## Driver sentenced after 2021 crash

At Edinburgh Sheriff Court on Monday a driver, Andrew Hogg, was sentenced after injuring cyclist Michael Anderson on Dalkeith Road in September 2021.

Hogg was convicted of causing injury by driving carelessly at an earlier hearing and today was sentenced to a 15 month ban and ordered to pay his victim £1,500 compensation (to be paid at £120 per month).

The cyclist, Michael Anderson, 43, revealed that his life completely changed after the crash.

The former chef from the Gorgie area of Edinburgh suffered four fractures to his pelvis and seven fractures to five ribs.

He has been unable to work for more than two years and is no longer able to take part in any of his previous hobbies such as climbing Munros.

In a statement issued through his lawyers, Digby Brown, Mr Anderson said: "I used to be a really active person and loved the outdoors but that is now all done.

"I can't work, I'm in constant pain and as for getting back on a bike again, well that feels like an impossibility.

"What makes this worse though is that the driver doesn't seem to care — he has shown no remorse and for people in my position it just adds to the trauma. "I therefore feel like his sentence is fair — I think it reflects his behaviour, what happened to me and acts like the right deterrent to others.

"If there's any small positive to come from this then it's that another driver sees what happened to me — and what happened to this driver — and learns how to take more care and help keep the roads safer because it only takes one second to create or avoid a tragedy."



