

Seven more arrests in East Lothian during ongoing operation



Police have arrested a further seven people in the last week as part of ongoing efforts to tackle drug offences and associated criminality in East Lothian.

Thanks to information from the community, two search warrants were executed at addresses in Tranent on Tuesday 28 March.

Over £1,400 worth of cash, around £600 worth of herbal cannabis and drug paraphernalia were seized.

A 29-year-old man was subsequently arrested for the supply of controlled drugs.

On Wednesday 29 March in Tranent three men, aged 29, 41 and 42, were arrested on outstanding warrants.

On Friday 31 March two women, aged 46 and 19, were arrested in the Prestonpans area for outstanding warrants.

On Monday 3 April, a 32-year-old woman was arrested in the Haddington area on an outstanding warrant.

Since Operation Jigsaw was launched in November, 23 vehicles and properties have been searched, over £80,000 worth of drugs and cash have been seized, and now a total of 40 people have either been arrested or reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

During the latest enforcement day on Friday 24 March, which was supported by over ninety officers, three items were also seized in Tranent under the Firearms Act 1968.

Chief Inspector Matt Paden, Area Commander for East Lothian,

said: "Our communities have told us that tackling drug offences and associated criminality continues to be a priority for them, and therefore it continues to be a priority for us.

"Operation Jigsaw has already demonstrated that drug misuse is not isolated from other criminal activity and how important enforcement days like this are in detecting a range of offences.

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank the public for their assistance so far. Support from our communities is vital in tackling such offences and we will act on the information we receive from the public.

"We'd urge people to continue to tell us their concerns by speaking to a local officer, contacting Police Scotland on 101 or reporting information anonymously to the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111."