening meetings weekly at FHQ

Meeting held each Wednesday at Fettes at 0915 to discuss Youth Offending. It covers all but serious incident which would come under the Lord Advocates Guidelines on joint reporting (i.e. indictable cases) and those who are either on Supervision Orders or have Open Referrals. Present are Police, Social Work, Health, and Education. This is aimed at diverting from prosecution.

PRS Steering Group meeting

The post holder attends and chairs the above meeting which focuses on the strategy and direction of the weekly PRS meeting, looking at ways to develop practices making the weekly meetings more effective and streamlined.

Weekly every Thursday RMM's – the preparation for this

These meetings are held weekly and discuss those who display sexually harmful behaviour, serious offending or extreme risk-taking behaviour or a combination of the previously mentioned areas. Again, represented are core agencies such as Police, Social Work, Health and any other relevant agency such as

Education, commissioned services working with the young person and sometimes those from Young Person or Secure estates

OMC sub committees - Education and OMC sexual group

Youth Justice Sergeant is involved in the above looking at how we educate young people aged 11 - 16 or those still in school up to 18 and how best we can inform them to prevent them from becoming involved in sexually harmful behaviour from sharing details of the impact of rape. Again, a variety of agencies are represented including third sector.

Sexting talks around schools

The Youth Justice Sergeant offered to attend at all LA High Schools across the city to carry out an input into the dangers of sharing indecent and inappropriate images, known as "sexting", how people can be duped via Social Media which can in turn lead to people being extorted having sent or shared images with a third party, commonly referred to 'sextortion". It is aimed to inform young people on what we know they are doing, how we will investigate it, what can happen to them as a result of an investigation and why this can result in tragic consequences for people affected by this. Information is also supplied on a variety of agencies out there to help address and combat behaviours / curiosity such as Stop it Now, Barnardos, Rape Crisis, Womens Aid etc. The majority of High schools as well as 4 private schools covering all year groups. This is ongoing.

The post holder has spoken to roughly 30,000 High School young people, parents' evenings as well as meetings with CEC staff and other agencies responsible for working with young people.

Due to this work I am regularly contacted as someone who is seen as a person who can assist when young people are starting to become a concern around online behaviours / exploitation etc.

Visits to YPU / Secure / homes if needed re Early & Effective Intervention

Part of the role is to try and reduce offending by young people. This often results in offers to attend at the higher tariff offenders' homes or if they are in secure / young person units and if the meet is accepted spend time getting to know them, understanding a bit about their background and what can be done to try and prevent them from re-offending such as diversion activities and ultimately listening to them. Given the amount of involvement with certain young people requests are often made to attend Child Planning Meetings on the child or young person

Engagement with Young Offenders at Polmont YOI

The post holder is involved in a programme of attending Polmont YOI engaging with young people involved in Serious and Organised Crime and how to intervene with them and steer them away from the above crime and the issues that causes for them and communities they reside in.

Centre for Youth and Criminal Justice (CYCJ)

Involvement in the Early and Effective Intervention (national) forum looking at ways of improving and streamlining practices across Edinburgh and Scotland. I represent our city from a Policing perspective. I have previously championed other offences being added to the list of offences that can be diverted to the weekly PRS meeting via discussions with policy officers at Crown Office and other partners across Scotland. This was in relation to minor possession of drugs and also identity act offences.

<u>Liaison with Sheriff Court Cells and St Leonards</u>

The post holder has regular contact with both facilities when young people are in custody and look at ways of trying to engage with them, to remove potential for re-offending

CRASBO's / Exclusion Zones

The post holder has been involved at looking at a variety of other options open to police and other agencies as ways of reducing the potential for young people to offend by requesting specific conditions are imposed to prevent them entering areas and allowing agencies to work with them to divert them away from criminality

Project Re-route

Looking at a potential pilot programme aimed at diverting and re-routing young people who are linked to families of people connected to Serious and Organised Crime.

- Youth Justice Strategy Meeting
- PRS Steering Group
- Stronger North monthly meetings looking at improving the north of Edinburgh through a collaborative multi-agency approach
- Shift Briefings as much as possible discussing youth issues providing officers more information when dealing with young people who offend
- Police / YPC Residential meeting held every 2 months
- Children's Hearing regularly
- Divisional Tactical Missing Person Meeting
- General Liaison with PS / PI / Cl's regarding emerging concerns
- Compliance of YO VPD's
- Divisional Violence Meetings
- Acquisitive Meetings

South West Hate Crime Awareness Week 26 – 30 November

This week-long event was a partnership approach between the City of Edinburgh Council – South West Locality, Police Scotland, Edinburgh Lothian's Regional Equality Council and SCORE Scotland in response to raising more awareness about reporting of Hate Crime and support available for those who have been affected by it.

