



E DIVISION

Leith Links CCM August 2024

Leith Community Policing Team
Monday 30th September 2024



Some notable recent incidents in the Leith Links area

- Leith Community Policing Officers have been conducting joint patrols in relation to reports of Anti-Social Behaviour aboard Edinburgh Trams services. This ensures that we are kept aware of any issues, especially involving youths, and allows us to intervene at the earliest opportunity.
- Local community officers along with NEST Special Constables carried out further E bike operations. Several electric scooters and illegally adapted electric motorcycles were seized, and persons charged for various Road Traffic offences.
- We are actively engaging with partner agencies to devise methods to combat anti-social behaviour in the Newkirkgate area. This includes signposting those regularly involved in such behaviour to social work and substance treatment services. Enforcement action continues to be taken whenever any criminal offences are detected.
- Over the last week Local officers and NEST Special Constables have carried out a number of days of action targeting high priority warrants and prolific offenders. Several arrests made and officers have concluded 21 outstanding warrants.
- Community officers have re-united a number of stolen pedal cycles with the owners as part of a stolen pedal cycle initiative. Enquiries are ongoing and bike marking events have been arranged in relation to the issue to help decrease theft and increase security awareness.
- Several incidents have been reported recently relating to assault or threats against retail staff. Specific legislation introduced recently, allows us to deal robustly with those who choose to behave in such a manner within shop premises. Several offenders have been charged with offences under this law and we conduct regular visits to shops to ensure their reporting mechanisms remain compatible with Police and court processes.
- We continue to encourage those aware of drug dealing in their area to contact us with any relevant information. This information enables us to expedite enforcement action and target those who continue to cause harm in the community. Drugs warrants continue to be executed in Leith, resulting in arrests and the recovery of significant quantities of drugs and cash.
- Community officers have a day of action planned in relation to untaxed and dangerously abandoned vehicles in Restalrig area.

Friday Night Lights

- Each week, Leith Community Policing officers work with Sports Scotland at “Friday Night Lights” youth initiative, to support reducing anti-social behaviour in the Leith area through a programme of activities and sports aimed at young people aged 9-12 years that were deemed ‘at risk’ of committing crime and/or antisocial behaviour.
- The initiative runs on Friday evenings, between 6pm and 10pm, which is a time traditionally associated with such antisocial behaviour.
- This initiative is run in conjunction with various community groups across Leith including YMCA Edinburgh, Leith Academy, Hibernian Community Foundation, Pilmeny Development Project and Lochend Football Academy.
- Participants have reacted positively to the initiative, and there has been a marked decrease in youth-related antisocial behaviour since the project’s inception.



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A photograph showing a police officer in a high-visibility vest marking a blue bicycle. The officer is kneeling on a paved surface, and the person whose perspective we see is wearing a green hoodie and a white helmet. The officer is using a marker on the frame of the bicycle. Other bicycles are visible in the background.

Bike marking events

- Local Community officers have been carrying out free bike marking at various locations in Leith.
- Bike Register is the UK's national cycle database. Registering a bike can reduce the chance of theft and increases the chance of recovery if stolen.
- Good community engagement and crime prevention advice provided.
- More events to follow.

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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About Us

Local Area Commander:

Chief Inspector Mairi Creanor

Leith Community Policing Team based at Leith Police Station:

Inspector McArthur-Kerr

Sergeant Samantha Rose

Your local Community Beat Officers for NL27/NL28:

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Constable Campbell Blackmore

Plus 6 other officers dedicated to community issues in Leith

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