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Leith Harbour & Newhaven Community Council meeting January 2024

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Welcome to our LHNCC newsletter for January 2024!

Breakdown of calls in north Leith/Newhaven area for December 2023 (approx 234 in total*):

- 8 calls relating to public nuisance
- 13 neighbour disputes
- 36 calls of theft/housebreaking
- 9 domestic-related calls
- 7 calls of other violence
- 0 incidents with hate motivation
- 9 loud noise/music-related calls
- 28 concern-for/missing person calls
- 9 drug-related calls

*stats for period 22/11/23-21/12/23

Breakdown of calls in north Leith/Newhaven area for January 2024 (approx 274 in total*):

- 8 calls relating to public nuisance
- 17 neighbour disputes
- 32 calls of theft/housebreaking
- 12 domestic-related calls
- 16 calls of other violence
- 2 incidents with hate motivation
- 21 loud noise/music-related calls
- 24 concern-for/missing person calls
- 1 drug-related calls

*stats for period 22/12/23-21/01/24

Some notable incidents/events:

- Leith Community Officers have been assisting the Major Investigations Team into the murder in Granton on 31st December, conducting house-to-house enquiries under Operation Moondust. We have also been assisting with the investigation into the whereabouts of 35-year-old Khasha Smith, who was reported missing from the Calder area of Edinburgh on 5th January.
- During the month of December, Police Officers from the North East Community Policing, Special Constables, Response and Road Policing Teams have carried out the annual Festive Drink-driving Campaign to keep our roads safe, disrupt criminality and target high-risk offenders. Through dedicated high-visibility patrols and organised road checks, over 600 vehicles were stopped within the North East of Edinburgh and:
 - 14 vehicles were seized
 - 150 legislated breath tests were carried out
 - 8 drivers were arrested for drink-driving offences
 - 8 drugs wipes were carried out within driven vehicles with a positive result for drugs.
 - 5 stolen vehicles were recovered
 - 42 traffic tickets were issued
 - 22 other nominals were reported for a variety of offences.
- Over the last couple of weeks Leith Community Officers we have welcomed the HMS Penzance (a UK Royal Navy Sandown-class minehunter) & FGS Mecklenberg-Vorpommern (a German Navy Brandenburg-class frigate) to Leith, providing security advice and orientation info to the crews upon arrival.

Some notable incidents/events: (cont.)

- From Monday 29th January, City of Edinburgh Council will be enforcing the new pavement parking legislation around the city.
- It is now illegal for vehicles to be parked on pavements, double-parked or parked at dropped kerbs & crossing points.
- This issue is only enforceable by the Council, not Police; however, we shall be referring problem streets and repeat offenders to the Council's Parking Team for their awareness and appropriate action.



Plans ahead:

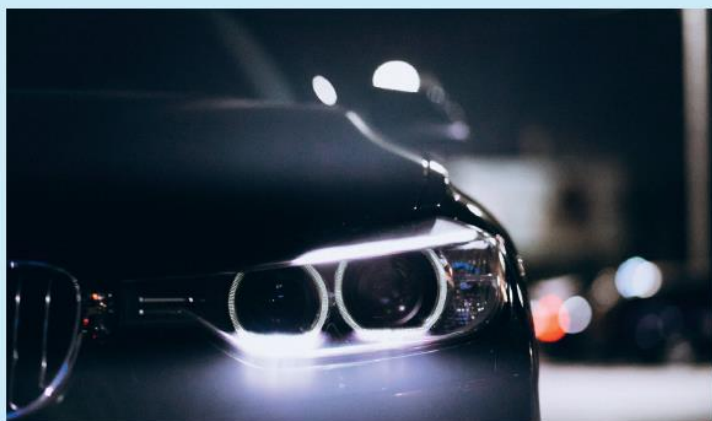
- We shall be attending various public events across Edinburgh and the wider area, including Hibs vs Rangers (24th Jan), Hearts vs Aberdeen (27th Jan) and Hibernian vs Celtic (7th Feb) football matches, and Scotland vs France 6 Nations rugby match (10th Feb). We shall also continue to be deployed to the Scottish Palestinian Solidarity Campaign demonstrations at The Mound / Princes Street.
- On 27th January, Leith Community Officers will be attending at a family-friendly public event at McDonald Road fire station to celebrate the life of Barry Martin, the firefighter who died in Jan 2023 as a result of the Jenners fire. The event will run approx 1215hrs-1500hrs and is open to members of the public
- On the same date, we shall also be popping by the “Leith Chooses” in-person voting event at Leith Community Centre, Newkirkgate.

Tackling vehicle security in the Leith area:

Motor Vehicles are for many of us, the main mode of transport of which we can rely heavily on in everyday life. But what would happen if your vehicle suddenly disappeared or was broken into? Whilst we can't always prevent it there are simple steps that we can all take to reduce our chances of becoming a victim of car crime.

GENERAL

- Utilise your car garage/ underground parking if available.
- Lock any driveway, garage, or underground parking doors, shutters and gates.
- Consider using an alarm for your garage or gates.
- Ensure suitable lighting is in place. Park under working street lights.
- Utilise a driveway parking post to block your vehicle in, if available.



KEYS

- Vehicle Key and fobs should be out of sight and reach.
- Don't place keys near to a letterbox or door. Fishing with a stick and hook through the letterbox has been a common method of car key theft.
- Ensure your doors are double locked, look out for lights flashing, wing mirrors folding in and locks/alarm sound
- Fobs should be placed in a "Faraday pouch" (Secure by Design accredited). Remember to include spare keys. These pouches if used correctly should block the signal to/from your keys.



VEHICLE SECURITY

- Lock and secure your vehicle when not in use (driveway, fuel station forecourt). Ensure windows and sunroofs are closed.
- Remove all valuables i.e personal belongings – car ownership information, money, and electronics. When using the car, don't keep valuables (handbags/ electronics) in view and on the passenger seat, especially during the warmer weather where you may have your windows down.
- Do not leave the car unattended when engine is running (i.e defrosting vehicle). Your insurance may not pay out if your vehicle is stolen in this scenario.
- Position your vehicle in such a manner as to make it difficult for thieves to drive off quickly.
- Park in a busy street where street parking is available.
- Fit theft resistant number plate fittings – stolen number plates are commonly used to hide the identity of stolen vehicles. Use one-way clutch head screws to secure plates.
- Consider purchasing a Secured By Design steering wheel lock such as Disklok
- A security box can be fitted over the pedals to prevent thefts when the vehicle is parked up.
- Consider fitting a tracker, these devices can alert you when your car is active and if it's travelling in a new area.

Edinburgh-wide Police reports & 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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