Summary;

- 1500 children, 200 members of the public and 50 university pupils were actively engaged during this week-long event
- Heriot Watt University wrote an article which was distributed in an electronic newsletter to 36,600 students across Edinburgh and other Universities and colleges
- Event was promoted to over 20,000 people at the Edinburgh derby football game between Hearts and Hibs
- 15 engagement events held within Schools, Shopping Centres and libraries
- Social media footprint of over 31,000 engagements
- Well received multiagency day held with 12 agencies involved and inputs provided to 20 further partners
- Extensive positive feedback by elected members, victims and public

Schools

Over 1400 pupils from secondary schools in South West Edinburgh received inputs on Hate Crime awareness within schools. One of the focus points of the campaign was to work with youths to raise awareness of the offence, support agencies and reporting to ensure this reduced future incidents and research found the majority of hate crime offenders were youths. We wanted to do a joined-up approach. A variety of classroom talks, videos, interactive sessions and corridor workshops were used to engage with youths on a variety of levels.

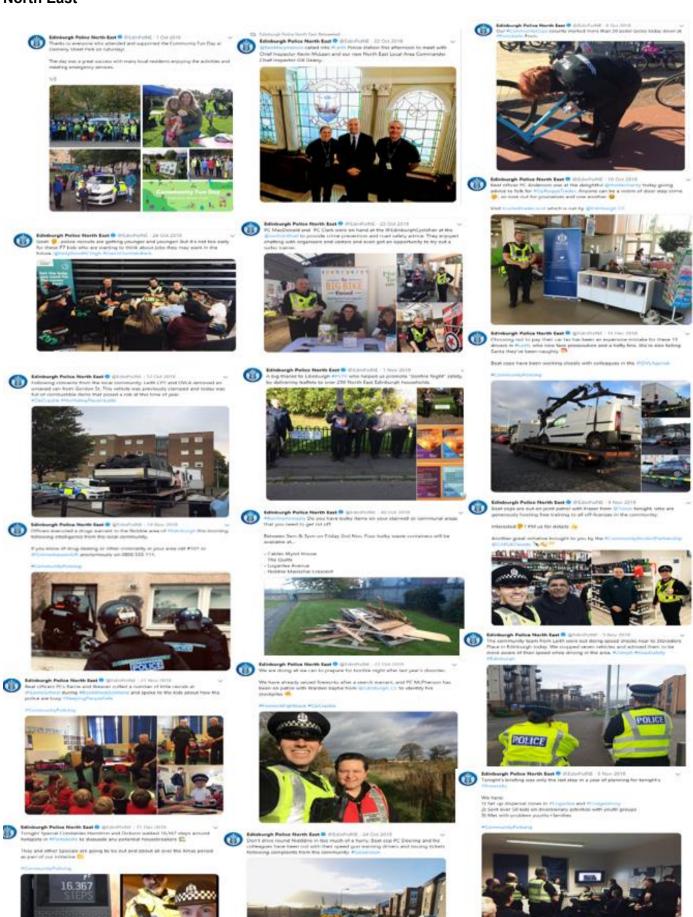
Third Party Reporting

Through the campaign police promoted awareness of third party reporting and provided leaflets to local public areas, schools, guidance and displayed posters in South West. We found at the start of the week that very few people knew about this method of reporting. As a result, we made promoting this one of the priorities of the campaign and shared twitter links to the Police Scotland website and also engaged with many of the third party reporting station in the South West to offer support and get them involved in the campaign.

Slogan

The #NoHateMate slogan has been used 68 times on twitter by multiple support agencies in relation to this campaign. The slogan was designed by a young person who had been the victim of a hate crime. The slogan was branded onto merchandise such as pens and bugs as part of an engagement approach with Schools.

