



E DIVISION

Leith Links Community Council

May 2026

Leith Community Policing Team
Monday 25th May 2026



Some notable work and recent results in the Leith Links area

- Leith CPT have been dealing with incidents of youth anti-social behaviour in recent weeks. A youth has been identified, cautioned and charged with 7 incidents of spitting in the Kirkgate and Leith Walk areas
- Leith Community officers were out on patrol when they observed a vehicle driving dangerously out of control, their response colleagues assisted and jointly dealt with the driver who was arrested, charged and reported to the Procurator Fiscal. The vehicle was also seized.
- As part of our ongoing commitment to tackle retail crime, Leith Community Officers were recently carrying out plain clothes patrol when they observed an ongoing drug deal. Due to the officers being in plain clothes, they were able to get close enough to the male to apprehend him. The male was arrested and the officers recovered 131g of cannabis and £980 in cash which was in possession of the male. A search warrant was craved where more cannabis was seized to a street value of £148k, £26K in cash and £100k worth of designer goods. We will continue to conduct both plainclothes and hi-visibility patrols of our retail establishments to support them in deterring and detecting offenders. Work on retail crime in Leith will continue and further funding has been secured.
- Local officers continue to support bus and tram services by patrolling on board to minimize anti-social behaviour. Extensive work alongside Police partners, COPFS, and Lothian buses to gain lived experience from drivers impacted by crime on transport networks. At this time, bail conditions can be set to prevent adults from travelling on the transport system after being charged with a related offence. In the meantime, Scottish Government and Transport Scotland are currently drawing up legislation regarding youth disorder, this is still in the early stages.

Statistics

- Incidents within Leith links area from 27th April to 19th May:

NB. Please note these figures relate to recorded incidents and are not official crime statistics

Drugs misuse – 10

Hate crime/incidents – 1

Theft (inc. shoplifting) – 33

Housebreaking - 2

Vehicle crime – 4

Concern for person – 34

Noise – 11

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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- 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 Alison MacDonald

Leith Community Policing Team based at Leith Police Station:

Inspector Gary Reid

Sergeant Paul Gray

Your local Community Beat Officers for NL27/NL28:

PC John Anderson

PC Lewis Hardie

PC Campbell Blackmore

Plus 6 other officers dedicated to community issues in Leith

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