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## Leith Harbour & Newhaven Community Council meeting September 2023

compiled by Leith Community Policing Team – 24/09/23



# Welcome to our LHNCC newsletter for September 2023!

## **Breakdown of calls in north Leith/Newhaven area for September 2023 (approx 352 in total\*):**

- 21 calls relating to public nuisance
- 9 neighbour disputes
- 55 calls of theft/housebreaking
- 10 domestic-related calls
- 16 calls of other violence
- 0 incidents with hate motivation
- 6 loud noise/music-related calls
- 48 concern-for/missing person calls
- 3 drug-related calls

\*stats for period 22/08/23-23/09/23

## Some notable incidents/events:

- On 5<sup>th</sup> September, local Leith officers assisted in a country-wide operation against “County Lines” drug-dealing. Over the course of the day, £225,000 worth of cocaine was seized and 8 persons were arrested from addresses in Leith and Craigmillar. They were charged with various drug- and immigration-related offences and held in custody to appear at court on the next lawful day.

**Detective Superintendent Iain Ramsay stated, "We are committed to identifying the supply chain which brings drugs into Edinburgh and disrupting the activity of people intent on bringing harm to our communities. The county lines model shows crime does not respect borders."**

- Over the last month, there has been some excellent road safety work carried out by local community officers and the North East Specials Team in conjunction with J Division (Mid- & East Lothian) and Roads Policing officers:
  - On 7<sup>th</sup> September, 50 vehicles were stopped for driver engagement and safety checks at Newton Village and Newcraighall Road, with Conditional Offers issued for no road tax, expired MOT, no insurance and a bald tyre, and one arrest for S.5A RTA 1988 (driving whilst under influence of drugs).
  - On 8<sup>th</sup> September, the NEST used an ANPR-equipped vehicle in the vicinity of Marine Esplanade, resulting in a vehicle being stopped due to an expired MOT. The driver was required to provide a breath test under Road Traffic Act 1988, failed said test and was arrested, taken to a Police station and later released on an undertaking.
  - On 16<sup>th</sup> September during a day of action across Leith by local community officers, the following offences were detected and dealt with by way of direct measures: 1x driving whilst using a mobile phone at Salamander Street, 2x expired MOTs at Easter Road and Ocean Drive, and 1x driving without insurance resulting in a S165A seizure of a vehicle at Pilrig Park.

## Some notable incidents/events (cont):

- Leith Community Policing Team are currently running an operation in response to a spate of break-ins to motor vehicles in the Leith Walk / Great Junction Street / Easter Road corridors. We have been conducting uniformed foot patrols in the hotspot areas and conducting leaflet drops. We have an identified officer who oversees the incidents when they are reported, looks for patterns in the specific locations/MOs, and proactively identifies & preserves any positive lines of enquiry identified whenever possible, whether that be CCTV, doorbell camera footage or early forensic intervention.

**Please could all we remind all vehicle owners that you can reduce the risk of having your vehicle car broken into by:**

- parking your vehicle in a well-lit street, preferably in view of a CCTV camera/doorbell camera.
  - removing all valuables from your vehicle.
  - locking your vehicle.
  - CHECK that you have locked your vehicle.
- On 9<sup>th</sup> September, we attended Bikefest, Bath Street with our Police pedal cycles and engaged with the local community, providing bike safety & security advice and marking over 50 bikes. This will assist both the bike owners and the Police in the event of future thefts of pedal cycles and give us the best chance of returning recovered bikes to their rightful owners.

## Plans ahead:

- Over the next month, we will be visited at Leith Police station by a local scouts group, attending Heart of Newhaven for a MacMillan coffee morning run by MP Deidre Brock and MSP Ben MacPherson (29<sup>th</sup> September)
- We shall also be attending various public events across Edinburgh and the wider area, including Hibernian vs Aston Villa football match (23<sup>rd</sup> August), Hearts vs PAOK football match (24<sup>th</sup> August), Scotland vs Georgia rugby match (26<sup>th</sup> August) and Scottish March for Independence (2<sup>nd</sup> Sept).



Celebrating the Raksha Bandhan at Hindu Mandir on 27<sup>th</sup> Sept





## Tackling vehicle crime in the Leith area:





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## About Us

### Local Area Commander:

Chief Inspector Kieran Dougal

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

Inspector Colin Fordyce

Acting Sergeant Chris Casselden

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