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Ward 1 - Almond

- Community officers participated in Operation Crackle, the policing response to Bonfire Night. Various patrols were conducted across the local area and numerous persons visiting the organised events were engaged with.
- In response to local concerns, officers gave attention to parking issues outside St Margarets, Queensferry and Echline Primary Schools. Staff and school crossing patrols were engaged with.
- Various South Queensferry business were contacted and warned following complaints regarding speeding vehicles and speed checks were carried out at B800.
- Following an assault on a staff member community officers have provided support at Tesco, Cramond Road South to assist staff in maintaining order when over 100 school children attend at lunch times. A positive line of enquiry is being followed regarding the assault.
- In an effort to tackle a repeat location of ASB efforts are ongoing to have an unused bus stop removed from the area where the youths are congregating
- In response to complaints from the Community Council about parking at Kirkliston nursery
 a speed check was carried out at Burnshot Road, Kirkliston. Further speed checks were
 carried out at Queensferry Road and Station Road Kirkliston, both raised as complaints by
 the Community Council. Various warnings were issued and parking issues dealt with.
- Meeting held with the practice manager at South Queensferry Medical Centre following reports of ASB in the basement car park. Advice was given regarding securing the car park with laminated signs placed in and on the gates of the car park to discourage this behaviour. Patrols have also been carried out to eradicate this problem.
- Community officers attended the South Queensferry High School seniors Halloween Disco.
- FAHST officers gave a presentation at the North-East Hub to service users, explaining the
 role, thereafter stayed and engaged with service users and arranged to visit them within
 their properties to discuss any concerns they had. This allowed FAHST to break down any
 barriers service users faced when engaging with police.

Ward 2 - Pentland Hills

- Community officers planned and resourced Operation Heddle, the South West Edinburgh Festive Road Safety Campaign. (Part of the national drink drive festive campaign).
 This included targeted patrols at schools to combat parking issues, targeted speed checks and road traffic stop sites.
- Housebreaking patrols were carried out in the Bonaly Swanston area of Ward 8 in response to a spate of theft of pedal cycles.
- Community officers attended the Balerno Farmer's market, engaging with residents, councillors and MSPs.
- A police surgery was conducted at Carlyle's café.

- During the preparatory work in advance of bonfire night a community officer was conducting patrols and seized a quantity of fireworks from a youth who was charged with the appropriate offence.
- In response to a series of crimes involving theft of quad bikes, an investigation by community officers identified a male responsible who was subsequently charged.
- Community officers attended at various licensed premises providing an input on the Community Alcohol partnership which aims to reduce underage drinking and associated disorder and crime.

Ward 3 - Drumbrae / Gyle

- Community surgeries were conducted at the Gyle shopping centre during the week of action designed to address alcohol related issues within the locality and also in partnership with EARN during hate crime awareness week.
- Community officers attended the Christmas parade at the Gyle shopping centre
- Officer attended at Clermiston Primary School following reports of parents and drivers failing to adhere to no entry zones outside the school during pick up and drop off. Attended on multiple occasions during both drop off and pick up
- Foot patrols were conducted regularly throughout South Gyle following reports of youth related disorder.
- High visibility patrols were carried out in the area of Burnside following reports of youths in the area, possibly 'scoping out' possible bicycles to steal.
- Inputs were given to local primary schools regarding alcohol use and hate crime in partnership with an 'I Am Me' representative.
- Community officers attended 'Rainbows' group and an input was given with regards to 'keeping myself safe'
- Community officers took part in the Elderly Drivers event at Gyle Shopping Centre.
- Letters were compiled and sent to parents of youths involved in dangerous behaviour around roads.
- Speed and road checks carried out at various locations in ward area and tickets issued / warnings given where appropriate.

Ward 4 – Forth

- In response to concerns at Holycross Primary School with parents parking on double yellow lines and zigzags, community officers carried out patrols, met with the Parent Council and Head Teacher to discuss options around road safety and offer support to school.
- Community officers attended at Muirhouse library following reports of youth related ASB.
 Staff were provided with advice and support and local youths engaged with.

- Bonfire night prevention work included community officers conducting letter drops, providing firework safety advice to schools and engaging with local youth groups.
- Community officers conducted patrols throughout the ward as the nights got darker earlier in relation to prevention of housebreakings to sheds and garages.
- Inverleith Park saw the congregation of large numbers of youths from across the area, consuming alcohol and responsible for incidents of disorder and ASB. Community Officers tackled this by being present at the relevant times, engaging with the youths and taking action to remove them from the park where appropriate, preventing further problems.
- Community officers liaised with council colleagues to address the problem of insecure stair doors in Ferry Road Drive which was resulting in disorder within common stairs.
- Community officers attended The Parklife Group AGM to discuss planning for future events and development of West Pilton Park.
- Facilitated Remembrance Day Parade in Davidsons Mains. Assisted with traffic control and engaged with those attending.
- Community officers attended the Elizabeth Maginnis Court Christmas tree decorating event, engaged with residents and staff
- Attended Granton Goes Greener Event at Granton Parish Church. This event is aimed to encourage people to start to cycle. Free bike repairs were available and Community officers gave road safety advice.
- Attended Primary 1 nativity play at Granton Primary School and also the Christmas event with carols from school choir and lighting of Christmas tree.
 Event was open to all pupils and their families as well as the wider community.
- Attended Christmas Lunch for elderly residents run by Granton Parish Church. Assisted with serving food and chatted with those attending as they had lunch.

