

# Man charged in connection with death of Martin Hamilton



A man has been charged in connection with the death of Martin Hamilton.

Mr Hamilton's remains were found in a wooded area near West Calder on 17 December and a murder inquiry was launched before Christmas.

The 51 year old man has been arrested and charged and is due before Livingston Sheriff Court on Monday 1 February.

Detective Superintendent Kenny Graham from the Major Investigation Team is leading the inquiry, and said that officers will be continuing their work in Blackburn and West Calder.

"Our enquiries are ongoing and following this arrest we will be revisiting a number of people we have spoken to. We are also keen to hear from anyone else who may have information which may assist but who have not felt able to come forward before.

"We still have searches to conduct near the Five Sisters Business Park, as well as forensic work and other local enquiries in Blackburn, and this will be in conjunction with local officers who remain on high-visibility patrol in the area.

"I'm pleased with the support we have received from the local community in Blackburn – as well as information which has assisted my investigation, we have seen great engagement on a range of matters.

"We are committed to a thorough investigation of the murder of

Martin Hamilton, and to supporting the people of Blackburn whilst we do this, and would urge any member of the community with information or concerns to get in touch.”

Contact the Major Investigation Team at Livingston on 101, or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.