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Leith Harbour & Newhaven Community Council meeting November 2022

compiled by Leith Community Policing Team – 21/11/22



Welcome to our LHNCC newsletter for November 2022!

Breakdown of calls in north Leith/Newhaven area for November 2022 (approx 247 in total)*:

- 16 calls relating to public nuisance
- 1 call relating to fireworks
- 11 neighbour disputes
- 14 calls of theft/housebreaking
- 11 domestic-related calls
- 11 calls of other violence
- 0 incidents with hate motivation
- 14 loud noise/music-related calls
- 45 concern-for/missing person calls
- 1 drug-related call

*stats for period 23/10/22-20/11/22

Some notable actions/events/incidents:

- On the approach to Fireworks weekend, Leith Community Officers patrolled on foot & in vehicles to deal specifically with antisocial behaviour and fireworks-related incidents under the banner of Operation Crackle, so that our communities could be kept safe from disturbance and damage. Beforehand we met with potential offenders to provide safety & legislative advice, we liaised with social clubs and youth groups, and we attended at retail premises selling fireworks to ensure adherence to the relevant licensing legislation. Over the weekend itself, we carried out pre-checks of potential fireworks & bonfire sites before being deployed on Operation Moonbeam to respond to spontaneous fireworks-related incidents.
- Over this period, there were 28 calls relating to fireworks & bonfires across Leith, which were mainly concentrated around Leith Links, Henderson Gardens, Pilrig Park and Leith Walk. This number incorporates calls relating to both legitimate public use and dangerous/unlawful use of fireworks. Most of the Police's work over the weekend was, however, concentrated in the vicinity of Craigmillar & Niddrie, as widely publicised in traditional news & social media sources.
- We have recently received a number of complaints about road traffic offences at the crossroads of Leith Walk and Brunswick Road, with drivers contravening temporary no-right/no-left signs from Leith Walk onto Brunswick Road. The matter was discussed with City of Edinburgh Council to consider how the junction could be improved so that a high standard of safety was maintained whilst allowing free flow of traffic during the tramworks. Leith Community Officers have also conducted static road checks at the junction in order to provide a high-visibility presence and ensure drivers have been driving in a safe and legal manner; as a result, over 30 Conditional Offers have been handed out to offending drivers, with corrective advice provided to a number of others.

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- There have been a number of calls to Ocean Drive regarding youth disorder, both within Ocean Terminal and at nearby premises. Leith Response & Community Officers are making enquiries into the incidents, considering the behaviour for potential criminality and identifying those persons responsible. Leith Community Officers are providing the area with extra attention and engaging with any groups of youths to ensure that their behaviour remains socially and legally acceptable.
- Other incidents during this period include a report of a leg bone floating in the water near to Newhaven Harbour (3rd Nov), which turned out to be part of a disguise left over from Halloween; and a swan causing traffic congestion whilst crossing Lindsay Road (4th Nov).

Plans ahead:

- 'Tis the season...Leith Community Officers are being deployed into Edinburgh city centre for Winter City for the next couple of months, providing assistance and reassurance to the general public whilst they celebrate Christmas and Hogmanay.
- We shall also be paying extra attention to retail outlets and shopping centres across Leith & Craigmillar to assist local security in preventing Thefts by Shoplifting as part of a festive initiative.



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