Ward 5 – Inverleith

- Community officers organised and facilitated a multi-agency meeting with partners from social work, fire service, councillors, park rangers and friends of Inverleith Park to discuss issues at Inverleith Park and plan going forward.
- A cycle safety event was arranged by community officers at Maidencraig Crescent cycle path junction, Craigleith. Freebies including reflective items and 20mph stickers were supplied by CEC and handed out to those who attended.
- Community officers conducted preventative work prior to bonfire night including letter drops, visits to youth groups.
- Road checks have been regularly carried out throughout the ward in response to local reported issues. Numerous warnings and tickets issued and a 'Pop Up Bob' police officer being placed in Comely Bank Avenue.
- Parents reported concerns at the zig zags being parked on at Stewart's Melville school.
 Community officers attended and warned 11 parents about this during drop off times.

- Community officers conducted a surgery at Blackhall library with around 20 people stopping to talk with them about various issues in the ward, many of which were directed to the council.
- A bike marking event was carried out with over 50 bikes security marked and crime prevention given.
- Fortnightly surgery carried out at Stockbridge Library and plans are in place with the library to publicise this further.
- Community officers conducted a crime prevention surgery at No7 Community Space, Stockbridge.
- Numerous events were attended by community officers over the festive period including Drylaw YPC Christmas lunch, Drylaw Parish Church dementia Christmas lunch and Rowanfield nativity lunch.

Ward 6 - Corstorphine / Murrayfield

- Community officers allocated time to patrolling in the Murrayfield and Ravelston areas with reference to OPL's, house breakings and theft pedal cycles. A letter drop was carried out in the locality and I carried out crime prevention talks at both community councils.
- Significant amount of preparatory work in advance of bonfire night with time spent on youth engagement including letter drops and visits to various groups and schools.
- Community officers attend Roseburn and St George's schools and issued 4 tickets in response to dangerous parking.
- Work has been done in conjunction with the council in response to ASB related neighbour issues.
- Community officers conducted various surgeries at Gyle shopping centre in relation to awareness raising around bogus callers and hate crime.
- A crime prevention event was carried out at Roseburn House to raise awareness of fraud with the elderly residents.
- A crime prevention surgery was carried out with Cllr Scott Douglas at Murrayfield Parish Church.
- Community officers presented a 'Keeping Myself Safe' input at a local Rainbows group.
- Regular early morning speed checks were carried out to enforce the 20mph limit throughout Corstorphine.
- Community officers laid a wreath on behalf of Police Scotland at a local Remembrance Day event.
- Community officers attended the Corstorphine Primary school fair.
- Bike marking was carried out at the opening of Roseburn playpark, in partnership with friends of Roseburn.
- Community officers attended the Corstorphine Christmas lights switch on.

Ward 7 - Sighthill / Gorgie

- Community officers conducted ASB patrols in conjunction with Operation's Pumpkin and Crackle. This saw increased and dedicated resources to deal with any Halloween/Bonfire night related ASB. A community officer was responsible for patrolling with the Fire Service and feeding relevant information to the Police control room. On completion of this the officer took responsibility for collating all calls over the evening of 05/11/18 and conducted any follow up required.
- Parking complaints received in the Sighthill and Broomhouse Areas. Patrols conducted through these areas at peak times and warning issued to cars found parking in an obstructive manner.
- Community officers conducted Road Traffic patrols in Dalry Place (Pedestrian zone) and Hermiston Gait. As a result, 3 x FPN issued and 2 x warnings issued.
- ASB related patrols were conducted in Gorgie, Dalry Gait, Sighthill Park, Saughton Park,
 Broomhouse and Parkhead in respect of ongoing complaints about youth underage
 drinking and ASB. The Community Alcohol Partnership (CAP) Alcohol Awareness week
 saw 20+ licensed premises visited across the area offering advice and guidance to retailers
 and customers alike. As a result, procedural discrepancies identified in premises at
 Balgreen and Gorgie. Enforcement follow up visits arranged with ECC licensing.
- Council joint visit saw with arrest of male who was using another address as a drinking den.
- Across the winter drink drive campaign Community officers issued 2 tickets for the
 production of vehicle documents. 5 x warnings were given to drivers along with advice
 regarding parking and vehicle maintenance. In addition to this, patrols were conducted at
 schools in W7 and W2 ensuring promoting road safety at drop off points.
- Community officers conducted a Police surgery at Dalry Gait in conjunction with a local councillor and the council roads department in response to numerous parking complaints that had been raised.
- Colinton Cubs group visited Oxgangs police station and were given a guided tour by the community officers.
- Community officers attended the Hearts Football Club Kinship Day and provided advice on keeping children safe from a physical and online perspective.
- A Police surgery was established within Sighthill College campus, the first one conducted and this will continue.
- Community officers carried out visits to heriot Watt and Napier universities to raise awareness of hate crime and encourage confidence in reporting.
- Along with Mentor UK, community officers carried out three surgeries at Asda, Sainsbury and Tesco in relation to raising awareness around alcohol related issues.
- Community officers attended the Broomhouse Christmas Carol service.

