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Leith Links CCM October 2024

Leith Community Policing Team
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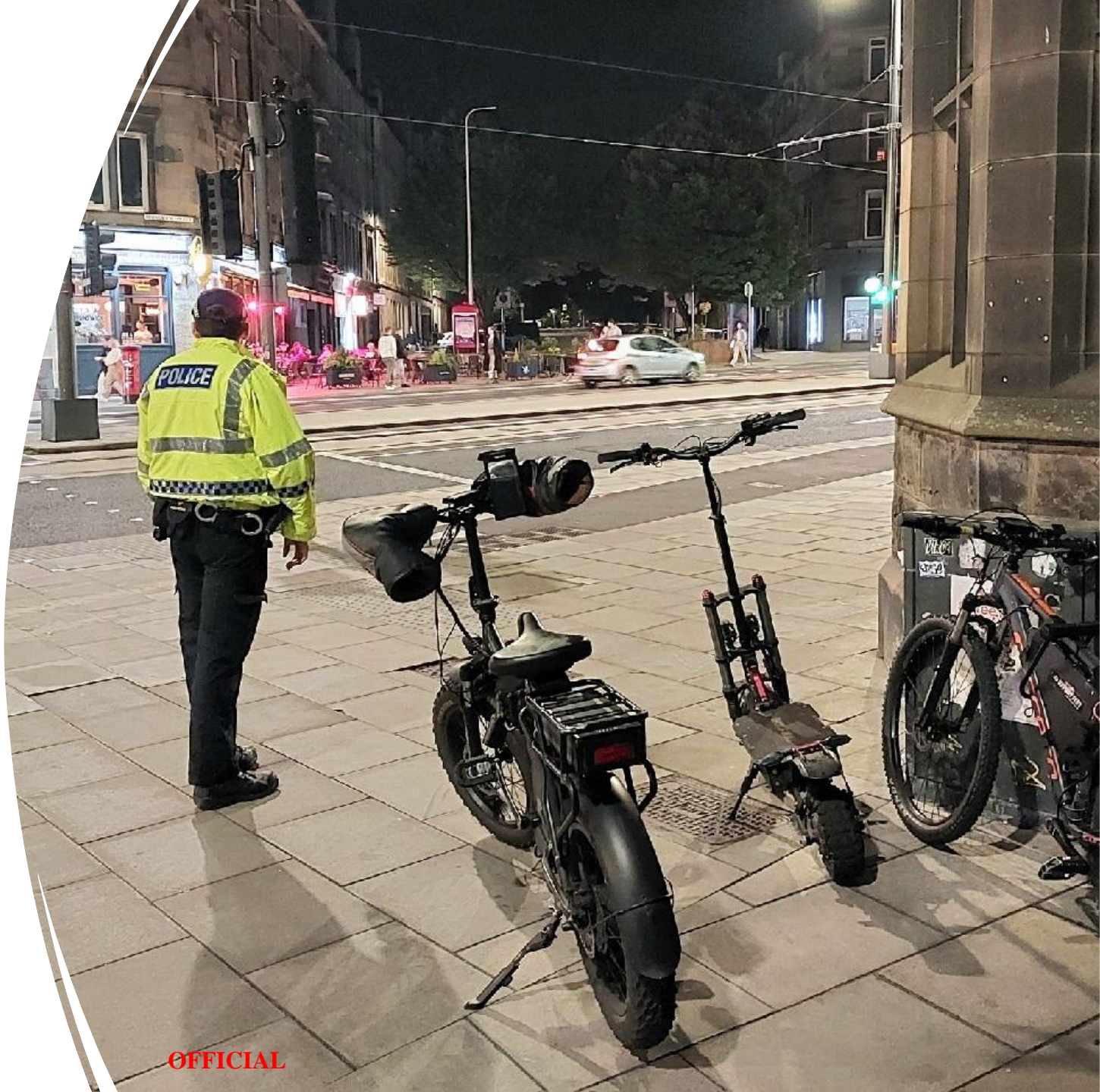


