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Leith Links CCM November 2024

Leith Community Policing Team
Monday 25th November 2024



Some notable recent incidents in the Leith Links area

- On 25th October, North East Community Officers and Edinburgh Roads Policing conducted an 'Operation Close Pass' initiative in the Salamander Street area. The initiative has seen drivers who pass an unmarked police cyclist too closely pulled over and given advice using a specially designed mat which shows how much space a person on a bicycle needs when overtaking them. Several drivers were stopped and charged for various offences, including Driving whilst Using a Mobile Telephone, Dangerous Vehicle Condition, No MOT and Driving without Valid Insurance. One vehicle was seized, and a male was reported to the Procurator Fiscal.
- On 28th October, officers responded to a disturbance call within a private property. Upon arrival, they found an injured victim and soon after, traced the suspect, who appeared in court, charged with various violence-related offences. She has since been remanded in custody.
- Officers have continued to conduct proactive foot patrols, both in uniform and plain clothes. Several individuals have been charged and reported for drugs-related offences over the past month.
- On the evening of 31st October, Police received reports relating to a series of Vandalism and Assault offences occurring in and around the Constitution Street area, which resulted in cars and other property being spray-painted. Police Officers arrived on scene shortly after the incident and as a result, four male youths were identified as responsible. They have since been reported to the Scottish Children's Reporter Administration.
- A significant number of officers were deployed in response to disorder over the Halloween and Bonfire Night period. Several addresses were searched in response to intelligence received and a large quantity of items of note, including controlled drugs, weapons and fireworks were recovered by Police. One officer was assaulted by a male who threw a large brick through a Police vehicle window. He has since been apprehended and charged. A number of other individuals have been arrested and charged in relation to disorder and violence and have been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.
- On 13th November, officers responded to an ongoing Theft by Housebreaking and upon arrival, apprehended the suspect at the scene. The suspect was found to be in possession of weapons which appeared to have been stolen. The suspect was arrested and charged with Theft by Housebreaking, Possession of Offensive Weapons and Possession of Controlled Drugs and appeared at Edinburgh Sheriff Court the following day.
- Further electric scooters and electric motorcycles have been seized and their riders charged for offences including Driving without Valid Insurance. Due to the requirement for owners to produce valid insurance to secure the vehicle's release, many vehicles remain unclaimed and are eventually disposed of or destroyed. Offenders can expect to receive substantial fines and penalty points on their Driving Licence.
- On 21st November, officers were called to Elbe Street, where a male was reported to be causing a nuisance in the street. The suspect was traced and found to be breaching bail conditions. Upon arrest, he became violent and was eventually charged with Breach of Bail, Resisting Arrest and Possession of Controlled Drugs
- On 22nd November, NEST Special Constables conducted various patrols around Antisocial Behaviour hotspots, including aboard Lothian Buses. Various road traffic offences were also detected and a male was found to be breaching his court-imposed bail conditions. He has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal. A high-risk missing person was also traced by officers on foot patrol at the east end of Leith Links.
- We are pleased to report that PC Lewis Hardie is the new Community Beat Officer sharing the Leith Links area. He will join PC John Anderson in this role on 5th December.



Winter Patrols

In the run-up to Christmas and New Year, officers will continue to conduct regular foot patrols in plain clothes and in uniform, in response to various issues, including Theft by Shoplifting, Antisocial Behaviour and Drink and Drug Driving.

NEST Special Constables are deploying on a regular basis to deal directly with these issues at times of peak demand.

Leith Community Policing Team wish everyone at Leith Links Community Council an enjoyable and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

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:

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Leith Community Policing Team based at Leith Police Station:

Inspector McArthur-Kerr

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Your local Community Beat Officers for NL27/NL28:

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