- With the nights being darker earlier community officers conducted high visibility patrols specifically in the Bonaly/Colinton and Swanston/Fairmilehead areas in relation to housebreakings and other acquisitive crime.
- Complaints of youth related ASB at Spylaw Park and Colinton Village have been dealt with by regular patrols and engagement from community officers.
- The 20mph speed limits have been enforced throughout the area with regular speed checks. Partnership work with the council in Pentland View saw electronic equipment used to measure average speeds.
- As part of a hate crime awareness week, community officers provided a surgery at Tesco,
 Colinton to raise awareness of hate crime.
- Prevention work was carried out by community officers in the lead up to bonfire night with visits to schools in the area.
- Community officers have received positive feedback in response to the introduction of a new surgery at Morrison's, Hunter's Tryst.
- A crime prevention event in relation to housebreaking was conducted at Co-op, Colinton.
 This was very well attended.
- After issues were raised in relation to ASB in and around Oxgangs library, an event was set up there giving residents and staff the opportunity to discuss matters with community officers.
- Community officers attended garrison meetings at Dreghorn and Redford barracks to strengthen ties between the Army, police and local community. These were also attended by military charities.

Ward 9 – Fountainbridge / Craiglockhart

- Community officers have taken ownership of eradicating a recent issue of drug related ASB at Rosemount buildings. This resulted in entry being forced to an abandoned flat which was being used for consumption of drugs and alcohol. The seizure of this property has seen an instant remedy to the issues being experienced by residents.
- Thirty-two joint visits were conducted by community officers, engaging with a broad spectrum of local residents, providing crime prevention advice, reassurance and warnings regarding future conduct.
- Community officers responded to an incident of high value vandalisms, resulting in a lengthy foot chase resulting in the perpetrator being apprehended.
- Operation Heddle saw a significant number of speed checks carried out through the area.
- Community officers carried out joint patrols with council Environmental wardens to tackle various issues in and around Fountain Park.
- In response to concerns for a local resident, community officers have been working alongside NHS and Community Psychiatric Nurses to ensure appropriate support is in place.

- Various Police surgeries have been conducted throughout the ward in venues including the North Merchiston Club, Fountainbridge Library.
- Community officers attended a joint meeting at the Colinton Dell along with representatives
 from the council, community Council, Environmental Officers, and local residents' groups to
 discuss ASB issues and the sighting of benches close to the Bogsmill area. The meeting
 resulted in agreement the benches should be temporarily removed to reduce the attraction
 from youths to congregate in the area. This has already had a positive impact on local
 residents and a reduction in reported ASB.
- Community officers conducted 'People Who Help Us' inputs at St Cuthbert's Primary School.
- Community officers attended a Children's Services planning meeting along with NHS and social services to discuss various aspects of partnership working in relation to the wellbeing of children and young people.

Ward 10 - Morningside

- As the nights became darker community officers conducted regular patrols to deter and prevent acquisitive crimes throughout the ward area.
- Community officers have carried out patrols of Bruntsfield Links, Drumdryan Street and Home Street in response to reports of rough sleepers and potential drug use.
- Patrols by community officers in relation to suspected drug use resulted in a search warrant being executed with an amount of drugs and cash recovered.
- Regular speed checks have continued in the area, with many being conducted in the Hermitage Drive and Greenbank areas following feedback form Morningside Community Council.
- For the third year running community officers attended St Leonards Nursery and presented a road safety talk to 2 classes of 4-year-old children. The presentation, as always, was greatly received.
- In the lead up to Christmas community officers visited retail premises in Morningside and Bruntsfield to offer crime prevention advice and to deter shoplifting.
- Visits have been carried out to schools in the area in response to reports of dangerous / inconsiderate parking. Numerous warnings have been issued. Community officers are now meeting with Parent Councils in an effort to further address the issue.
- Community officers attended the Meadows Pop up festival along with Fire and rescue, Edinburgh University Security, Friends of the Meadows. This was a popular event and was located near to the centre of Middle Meadow Walk. A crime prevention stall was set up and 27 bikes were provided with security marking.
- Community officers attended the Marchmont Christmas Tree lights turn on, attending on pedal cycles and even joining in with some renditions of classic Christmas Carols.
- A bike marking event took place at St Catherine's Primary School, followed by a crime prevention stall at Morningside Library and another at Marks and Spencer, Morningside Road.

