Our focus. Your priorities.

This policing plan update will cover the priorities your community identified during our most recent consultation, outline what we have done over the past six months to address them and inform you of how we plan to continue addressing them throughout the year.

Our focus is to reduce crime and disorder, to create safer communities and respond effectively to local concerns.

We will work closely with our partners to find effective long-term solutions to the issues you raised.

Local Priorities

This plan sets out how we intend to deal with your priorities. You identified that the priorities for the Dalkeith area were:

1. Antisocial behaviour and violence
   You told us about people, particularly young people, engaging in disorderly behaviour whilst under the influence of alcohol.

2. Housebreaking and other theft
   You made us aware of your concerns regarding your home, outbuildings and vehicles being broken into.

3. Road safety
   You told us about vehicles being used in an antisocial manner, including speeding, and problems concerning quad bikes and off road bikes.

4. Hate crime
   You told us you wanted us to reduce hate crime, as it is an unacceptable behaviour.

We have acted on your concerns and are sure that you will see improvements in the Dalkeith area.
Our actions carried out to date.

Off road vehicles
Officers carried out high visibility patrols in an attempt to disrupt those engaged in the antisocial use of off road vehicles.

‘Hot spots’
You assisted in identifying areas where antisocial behaviour occurs. We deployed officers to prevent and disrupt that activity and continue to work with partner agencies to prevent such behaviour.

Violent offenders
We targeted individuals engaged in violent crime including domestic violence. To disrupt and deter their activities we introduced home visits to ensure compliance with bail conditions.

Housebreaking and other types of theft
We targeted individuals involved in thefts from houses and outbuildings. We created initiatives designed to detect those responsible for housebreakings and thefts of bikes. We promoted bike marking and gave on line security advice.

In addition to this, you can expect to see a number of other things happening in the next few weeks and months:

Antisocial Behaviour
Officers will patrol in areas of concern in relation to antisocial behaviour and alcohol fuelled violence. We will promote pub watch schemes and share information to antisocial behaviour.

Road Safety
We will focus on irresponsible drivers and report offenders. We will check vehicle road worthiness and legality for documentation. We will patrol in the right places at the right times.

Drugs
We will target drug dealers and abusers by carrying out intelligence led enforcement. We continue to work with schools to educate young people regarding the dangers and consequences of substance misuse.

Crimes of Dishonesty
We will use stop and search powers and community led intelligence to deter and detect those involved in crimes of dishonesty. We will identify vulnerable groups and issue them with relevant crime prevention advice.