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# Leith Harbour & Newhaven Community Council meeting April 2024

compiled by Leith Community Policing Team – 21/04/24



# Welcome to our LHNCC newsletter for April 2024!

## Breakdown of calls in north Leith/Newhaven area for April 2024 (approx 193 in total\*):

- 14 calls relating to public nuisance
- 5 neighbour disputes
- 13 calls of theft/housebreaking
- 10 domestic-related call
- 14 calls of other violence
- 0 incidents with hate motivation
- 17 loud noise/music-related calls
- 30 concern-for/missing person calls
- 1 drug-related call

\*stats for period 25/03/24-20/04/24

## Some notable incidents/events – Operation Elate:

- **\*\*update\*\*** Throughout March 2024, Police officers from across the North East of Edinburgh have been involved in an intensive period of uniformed and plain-clothed patrols as part of **OPERATION ELATE** in the Leith area. This operation is a month-long proactive initiative focussing on tackling drug-dealing and drug-related harm through disruption and enforcement, whilst directing vulnerable adults and young people to any required supports. So far, the operation has resulted in:
  - seizure of £55,000 worth of controlled drugs, including diamorphine, cocaine and cannabis
  - 57 persons stopped and searched under relevant legislation
  - 10 persons reported to the Procurator Fiscal for being involved in supply of controlled drugs
  - 14 persons reported to the PF for possession of controlled drugs
  - a further 18 arrests of persons wanted on warrant / for committing non-drugs-related offences
  - drugs warrants executed at 6 private premises
  - 4 vehicles seized
  - further seizures of pedal cycles, knives and offensive weapons
  - recovery of significant amounts of cash (over £6000 in total)

## Some notable incidents/events (cont):

- During the afternoon of 19<sup>th</sup> April, Police were called to Newkirkgate shopping precinct in response to a disturbance involving two males. Police attended, quelled the disorder and arrested a 41-year-old male for Assault and Theft, who was taken to St Leonard's Police station and held in custody overnight. No other persons were directly involved. Community officers continue to patrol the Newkirkgate proactively to provide reassurance to local residents, shoppers and businesses.
- On 17<sup>th</sup> April, a 34-year-old man was arrested on warrant by Special Constables attached to the North East Community Policing Team. The male had failed to appear at court in 2019 on charges of hate crime, drugs and threatening behaviour and has evaded capture since. The male was held in Police custody and appeared at Edinburgh Sheriff Court on 19<sup>th</sup> April.
- About 1620 hours on 2<sup>nd</sup> April, Leith Response officers attended the area of Broughton Road in response to a vehicle colliding with several other vehicles. Officers swiftly traced the vehicle, which had been abandoned, and through diligent enquiries thereafter traced the driver in a nearby property. One male was arrested and charged with 9 offences, including S.5 Road Traffic Act 1988 (drink-driving), possession of a knife, possession of drugs and threatening behaviour, and was held in Police custody to appear on the next lawful day.
- On 2<sup>nd</sup> April, Police were notified of a vandalism to the office of MSP Ben MacPherson, whereby blue paint had been thrown across the front of the building whilst it had been closed. Leith Community officers engaged with MSP MacPherson and his staff to provide reassurance and security. Enquiries are ongoing into the incident.
- Between 1<sup>st</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> April, Leith Community officers conducted a week-long campaign against drivers using mobile phones in the NL26 and NL27 beats. Officers on high-visibility foot patrol were supported by those in vehicles and on pedal cycles. In total, 24 drivers were charged, with a small number electing to decline the conditional offer (a £200 fine and 6 points on their licence) in favour of being reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

## Plans ahead:

- We shall be attending various public events across Edinburgh and the wider area, including the weekly Scottish Palestinian Solidarity Campaign demonstrations, May Day Parade (5<sup>th</sup> May), Hibernian vs Aberdeen football match (12<sup>th</sup> May), Hibernian vs Motherwell (15<sup>th</sup> May) and General Assembly of The Church of Scotland & associated events (16<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> May).
- We shall continue to attend the Friday Night Lights project in collaboration with SportScotland and YMCA to provide social activities and space for young people at risk of antisocial behaviour.
- We shall continue to focus our patrols on the open spaces, public parks and walkways in relation to intelligence of drug-dealing in these areas, using a combination of high-visibility and plain-clothes techniques to tackle this issue.

# 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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## About Us

### Local Area Commander:

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### Leith Community Policing Team based at Leith Police Station:

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