 Community officers assisted the pupils of Sciennes Primary School in attending a pantomime at Usher Hall Edinburgh.

Ward 11 - City Centre

- Continuous foot patrols of areas affected by ASB including Canongate and Dumbiedykes.
 These resulted in the arrest of a male well known for violence and drug use in the city centre and has led to a review of extending the ASBO issued in respect of him.
- Road traffic initiative held on 01/10/18 at regent Road resulting in 9 tickets issued for speeding and 4 ASBO tickets issued.
- Patrols of the graveyards resulted in 3 persons being charged with various offences and an
 effort has been made to ensure the areas are kept free of drugs paraphernalia. This has
 been carried out in partnership with the council and churches.
- Community officers attended Viewcraig Street Art club, a volunteer group in Dumbiedykes, joining in with local children and their parents.
- Community officers conducted surgeries within Whitefoord House, Canongate and in sheltered housing accommodation at Hyndford's Close.
- Visits were carried out to the mental health group at Barony Contact Point, Lauriston Place to enhance relationships with the service users and to instil confidence and trust in dealing with Police
- Foot patrols in the old town, Dumbiedykes and Holyrood Road areas has resulted in numerous alcohol interventions and tickets being issued in respect of ASB. This robust approach has seen a positive reaction from street drinkers and will continue to be monitored. One person was arrested for breaching bail conditions that had previously been sought by community officers and four persons were arrested on outstanding warrants.
- Community officers were deployed to the Winter City event in the ward, providing a
 continuous high visibility presence throughout the city centre, extending into High Street /
 Hunter's Square, Holyrood Road and Dumbiedykes.
- National Day of Engagement Operation Rogue Trader community officers attended at the National Library of Scotland, George IV Bridge and engaged with members of the public in relation to door step crime.
- Community officers attended an event for children of domestic abuse victims, providing advice and support for them and what to do going forward. The event was organised by CEDAR.
- Community officers assisted St Mary's RC Primary in attending their festive church service.
- Community officers organised and led a visit to the Edinburgh Christmas markets for 12 children who are part of a 'nurturing' group at a local Primary School.
- Community officers attended at "Souper Saturday" Christmas special. This is a community event specifically aimed at the homeless / disadvantaged members of society.

Ward 12 - Leith Walk

- Community officers are continuing work with the Mannafields and Pilrig Park Schools in relation a speeding leaflet being created by school children that can be handed to drivers stopped by police as part of an education campaign.
- Community officers have been heavily involved in partnership working regarding ASB in the Dalmeny Park area. Along with other key stakeholders have organised a Friends of Dalmeny Park meeting at McDonald Road Library on the 26/11/2018. The aim is to create a friends group with the aim to reduce and deter issues occurring over a long term basis.
- After numerous reports/concerns by the community along with DVLA, a van full of tyres/combustible material was removed from Gordon Street by community officers.
- A speeding initiative Leith Links area was conducted by community officers with numerous drivers spoken to and one being reported.
- Community officers are conducting regular patrols of walkways known to be frequented by rough sleepers to ensure their welfare and that they are sign posted to appropriate support agencies.
- Community officers have held regular surgeries at the Ripple project in Restalrig and facilitated a visit to Leith police station.
- Community officers conducted a primary 1 School visit at Hermitage Park Primary School
- Community officers attended the Edinburgh Cycle Fair, Out of the blue, Dalmeny Drill Hall,
 Dalmeny Street offering road safety and crime prevention advice.
- Community officers attended at Port of Leith Sheltered Housing Jameson Place for the Xmas fair.

