



**POLICE
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Keeping people safe

Linlithgow

Multi Member Ward Plan 2013

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Our focus. Your priorities.

This policing plan outlines the priorities your community identified during our most recent consultation, and how we plan to address them throughout the year.

Our focus is to reduce crime and disorder, to increase public reassurance within your community and to keep people safe. We will continue to work with partners to find effective long-term solutions to the issues raised.

Local Priorities

1. Reducing Antisocial Behaviour

You told us there were problems with drunk/disorderly behaviour, young people causing disturbance, and people drinking alcohol in public spaces.

2. Tackling Substance Misuse

You told us your concerns about alcohol abuse, drug use and drug dealing in the area.

3. Making Our Roads Safer

You told us that you were worried about off-road motorbikes, speeding drivers and thoughtless parking.

We have acted on your concerns and we are confident you have seen improvements in the Linlithgow area.



Our actions to date.

The Community Policing Team is dedicated to being visible and accessible, preventing crime and keeping people safe. As a result of our proactive approach, anti social behaviour and youth-related incidents have dropped compared to the same time last year.

As part of our focus on reducing antisocial behaviour and youth disorder the Community Policing Team took part in operations over the summer, which were very successful in reducing antisocial behaviour during the school holidays.

The Community Policing Team have worked with partners to identify persistent perpetrators of antisocial behaviour and where it is linked with a tenancy have carried out intervention visits with West Lothian Council Neighbourhood Response Officers leading to tenancy warnings.

We robustly inspected on sales and off sales licensed premises ensuring that patrons were sold alcohol responsibly. We enforced street drinking legislation, issuing fixed penalty tickets where appropriate. We have also tackled underage drinking in the community.

Officers have carried out presentations at schools educating young people on the dangers of substance misuse and on their personal safety.

We tackled the drug abuse in our communities by acting on the information you gave us. We targeted known drug users and suppliers carrying out a number of searches of houses.

Our Community Policing Team is tasked to carry out road checks and localised campaigns to identify offenders. We actively pursue disqualified drivers, carry out intervention checks and carry out intelligence led patrols to identify offenders.

The Community Policing Team have also assisted with an educational event for young drivers aimed to promote driving issues in a positive and informative way, but with a very serious message. The event was attended by senior pupils from all schools in West Lothian.

In the coming months.

In the coming months, you can expect to see a number of things happening:

Continued focused patrolling of known and emerging 'hot spots', with particular attention to local policing priorities.

Continued work with local housing associations and West Lothian Council to target those who persistently behave in an antisocial manner. We will continue to support the use of Antisocial Behavior Orders and robustly enforce them.

We will continue to target individuals responsible for crime by effective use of stop search powers. Ensuring we target the right places at the right times and searching the right people.

Further development of our partnership activity with West Lothian Community Safety Unit to ensure a co-ordinated approach to address issues within your community that cause you the most concern.

Robust enforcement of the provisions of the Licensing Scotland Act 2005 to encourage responsible consumption of alcohol within your community. Targeting under-age drinking and the illegal sale of alcohol to minors through intelligence-led operations and events; test purchase operations; and regular visits to licensed premises to identify those supplying alcohol to under-18s.

Provision of drug and alcohol awareness education in your local schools. We will also seek out and act on intelligence on drug misuse and drug dealing in the local area.

Regular use of road policing officers in your community to educate and influence driver behavior and, where necessary, target 'hot spots' to enforce speed and parking restrictions.

Ongoing engagement to promote and influence positive driver behaviour, particularly around schools.

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