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## Leith Harbour & Newhaven Community Council meeting July 2022

compiled by Leith Community Policing Team – 25/07/22



# Welcome to our LHNCC newsletter for July 2022!

## Breakdown of calls in north Leith/Newhaven area for July 2022 (approx 287 in total)\*:

- 26 calls relating to public nuisance
- 10 neighbour disputes
- 19 calls of theft/housebreaking
- 13 domestic-related calls
- 5 calls of other violence
- 1 incident with hate motivation
- 27 loud noise/music-related calls
- 25 concern-for/missing person calls
- 8 drug-related calls

\*stats for period 23/06-24/07/22

## Some notable actions/events/incidents:

- On 5<sup>th</sup> July, a body was found next to Newhaven harbour near to the lighthouse. There were no signs of life. Enquiries were made by uniformed officers and CID into the person's identity and the circumstances, and the death was judged to be non-suspicious.
- On 11<sup>th</sup> July, Police received several calls of an off-road motorcycle being ridden around the walkways near Lindsay Road. With these types of incidents, public safety is deemed to be the priority – including that of the driver/rider of the offending vehicle. When such incidents are reported, divisional Response sets are allocated to attend initially and trace any perpetrators, with Roads Policing sets requested to support with specialist skills & equipment for engagement with any moving vehicles. Police Scotland relies on local residents reporting such issues timeously and this can be done by telephoning either 101 (non-emergency) or 999 (in an emergency) to allow the opportunity for available officers to be despatched, attend, assess and engage with the people involved.
- On 12<sup>th</sup> July, the Tallink Victoria ferry cruise vessel arrived at the port of Leith and berthed in the Imperial Dock. This is a Scottish Government project to temporarily accommodate Ukrainian refugees. The ship is chartered for 6 months, with a current departure date scheduled for 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023. The ship has a maximum capacity of 2500pp; however, the refugees will begin to arrive over the next few weeks, 30pp at a time, until totalling 700-1700pp. Each person will stay for several weeks, then be placed in more permanent housing across the region. They will be free to go ashore as they please, once registered as residents on board the ship. Leith Community Officers, Small Ports Officers and Preventions, Interventions & Partnerships officers have visited the ship, met the crew and discussed the project & varying responsibilities with local council officers, Forth Ports security and Ocean Terminal shopping centre.
- On 23<sup>rd</sup> July, a group of four individuals was seen acting suspiciously at Leith Market, Dock Place, potentially in the area to steal from stall-holders, tills and/or customers. Through the vigilance of the market organiser and stall-holders, they were deterred from committing any offences and left the market a short time later. Photos of the four subjects have been shared with city centre Community Police Officers, stallholders at other markets in Edinburgh and Lothian Buses. Please remain alert in busy places to the potential for thieves and pickpockets, reporting any incidents to Police via 101.

## Some of the local issues we have been tackling:

- Much of Leith Community Officers' time recently has been spent patrolling Portobello beach in order to tackle alcohol-fuelled antisocial behaviour and youth disorder.
- Over the past few weeks, Police received several calls from local residents of the Sandport/Quayside area about a male playing excessively loud music at the Water Of Leith and potentially dealing drugs. Community officers conducted foot patrols of the area and on 13<sup>th</sup> July stopped a male matching the description provided, searched him under Misuse Of Drugs Act 1971 and issued a warning under relevant noise legislation. The issue has not resurfaced to date.
- On 20<sup>th</sup> July, following information diligently reported to the local beat officer by a local resident, an Obarter X3 electric scooter worth £1300 was recovered from Portland Street. Enquiries revealed that it had been stolen through trickery on 9<sup>th</sup> June and ridden illegally around the streets of Leith since. The scooter was thereafter returned to its rightful – and grateful – owner.
- On 23<sup>rd</sup> July, Police received a number of reports from local residents of an unauthorised traveller encampment at the far end of Western Harbour Drive. Police attended with Forth Ports security officers and engaged with the members of the travelling community, who stated that they intend to remain temporarily. They were in turn provided with suitable public safety advice. Whilst concerns over damage to property, alarm to wildlife and environmental issues have been highlighted to Police, no criminality has been identified. Over the forthcoming days, Leith Community Officers and Forth Ports will continue to engage with the group, who have protection of lifestyle and other rights afforded by the Equality Act 2010 & the Human Rights Act. Even on private land, City of Edinburgh Council (as the local authority) retains responsibility for monitoring the encampment; however, it will be for the landowner (i.e. Forth Ports) to decide what legal action, if any, to take with regards to reclaiming the land.

## Plans ahead:

- We shall continue to patrol Portobello Beach & Leith Links over the coming month, and will be policing numerous and various events including Edinburgh Festival, The Most Wuthering Heights Day Ever and Hibs-Hearts (7<sup>th</sup> August) & Hibs-Rangers (20<sup>th</sup> August) football matches.
- Planning is well underway for the Emergency Services Day to be held on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at Victoria Quay. This will be a fun-filled community day where members of the general public can engage with representatives of the emergency services & armed forces. There is even talk of a helicopter flyover from HM Coastguard!

# The Little Book of Big Scams

- Police Scotland, Scottish Business Resilience Centre and the Royal Bank of Scotland have worked together to release the fifth edition of The Little Book of Big Scams.
- This booklet outlines a number of the most common online frauds and scams. It includes information on how to identify the various types of fraud, how to prevent the loss of your data and what to do should you fall victim to fraud.

- Download your free copy here:

<https://www.sbrcentre.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Little-Book-of-Big-Scams-Scottish-Business-Resilience-Centre.pdf>





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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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