



# E DIVISION

## Leith Links Community Council

February 2025

Leith Community Policing Team  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025



## Some notable work and recent results in the Leith Links area

- Lothian Buses and Edinburgh Trams are two of our main partners in Edinburgh and during the school holidays they have a spike in anti-social behaviour. We work closely with them to provide an effective response to keep the public transport network running smoothly. Over the last few sets of late shifts, we have been jointly patrolling the network in the North East with their managers to provide reassurance to bus drivers who are quite isolated working alone. Some youths have been charged and youth offending reports submitted for reckless conduct offences where emergency stop buttons have been activated.
- Leith CPT will be running “**Operation Close Pass**” this week with some of our colleagues from Roads Policing. This initiative will be more targeted towards drivers not giving enough space to cyclists when overtaking – something we regularly get correspondence about. Drivers will be invited in for a “chat on the mat” in the first instance, with enforcement action taken if other offences are identified.
- An initiative to target illegal e-bikes and e-scooters is still being planned and will take place very soon.
- We were recently invited in to St. Mary’s Primary School and gave inputs on being responsible in the community. This covered anti-social behaviour, hate crimes and cyber bullying.
- There is an ongoing shoplifting campaign being run which has had some very positive results recently. 5 prolific nominals have been arrested and charged with over **70 charges** put to them for thefts totalling **£2500**.
- 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.
- 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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## About Us

### Local Area Commander:

Chief Inspector Mairi Creanor

### Leith Community Policing Team based at Leith Police Station:

Inspector Kirsty McArthur-Kerr

Acting Sergeant John Anderson

### Your local Community Beat Officers for NL27/NL28:

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PC John Anderson (Acting Sgt)

PC Campbell Blackmore

**Plus 6 other officers dedicated to community issues in Leith**

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