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Leith Harbour & Newhaven Community Council meeting May 2024

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Welcome to our LHNCC newsletter for May 2024!

Breakdown of calls in north Leith/Newhaven area for May 2024 (approx 237 in total*):

- 15 calls relating to public nuisance
- 2 neighbour disputes
- 30 calls of theft/housebreaking
- 1 domestic-related call
- 10 calls of other violence
- 2 incidents with hate motivation
- 7 loud noise/music-related calls
- 24 concern-for/missing person calls
- 2 drug-related call

*stats for period 21/04/2024 – 20/05/2024

Some notable incidents/events – Day of Action:

There have been significant complaint to the Police regarding the use of E- bikes in and around Leith. On Friday 10th May 2024, Leith Community officers carried out an E-bike initiative to crack down on the riders of these bikes, to not only charge where suitable but take this opportunity to educate the public regarding the use and ownership of these bikes.

The Day of Action resulted in the following good work:

- 9 persons were charged with Road Traffic Offences
- 6 person charged with illegal use of E-bikes and associated offense
- 3 driving whilst using a mobile phone.

The Police officer who organised the initiative explained:

“ The safety of road users is a priority, and we will continue to tackle, illegal and dangerous acts which put others at risk. Unregistered electronic scooters and non-compliant electric bikes should not be used in public paths or roads. They can only be used on private land with the owner’s permission. They are classified as Personal Light Electric Vehicles (PLEVs) and are subject to the same legal requirement as man other motor vehicles, meaning they must be insured and drivers must have a valid driving licence. Anyone purchasing an e-scooter or an e-bike should be aware of the law and the implications of using one in a public place”

Some notable incidents/events (cont):

- On 12th April 2024, local police officers welcomed the French Navy Warship, Premier Maitre L'Her, and her crew whilst on a short visit to Ocean Terminal, Edinburgh. The officers briefed the Captain and the crew about the laws and customs of the land providing advice on how to stay safe whilst visiting Edinburgh and wished them Bon Voyage on their departure only a few days later.
- On 11th May 2024, Police attended an incident whereby a male driver deliberately stuck a pedestrian in attempt to cause him serious harm. The 2 Police officers attended immediately and were able to quickly control the locus, assist the victim with care, obtain witness statements and apprehend the suspect. The suspect was later charged by CID and held in custody to appear at court the next lawful day.
- Police Community officers have been receiving training from Youth Link Scotland as part of the program “No Knives, Better Lives” The program is aimed at raising awareness and educating young people in the hope to deter them from ASB and Knife crime.
- On 16th April, local beat officers attended Busy Bees nursery to talk to the children as part of their “ People who help us” project. The officers received a warm welcome from about 40 children who had the opportunity to ask Constables questions and try on some Police uniform. Police also handed out some helpful tips if any of the children need to contact Police.
- Local Community officers have been attending on a weekly basis to the “Friday Night Lights” project which is run by SportsScotland and funded by the National Lottery and brings sports clubs and communities together to improve the contribution sport has on the community. The project is aimed at youths between 9-12 years old who have been deemed “ at risk” of anti-social behaviour/committing crime. Since the project began, we have seen a 25% reduction in antisocial behaviour in the local area. Acting Police Sergeant was interviewed by STV on 30th April 24 regarding the project. You can see the story at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CUTEiZjeYe4>

Plans ahead:

- We shall be attending various public events across Edinburgh and the wider area, including the weekly Scottish Palestinian Solidarity Campaign demonstrations; General Assembly of The Church of Scotland & associated events (16th-23rd May); American War Memorial (27th May); Newhaven Childrens Gala day (1st June); Vigil for Hostages and Victims of Terror (2nd June); Leith Links Fun Fair (2nd June) and Taylor Swift at Murrayfield (15th June)
- 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.

For your info: XL Bully breed type of dog

- On 23 February 2024, the Scottish Government amended the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 to include the **XL Bully** as a prohibited breed type, in line with England and Wales.
- In terms of S.1(2) of this Act, no person shall
 - breed**, or breed from, a dog to which this section applies,
 - sell or exchange** such a dog or offer, advertise or expose such a dog for sale or exchange,
 - make or **offer to make a gift of** such a dog or advertise or expose such a dog as a gift,
 - allow such a dog of which they are the owner or of which he is for the time being in charge to be **in a public place without being muzzled and kept on a lead**, or
 - abandon** such a dog of which they are the owner or, being the owner or for the time being in charge of such a dog, allow it to stray.

Large dog with a muscular body and blocky head, suggesting great strength and power for its size. A powerfully built individual.



The requirement to possess an exemption certificate to own an XL Bully breed type **will not be imposed until 31 July 2024.**

If you are confronted by a dangerous or aggressive dog:

- avoid eye-contact
- move your body side-on to the dog
- cross your arms
- ignore the dog
- remain still or move slowly
- create a barrier between you and the dog
- if you are attacked, avoid striking the dog
(this is likely to increase the aggression and intensity of an attack)
- if safe to do so / adequate distance can be maintained, find something to cover the dog's eyes
(blocking a dogs visions will usually cause it to disengage)

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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