



**Community Safety Forum – Police Report**  
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**1. Purpose**

Local Authority Liaison Officer Sergeant Robert Erskine requested that this report be produced for presentation to the May Community Safety Forum. It has been produced to give the forum an overview of Group 1-6 crimes, incidents of Domestic Violence and Road Traffic Accidents involving Casualties that have occurred in East Lothian since the last forum meeting.

**2. Analysis of the Problem**

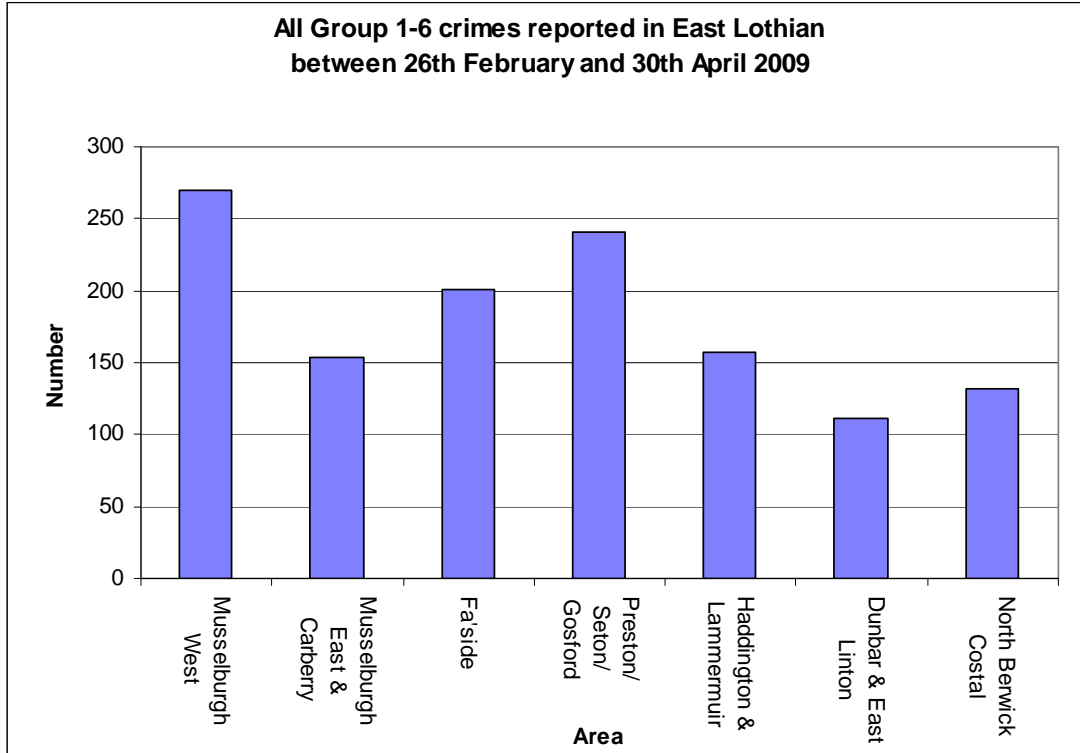
**Key Points**

- There has been a 2% increase in crimes within East Lothian between 26<sup>th</sup> February 2009 and 30<sup>th</sup> April 2009 compared to the previous year.
- Crimes were predominately committed within the Musselburgh West Ward and Preston/ Seton/ Gosford Ward.
- Within the hotspots, the prolific crimes were Vandalism (both to vehicles and property), Breach of the Peace and Theft.
- There has been an increase in both domestic violence reported to the police and Road Traffic Casualties compared to the previous year.

**Overall**

Between 26<sup>th</sup> February and 30<sup>th</sup> April 2009 there have been 1266 crimes reported to the police that were committed within East Lothian. This is an increase of 26 crimes (2%) compared to the same time period the previous year but a decrease of 34 crimes (3%) compared to the previous 3 months. These crimes were predominately committed in the Musselburgh West Ward and the Preston/ Seton/ Gosford Ward, which accounts for 270 (21%) and 241 (19%) crimes respectively. This has been depicted on Figure 1.

Figure 1: All Group 1-6 crimes committed in East Lothian.



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### Geographical

#### **Musselburgh West**

There have been 270 crimes committed within this ward, which is an increase of 46 crimes (21%) compared to the previous year. Crimes that occurred within this ward were predominately Vandalism (both to vehicles and property) and Theft.

#### **Musselburgh East & Carberry**

There have been 154 crimes committed within Musselburgh East and Carberry ward, which is a decrease of 57 crimes (27%) compared to the previous year. Crimes that occurred within this ward were predominately Vandalism (both to vehicles and property) and Minor Assault.

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There have been 201 crimes committed within this ward during the stated time period, which is an increase of 6 crimes (3%) compared to the previous year. Vandalism (both to vehicles and property) and Minor Assault were the most prolific crime types.

#### **Preston/ Seton/ Gosford**

There have been 241 crimes committed within this ward, which is an increase of 27 crimes (13%) compared to the previous year. The crimes that were committed within this ward were predominately Vandalism (both to vehicles and property), Breach of the Peace and Minor Assault.

#### **Haddington & Lammermuir**

There have been 157 crimes committed within this ward, which is a decrease of 25 crimes (14%) compared to the previous year. The crimes that were committed within this ward were predominately Vandalism (both to vehicles and property), Breach of the Peace, Minor Assault and Shoplifting.

#### **Dunbar & East Linton**

There have been 111 crimes committed within this ward, which were predominately Theft. This is a decrease of 5 crimes (4%) compared to the same time period the previous year.

#### **North Berwick Coastal**

There have been 132 crimes committed within this ward during the stated time period, which is an increase of 34 crimes (35%) compared to the previous year. The crimes that were committed within this ward were predominately Malicious Damage to vehicles, Theft from vehicles and general Theft.

### Domestic Violence

There were 215 incidents of Domestic Violence reported to the police, which is an increase of 33 (15%) compared to the same time period last year. Of these, 139 (65%) were repeat victims, 122 (57%) were alcohol related and 10 (5%) were drugs related. 31 (14%) of the victims were males and of these 17 (55%) were repeat victims. It is worth noting that 66 (31%) of the incidents resulted in reports being submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

### Road Traffic Casualties

There were 58 Road Traffic Casualties between February 2009 and April 2009 compared to 31 during the same time period the previous year. Of these, 2 (3%) were fatal, 7 (12%) were serious and 49 (84%) were classed as minor. This has been

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depicted in Figure 2. Of the 58 collisions 2 involved children and both of these were minor which represents a decrease when compared to the previous year.

Figure 2: All Road Traffic Collisions that occurred in East Lothian.

