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Leith Community Policing Team
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Some notable recent incidents in the Leith Links area

- This month, Leith Community Policing Team welcomed two new officers to the team. Replacing PC Lauren Munro, PC John Anderson joins PC Allan MacDonald to cover the Leith Links, Newkirkgate, Shore and Great Junction Street areas and PC Campbell Blackmore replaces PC Jordan Ross to cover the Lochend and Restalrig areas. PC Anderson and PC Blackmore have a wealth of experience in dealing with community-related matters in the Craigmillar area and endeavour to be in attendance at a LLCC meeting in the near future.
- In the first week of April 2024, NEST Special Constables and Leith Community Policing Officers carried out patrols focusing on protecting vulnerable roads users. A variety of road traffic offences were detected, and at least 23 drivers were charged or reported for Using a Mobile Telephone Whilst Driving. The offence attracts a minimum penalty of a £200 and 6 penalty points.
- On 03/04/24, plain-clothed Community Policing officers observed a male causing a disturbance on Duke Street. He refused to desist and was arrested for Threatening or Abusive Behaviour. He thereafter assaulted officers and was found in possession of controlled drugs. He was conveyed to custody and reported to appear at Edinburgh Sheriff Court at a later date.
- On 09/04/24, a male was reported to have threatened shop staff in the Duke Street area. He was quickly traced by officers and charged with Threatening or Abusive Behaviour, Racially Aggravated Behaviour, Possession of an Offensive Weapon, Theft by Shoplifting and Vandalism. He was held in custody to appear at court the next day.
- On 17/04/24, NEST Special Constables conducted a warrants initiative, successfully tracing a male who had evaded Police for over five years. Later in the shift, they traced another male who had been observed committing a road traffic offence. He was also arrested on an outstanding warrant and found to be wanted in relation to a separate criminal enquiry.
- On 18/04/24, a disturbance was reported in Newkirkgate, Edinburgh, after a male had been reportedly assaulted with a knife. An extensive search was conducted and the suspect was arrested and charged with Assault to Severe Injury, Possession of a Knife and Breach of Bail. He appeared at Edinburgh Sheriff Court and was remanded in custody.
- Between 14/04/24 and 28/04/24, Police received several reports relating to antisocial behaviour and assaults committed by electric motorcycle riders. Enquiries are continuing and officers are following a positive line of enquiry.
- On 21/04/24, Police were called to a disturbance at Gordon Street, Edinburgh whereby a male suspect assaulted two members of the public. A further assault occurred at Academy Street a short time later. The incidents are being linked and officers are following a positive line of enquiry.
- On 27/04/24, Special Constables took part in a simulated court trial held at Leith Police Station, with a focus on developing investigative and procedural practices in the criminal justice system. The Leith area in particular benefits from significant input from North East Support Team Special Constables, who collectively volunteer thousands of hours of policing time each year to serve the needs of the local community.
- On 28/04/24, a collision occurred between a pedestrian and electric scooter on Duke Street. The collision did not cause serious injuries, however, the electric scooter rider was charged with various road traffic offences.
- On 29/04/24, Police received a report of suspicious behaviour around a bicycle shed at South Carron Wynd. Police enquiries are continuing, but we would advise those with bicycles to be vigilant and ensure that their bicycles are fully secured, even when held within a 'secure' storage shed.
- We are aware of increasing complaints regarding the use of unregistered illegal electric cycles, many of which are being used as part of the food delivery industry. We have recently seized several of these vehicles in and around the Leith area and have charged riders with relevant road traffic offences. Next month, Community Policing Officers will be running a dedicated enforcement initiative to deal with this particular issue, the results of which will be communicated in the next Police report.

Operation Elate

Operation Elate was a month-long proactive initiative, which focused on enforcement against drug dealing in the Leith area.

In addition to the day-to-day work completed by local response and community officers, the following results were recorded on conclusion of the Operation Elate initiative:

- Over 10 offenders charged and reported for drugs supply offences
- £6000 cash seized
- Over 300 community, vulnerable adult and youth engagements
- 14 arrest warrants executed
- 15 warrants executed
- £55,000 of controlled drugs seized
- Significant cash recoveries
- Knives and weapons seized
- 7 vehicles seized for road traffic offences



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Edinburgh-wide Police Reports and Information

- On a quarterly basis, the Edinburgh Divisional Commander attends and provides both a written and verbal report to the [Edinburgh Council Culture and Communities Committee](#), during which scrutiny is provided in terms of the division's performance against the Local Policing Plan and other ongoing or emerging issues. Edinburgh Division Scrutiny Reports can be found [here](#). This meeting is also freely available/accessible to view live or retrospectively.
- Our Local Police Plan 2023-26 outlines our local Divisional priorities and is accessible via [the Police Scotland website](#). Members of Edinburgh Division's Senior Management Team routinely respond to queries received from Elected Representatives, including MPs', MSPs' and constituents' concerns across a broad spectrum of topics.
- From a locality perspective, each of the 4 Local Area Commanders chair local Community Improvement Partnerships and form part of the Locality Community Planning Partnerships, in order to address local concerns in partnership.
- Police Scotland's Quarterly Performance Report for the Scottish Police Authority and performance statistics (by council & policing division) can be accessed [here](#).
- Recorded and detected crime data at Multi-Member Ward level, Road Traffic Collision (RTC) data (casualties and circumstances), and Stop/Search data can be found via the following links:
<https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/how-we-do-it/crime-data/> (provided annually)
<https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/how-we-do-it/road-traffic-collision-data/>
<https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/how-we-do-it/stop-and-search/data-publication/>
- The fortnightly Capital Cops column in the Edinburgh Evening News, featuring themed and topical articles, can be found via this link [Opinion Latest News | Edinburgh News \(scotsman.com\)](#)



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