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Leith Links Community Council

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

- Leith CPT and North East Support Team have increased plain clothes patrols in the last month focussing on drugs and shoplifting mostly in the Kirkgate area and North South Leith Parish Church grounds. Multiple offences have been detected and shopliftings in the area have since decreased.
- While on patrol, plain clothes officers observed a drug deal and recovered a quantity of class B controlled drugs.
- One shoplifter was traced and arrested on 9 warrants.
- After increased anti-social behaviour being reported at the Shore, Plain clothes officers caught an aggressor in the act where he was arrested and released on Police undertaking not to return to the Shore.
- Officers attended Cables Wynd House community forum along with Council colleagues. Residents raised various issues and sought advice from the Council and Police.
- While on patrol, Leith Community and Special Constables stopped a drink driver who had a young child in his vehicle. The male was found to be well over the drink drive limit. He was charged with relevant offences and held in custody with immediate safeguarding measures put in place for the child.

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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