



E DIVISION

Leith Links Community Council

July/August 2025

Leith Community Policing Team
25th August 2025



Some notable work and recent results in the Leith Links area

- A busy Summer for all Officers with Royal week, the visit of POTUS, Climate camp protests, Oasis concerts, football and more. However, we have still been productive while at Leith and been involved in more local events as well.
- Plain clothes patrols have continued in and around the Kirkgate/Leith Walk/Great Junction St area, targeting shoplifters and well-known offenders. There has been a drop in shopliftings from 68 in July to 24 in August (up to 20/08/25).
- A well-known Female and Male were arrested for shoplifting and threatening behaviour by Community officers after assisting response colleagues with a job earlier in the same shift. The same female has been charged with a further 5 offences within the last month.
- To assist further in relation to these issues, Apex radios are to be introduced to some stores at the Kirkgate and nearby with the help of the Police. This will improve communication between the shops and provide a link to local Police Officers and Kirkgate security.
- On the 3rd of July, local officers assisted in Policing the Imam Hussain peacewalk which covered Great Junction Street, Henderson St, Commercial St, N Junction St.
- Our North East Support Team of Special Constables have also been busy this Summer with 12 traffic offences detected while on uniformed mobile patrol. They have also seized two vehicles, arrested a person on warrant and dealt with a suicidal person.

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.



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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Leith Community Policing Team based at Leith Police Station:

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PC Campbell Blackmore

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