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Leith Community Policing Team
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Some notable recent incidents in the Leith Links area

- Over the past month, Community Policing Officers have conducted intensive high-visibility and plain-clothed patrols in and around the Newkirkgate area. Patrols are in response to complaints regarding a rise in shoplifting offences and anti-social behaviour in recent months. Officers are in discussion with stakeholders and retail staff regarding a long-term security provision at the site, however, improved local and public CCTV systems have recently assisted officers in various criminal enquiries.
- On 26th January 2024, NEST Special Constables were on patrol in Salamander Street when they stopped a driver for a routine check. The driver provided false details and was subsequently discovered to be disqualified from driving. His vehicle was seized and he has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal for a number of offences.
- Special Constables continue to lead road safety initiatives in the area. Three convictions from cases reporting entirely by Special Constables in the past week have resulted in 2 years and 9 months of disqualifications from driving £860 in fines and 165 hours of community payback.
- On 30th January 2024, Police were called to Newkirkgate, Edinburgh, after reports of a male with a knife. He was tracked on live CCTV footage and apprehended by Police within minutes. He appeared at Edinburgh Sheriff Court and received bail conditions excluding him from the area.
- We received several calls in relation to fireworks being set off in Leith Links on 9th February 2024. A small party, who had been celebrating Chinese New Year, were issued with advice regarding the law and there were no further issues reported to us.
- On 6th February 2024, Police were called to attend a Vandalism incident in the area of Duke Street. A male was arrested for Theft by Shoplifting, Vandalism and Assault and released to attend court at a later date.
- On 10th February 2024, officers attended a call in relation to a public nuisance at a property. They found a male within, who initially provided false details. Diligent further enquiries identified him as wanted for Drug Trafficking and Fraud in Poland. He was arrested and is now subject to the extradition process.
- We are aware of a continuance of reports relating to antisocial behaviour in and around Duke Street. We are making efforts to engage with landlords and property owners within the stairs concerned, in an effort to encourage the installation or replacement of common stair door locks.
- A number of reports have been made regarding youths causing nuisance and being involved in antisocial behaviour. Officers have been deployed on proactive patrols and numerous engagements and interventions have been made. Issues of concern are routinely reported to Social Work and Youth Justice departments.

Local Initiatives

On 19th February, Community Officers and Special Constables from NEST conducted a joint operation with DVLA and Edinburgh Council Street Enforcement and Licensing in the Leith area.

The initiative was run in response to concerns from the local community regarding unlicensed motor traders, abandoned vehicles and various road traffic offences.

10 vehicles were clamped, five vehicles were seized, seven drivers were issued warning notices and 20 abandoned vehicle enquiries have been launched.



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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