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Leith Links CCM January 2025

Leith Community Policing Team
Monday 27th January 2025



Some notable recent incidents and work in the Leith Links area

- Local Community Policing Team and NEST Officers took part in a Divisional Winter Drink Driving Campaign. This was run on the weekends before and after Christmas. Officers identified a variety of road traffic offences and vehicle defects which were dealt with by tickets and corrective advise.
- Leith Community Policing Officers have been conducting joint patrols with Lothian buses and Edinburgh Trams colleagues in relation to reports of Anti-Social Behaviour aboard the services as well as vandalisms to buses. Constable Blackmore paired up with Sue Webber MSP who is the Scottish Conservatives Party Spokesperson on Transport over a weekend in January. They engaged with youths and patrolled problematic bus routes in the Leith area. Prior to this, and with the help of the school link officer, several youths were identified and charged in relation to these issues.
- Illegal e-scooters and e-bikes remains an issue in the area and this is something we have had some good results with during days of action. A further initiative is planned for February which will hopefully be similarly positive. Several of these adapted vehicles have been seized previously with road traffic offences being reported to the Procurator Fiscal where fixed-penalty notices were not complied with.
- Work continues 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.
- This month a prolific female shoplifter was arrested and charged with 23 thefts by the Leith Community team. A robust sentence has been sought and conditions requested not to enter parts of Leith.
- 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.

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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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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Local Area Commander:

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PC Campbell Blackmore

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