Ward 13 - Leith

- Community officers carried out a road check at Leith Links with ten drivers warned and one driver reported for no Insurance
- In partnership with DVLA, community officers led a day of action. Eleven untaxed vehicles were uplifted in the Leith area
- In conjunction with the Environmental Wardens, community officers patrolled Keddie Park following complaints of aggressive dogs.
- A road safety operation at St Marys primary school resulted in numerous drivers warned regarding their speed and one driver reported for no insurance.
- Following repeated instances of ASB, community officers attended at an address with council staff to warn a tenant. This has resulted in no further calls to this location.
- Following a racial incident in Cables Wynd House, community officers have conducted regular patrols, engaging with residents to raise hate crime awareness and ensure confidence in reporting such matters.
- Community officers attended a residents meeting for the Easter Road/London Road area engaging with residents giving them the opportunity to discuss any matters.

- Police surgery carried out at Ocean Terminal with community officers providing advice on ASB and keeping pedal cycles safe.
- Community officers attended The Hub at the Ripple Project for Coffee with a Copper.
 Thirty people were in attendance. This surgery is primarily to outreach to the older
 generation, making police accessible to the elderly and reassurance.
- Community officers conducted a prostitute liaison surgery at Turning Point, Links Place, engaging with sex workers and partner agencies, providing support and welfare advice.
- Community officers attended at Pilrig Park School Fair.
- Hostel visits to 197 Ferry Road, South Fort Street, AAA East Hermitage invitation offer of Xmas meals outreach
- Community officers attended at Leith Kirkgate for the "Christmas Lights" event. Around 250 people in attendance
- Community officers assisted St Mary's primary school with a road safety initiative involving 200 children and adults.
- Tasked focused patrols of hotspot areas over peak periods for Bonfire Night 2018. Public reassurance patrols of affected areas from previous year, responding to firework related calls.

Ward 14 - Craigentinny / Duddingston

- Tasked focused patrols of hotspot areas have been carried out over peak periods for Bonfire Night 2018. Public reassurance patrols of affected areas from previous year, responding to firework related calls.
- Community officers conducted patrols of Lochend Park View and surrounding streets following a spate of pedal cycle thefts.
- Patrols around and within Craigmillar Library due to recent reports of staff being racially abused. Community officers engaged with youths engaged with and hate crime and its impact was discussed.
- Beat complaints from residents at Craigentinny Avenue reporting vehicles failing to adhere
 to 20mph speed limit and travelling well in excess. Community officers carried out a static
 road check. Numerous drivers warned and given suitable advice. Edinburgh City Council
 made aware and requested to consider adding speed cushions and additional signage.
- Patrols of Figgate Park re youths congregating. Community officers engaged with youth workers and spoke with youths about the issues and raising awareness of the impact their behaviour has on people.
- Community officers carried out road checks at Northfield Broadway, Craigentinny Avenue, and Joppa Road with 25 vehicles being stopped.
- Community officers attended Meadowhead Church for Latvian Election no issues reported and engaged with staff organising event.

- Edinburgh Police Choir performance at Queens Bay Lodge community officers attended and represented Police Scotland, engaged with elderly residents.
- Community officers conducted joint visits with housing officers to addresses in Meadowbank and Craigmillar areas after ASB calls. The tenants were warned regarding their behaviour.
- In response to complaints about parking, community officers carried out a joint visit with CEC Environmental Wardens at Restalrig Gardens.
- Following reports of damage to gardens at sheltered housing, ASB patrols carried out in Bingham area by community officers.

Ward 15 - Southside / Newington

- Community officers were involved in significant enforcement action within Nicolson Square and the Southside Corridor. Numerous fixed penalty tickets for failing to comply with the local alcohol by-law have been issued. Repeat offenders have been arrested with bail conditions attached preventing return to Nicolson Square. This has seen a significant reduction in the street drinking fraternity congregating within Nicolson Square and the surrounding areas
- Community officers co-ordinated three days of action in the Southside corridor alongside council waste and cleansing. A crime prevention stand was placed within Nicolson Square and officers assisted with the clean-up of the area with the FONS group, local councillors, community council groups and council waste and cleansing.
- Additional high visibility patrols have been conducted within the Meadows, Southside
 corridor and Quartermile areas as reassurance following two robberies in the area at the
 beginning of October. These patrols have also been used to tackle youth ASB in the area.
 Checks have been carried out to ensure youth offenders, currently subject to bail
 conditions/tags, are complying with curfew conditions.
- A community officer received complaints of ASB within Carnegie Court. Patrols have been carried out throughout the building on a regular basis. Patrols also being carried out in Haddons Court regarding complaints of homeless persons using the vennels and doorways in this street.
- Community officers attended at St Leonards Nursery for Road safety week and provided inputs to the children.
- A community officer has been liaising with the children's reporter in relation to two cases that are coming to trial. Both involve vulnerable child complainers who required additional statements to be noted and dealt with in a sensitive manner.
- Community officers were involved in Operation Crackle, this was multi agency approach to dealing with inappropriate use of Fireworks and bonfires. Four days of patrols, liaising with the council and fire service where unsuitable bonfires were detected, dismantled and dangerous materials removed.
- Community officers investigated the vandalism of a Chinese Restaurant, identifying a 16 year old and 18 year old male that were charged with the offence.
- A community officer attended a meeting with the council regarding the future approach and enforcement action relating to two problem tenancies in the Pleasance.

