



E DIVISION

# Leith Links CCM March 2024

Leith Community Policing Team  
25<sup>th</sup> March 2024



## Some notable recent incidents in the Leith Links area

- Throughout March, officers from across the North East of Edinburgh have been involved in an intensive period of uniformed and plain-clothed patrols in the Leith area. The purpose of the initiative is to disrupt drug dealing activity. The results are detailed on the following slide.
- On 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2024, Police received a report relating to a significant disturbance within a licensed premises. Police arrived whilst the disturbance was ongoing and male and female were later charged with a multitude of offences, including Possession of Offensive Weapons and Assault.
- Several licensed premises were also checked on the same evening, to ensure compliance with licensing conditions. Issues are reported directly to a dedicated Police licensing team, and we regularly take action against those who continue to act outwith the boundaries of licensing law.
- On 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024, a disturbance was reported in the Leith Walk area. A vehicle had reportedly been used by the suspect and it was stopped by Police. A search of the vehicle found a hammer within. The male suspect was arrested and conveyed to custody. He was held in custody to appear at Edinburgh Sheriff Court the next lawful day.
- Community officers continue to respond to reports of abandoned and untaxed vehicles in the Leith and Restalrig areas. Members of the public are advised to contact City of Edinburgh Council or DVLA, who take primary for abandoned and untaxed vehicles, respectively. Vehicles can be reported using their online forms. Should any issues persist, please contact us by email and we shall endeavour to solve the issue as best as possible.
- On 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024, Community Policing Officers were provided with information relating to suspected stolen pedal cycles in a storage area on Constitution Street. Officers recovered in excess of 10 pedal cycles and scooters, all suspected to be stolen. Efforts are being made to trace their rightful owners.
- A large number of Thefts by Shoplifting have been reported in the local area. This is of considerable concern to shop workers, who are often targeted by suspects, who act abusively towards them when challenged. Community Police officers are currently in discussion with shop staff in and around the Newkirkgate area, and efforts are being made to ensure a more cohesive security provision within retail premises throughout the Leith area.
- On 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024, a total of 9 Special Constables were deployed in the Leith area as part of an initiative focused on disrupting road-enabled crime in the local area. Three vehicles were seized, several drivers were charged for driving without valid insurance or a Driving Licence, a male was arrested and charged after driving almost five times over the legal limit for alcohol. Several alcohol licensing offences were detected, a vulnerable person was traced, and a quantity of controlled drugs were also recovered.
- We are aware of continuing issues in the area of Duke Street. Officers have engaged with a number of local residents to assist in installing improved security on common stair doors, however, this can be a drawn-out process. In one particular case, mentioned at the previous meeting, officers engaged with all local residents and landlords in the stair and eventually secured an agreement regarding the proposed repairs. Though such tasks are not within the Police's remit, we do make every effort to assist with providing impetus for the necessary changes to take place where possible. Please continue to report concerns to Police Scotland and Crimestoppers as this information allows Police to take necessary enforcement action.



# Operation Elate

Operation Elate is a month-long proactive initiative, which has focused on enforcement against drug dealing in the Leith area.

The following results were recorded in the **first week** of the initiative:

- Three drugs warrants executed
- 7 persons reported for drugs offences
- 4 vehicles seized
- Several pedal cycles recovered
- £33,000 of controlled drugs seized
- Significant cash recoveries
- Knives and weapons seized
- 10 arrest warrants executed



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# 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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