

Police make 42 arrests in North Edinburgh during 'Stronger North' campaign



Police officers have made 42 arrests and executed seven misuse of drugs warrants as part of Stronger North activity in the North Edinburgh area over the past week.

In the last week £9000 worth of drugs have been recovered in the area, along with seven stolen motorcycles and one stolen car.

Seventeen vehicles have also been seized for having invalid insurance.

The Stronger North initiative was established in 2014 with the City of Edinburgh Council as an organised approach to tackle youth disorder, anti-social behaviour and crime in the North Edinburgh area.

In the last week there have been significant additional resources deployed to the North Edinburgh area as part of a week of planned activity.

This activity has included the deployment of additional national high visibility officers, road policing officers, specialist crime resources, police dog handlers and the Police Scotland helicopter.

These resources are still in place and will continue to be deployed to Drylaw Police Station on an ongoing basis.

Stronger North 2017 has been designed to improve safety and wellbeing of those living in the North of Edinburgh. It is fully supported by key partner agencies, including the City of

Edinburgh Council and the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service.

Chief Superintendent Kenny MacDonald, Divisional Commander for Edinburgh Division, said: "These are really positive results for Stronger North and we are eager to continue this work as the summer progresses.

"I would take this opportunity to thank the people of North Edinburgh who have supported us and Stronger North 2017. It is through the information and intelligence that the public provides us with that we have been able to achieve these outcomes.

"For Stronger North to continue to be successful it is imperative that we have the support of the local community.

"I would urge anyone living in the North Edinburgh area who witnesses criminality or anti-social behaviour to not tolerate it and instead call 101, or report it anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

"It is by working together and supporting Stronger North that we can tackle this type of behaviour and hold those responsible to account."

Members of the public wishing to find out more about Stronger North 2017 can following the initiative at #StrongerNorth