Ward 16 - Liberton / Gilmerton

- A community officer conducted high visibility foot patrols in the Moredun area in relation to racial incident involving youths at Moredun High Flats. Concierge and Blocks manager liaised with regarding the incident.
- Community officers conducted numerous anti-social behaviour patrols within the Ward 16
 Liberton & Gilmerton in relation to reported youth ASB. High visibility reassurance patrols in
 particular, Moredun, Gracemount and Inch areas regarding youths causing a nuisance,
 gathering around stairwells, gathering around building sites, smoking and littering.
- High visibility vehicular and foot patrols in Ward 16 areas highlighted at risk of Housebreakings and Theft including Liberton, Alnwickhill, The Kilns and the Murrays and Carnbee areas.
- In response to a complaint from a local resident that road users are not obeying 30mph speed limit on Gilmerton Station Road, three road checks carried out; 8 warnings issued. Council contacted and requested more appropriate signage, as the speed limit for the road has recently changed from national to 30 mph.
- Regular patrols of Hyvot Mill Drive and Redgauntlet Terrace were carried out in relation to inconsiderate parking on pavements - ongoing checks of street with no issues thus far. Letter drop conducted in relation to ongoing issues.
- A speed check was conducted on Lasswade Road and Frogstone Road in relation to speeding complaints raised. Three people warned and corrective advice given. A further check was carried out on Lasswarde Road following a complaint received at the Gilmerton & Inch Community Council meeting.
- Community officers utilised a number of Lothian and Regional Transport Buses during the month of December to combat ASB with the run up to Christmas whereby a number of youths utilise buses from ward area to attend "Winter City".
- Community officers conducted Police surgeries at Cameron Toll Shopping Centre and Mortonhall Caravan Park. Crime prevention leaflets and advice surrounding Bogus Workmen, Housebreaking, Drugs, Social Media, Trusted Trader Scheme and other topics. Free bike marking was provided during the events with over thirty pedal cycles security marked.
- Community officers attended the Liberton Primary School & St Peters Primary School
 Christmas Fair "Be Bright Be Seen" FREE pedal cycle bike lights distributed to children
 along with High Visibility ankle and arm bands.

Ward 17 - Portobello / Craigmillar

- Following three attendees at a police surgery complaining about graffiti in the Portobello area, details were noted and enquiry carried out. Crime prevention surveys arranged for residents of Portobello.
- Tasked focused patrols of hotspot areas were carried out by community officers over peak periods for Bonfire Night 2018. Public reassurance patrols of affected areas from previous year carried out and responding to firework related calls.

- Community officers visited nominals suspected to be involved in forthcoming firework night ASB and those responsible for the disorder in 2017.
- Complaints with regards to abandoned vehicles progressed, joint patrols with the Environmental Warden re: abandoned vehicles and pre-fireworks night collation of information of build-up on combustible materials.
- Following complaints being received of speeding on Magdalene Drive and Craigentinny Avenue, speed gun were deployed in these areas.
- Community officers carried out a Rural Crime Day, whereby they provided crime prevention advice for staff at local heritage sites.
- Joint visit of several properties on Bingham Avenue, Edinburgh with CEC housing officer after recent vandalisms. Crime prevention and security advice provided.
- Community officers assisted School Link Officer with theft of money from Pupils. 17 pupils searched with a negative result.
- Following complaints being made regarding parking on zig zag lines on Portobello High Street, an initiative targeting motorists was carried out.
- Community Alcohol Partnership visits to licenced premises in Portobello and patrols ensuring compliance. Advice offered to businesses regarding challenge 25, in efforts to prevent alcohol associated ASB.
- ASB patrols carried out in Portobello High Street and Williamfield area regarding recent youth ASB. Details provided of youths involved for local Youth TAC to enable joint approach.
- Tasked focused patrols of hotspot areas in EC33 beat in relation to youth ASB.
 Engagement carried out with local youths and appropriate advice given.
- Community officer chaired the Community Alcohol Partnership for North East and managed actions along with other partners. Engagement carried out with local businesses to offer advice during festive period.