Some notable recent incidents in the Leith Links area

- We are aware of continuing reports regarding youth-related anti-social behaviour at the Newkirkgate Shopping Centre and Leith Links. We are working hard to engage with all partners and stakeholders, including local schools and social work agencies, in an effort to divert children and teenagers from becoming involved in such behaviour. Several youths have recently been charged for offences ranging from Vandalism and Fireraising to Theft. They have been reported through the youth justice scheme.
- Incidents of youth anti-social behaviour can be reported to Police using 101 (non-emergency or not ongoing), 999 (emergency and ongoing incidents) or by contacting us through the Police Scotland website. The Leith Community Policing Team can also be contacted by email on EdinburghCPTNorthEast@Scotland.police.uk. Should a reporter be in a safe position to photograph or film suspects using their mobile telephone, then this will greatly increase the prospect of the offender being dealt with and charged with relevant offences. Without such evidence, it is particularly difficult for Police to identify those responsible, especially when they leave the scene prior to Police attendance. **Please remember that safety is of paramount importance, and please do not put yourself at risk.**
- Overnight on 1st October, Police received a call to the Pirniefield area, regarding suspicious persons who were seen in the garden of a property there. The suspects were in possession of suspected stolen pedal cycles, which were discarded after the suspects were disturbed. Please ensure that, especially during winter months, all security lighting and shed alarms are fully operational, as they are proven to be extremely effective in deterring such thefts.
- On 3rd October, Police received a report regarding a telephone Fraud in which the suspect convinced the victim that they were a Police Officer from England. After a short video call, believed to utilise Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology to impersonate a Police Officer, the victim became suspicious and eventually refused to part with the £1600 being demanded by the suspect. Police wish to remind those who utilise telephone banking to remain vigilant and never allow another person access to their mobile telephone.
- Leith Community Policing Officers have been conducting joint patrols aboard Edinburgh Trams services, following concerns regarding youth-related anti-social behaviour on board.
- On 19th October, a male was reported to be acting erratically in the area of Newkirkgate. The male was quickly traced and apprehended by Police. He was arrested for Threatening or Abusive Behaviour and later charged with various offences including Assault Police. He was released pending a court appearance and issued with conditions to prohibit him from entering the Newkirkgate area in the interim.
- On the afternoon of 20th October, officers became aware of a motor car which was being driven in a dangerous manner in the area of Gordon Street. The driver ran off, but was later identified by Police and has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal. The vehicle was seized.
- On 25th October, officers conducted an Operation Close Pass initiative in the Salamander Street area. The main focus of the initiative was to address concerns regarding careless and dangerous driving in the vicinity of pedal cyclists. Several drivers were charged for road traffic offences, including Using a Mobile Telephone Whilst Driving and Driving Without Insurance.
- Officers have conducted several bike marking initiatives over recent weeks. During this period, dozens of pedal cycles have been security marked by Police, free of charge. Bike marking ensures that any suspected stolen pedal cycles recovered Police can be easily traced back to their rightful owner.
- On 22nd November, PC Allan MacDonald will be leaving Leith Community Policing Team to transfer to the Police Scotland Specialist Crime Division. PC MacDonald will be replaced by a new arrival to the Leith Community Policing Team, who will introduce themselves to Leith Links Community Council in due course.

Electric Cycle and Motorcycle Initiative

- Local officers have continued to proactively engage with those using electric cycles and motorcycles in the Leith area.
- Please be aware that not all electric cycles are illegal and they require to be examined individually to confirm their suitability for the road.
- In a recent initiative, officers found a high level of compliance, with approximately 80% of vehicles stopped found to be compatible with the law.
- Those found to be illegal (including electric scooters, which are currently illegal to use in all public places), were seized by Police and their riders were charged.
- Offenders can expect to receive a Conditional Offer of Fixed Penalty (ticket) currently set at a £300 fine and 6 penalty points, otherwise, they are reported directly to the Procurator Fiscal, pending an appearance at court.



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:

Constable Allan MacDonald

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Constable Campbell Blackmore

Plus 6 other officers dedicated to community issues in Leith

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