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# E DIVISION

## Leith Links Community Council

September 2025

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

- Retail crime continues to be a focus. Many offenders are also linked to other issues such as drugs and anti-social behaviour which has wider impact on the community. On 04/09/25 we carried out a day of action involving uniformed and plain clothes officers. This resulted in 3 arrests of prominent individuals. Further dates are planned for October.
- Over the September weekends we have carried out inspections at Licences premises alongside our colleagues from the Council. During the visits, three arrests were made in relation to threatening behaviour and refusing to leave a licences premises.
- Community Officers held a bike marking events at The Shore. Over 30 bikes were marked using Bike Register, helping to prevent and detect bike theft in and around Leith.
- Community Officers uplifted a vehicle which was causing an obstruction on Leith Walk after reports from the public.
- Community officers attended at Hermitage Park Primary School and gave talks to the children in relation to anti-bullying. Further dates are planned for other local Schools in the area.
- Planning is now well underway for this year's Op Crackle – the Police response to Halloween/bonfire night. Community Officers play a key part in the lead up as well as on the nights. Visits to schools, licences premises and focussing on problem individuals aim to educate, disrupt and deter.

# Friday Night Lights

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- 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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## About Us

### Local Area Commander:

Chief Inspector Mairi Creanor

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

Inspector Dale Ketchen

Sergeant Paul Gray

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

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PC Campbell Blackmore

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

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