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Leith Harbour & Newhaven Community Council meeting January 2026

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Welcome to our LHNCC newsletter for January 2026!

Breakdown of calls in North Leith/Newhaven area for January 2026 (approx. in total*):

- 7 calls relating to public nuisance
- 2 neighbour disputes
- 19 calls of theft/1 housebreaking
- 10 domestic-related calls
- 15 calls of other violence (7 reports of assault & 8 reports of ongoing disturbance)
- 1 incident with hate motivation
- 12 loud noise/music-related calls
- 21 concern-for person calls
- 2 missing person calls
- 1 drug-related calls
- 0 fireworks calls
- 11 calls involving vehicle related crime (Theft of Motor Vehicle/Theft from Motor Vehicle etc)
- 37 assist member of the public calls (non-criminal)

*stats for period 01/01/2026 – 31/01/2026 – **253 calls in total**

Some notable incidents/events:

- On 2nd January 2026, Police were made aware of a group of youths wearing all dark clothing and balaclavas loitering at the entrance to the underground car park at Western Harbour Place. A short time later a second report was made to Police that the youths were trying to steal a motorcycle from within but had been disturbed and run off.
- On 3rd January 2026, Police attended an ongoing disturbance on Great Junction Street, one male was cautioned and charged at the scene and will be reported to the Procurator Fiscal.
- On 5th January 2026, Police attended a domestic incident on Admiralty Street, one male was arrested for assault.
- On 5th January 2026, a search warrant was carried out at an address in Hamilton Wynd, several items were seized from within and are currently part of an ongoing investigation.
- On 6th January 2026, Police received reports of an ongoing housebreaking at an address in Newhaven Place. Police were on scene before entry was gained and two males were seen running off before Police arrival. It is assessed that the suspects may have been targeting the owner's performance vehicle.
- On 17th January 2026, a black Yamaha YZFR 125cc motorbike was stolen from outside an address at Rennie's Isle.
- Late on 19th /early hours of 20th January 2026, attempts were made to steal a Triumph motorcycle from the underground car park of Western Harbour Breakwater. Damage caused to ignition barrel but attempts to steal were unsuccessful. On the same night at the same location, attempts were made to steal a Grey VW Golf but were also unsuccessful although items were stolen from within. Enquiries are ongoing.

Some notable incidents/events:

- There has been an increase in ASB and graffiti in the Annfield area.
- On 25th January 2026, two male youths were seen to jump the fence at the rear of Ocean Terminal and enter the secure compound before being lost to sight. There were 3x vessels docked at the time, a thorough area search was carried out and no persons traced.
- Reports continue across the area of off-road motorbikes/Sur-Ron style bikes being used in an antisocial manner.

Plans Ahead:

- Retail Crime Initiatives the area. This is aimed at targeting shoplifting and resetting (selling on) of stolen property. Leith/Craigmillar Community Officers have already had great success over the last several months, recovering over £10,000 worth of stolen goods and numerous prolific shoplifters arrested & charged.
- Efforts are still ongoing to organise a Road Safety session at Victoria Primary School.
- As spring/summer approaches, patrols around areas such as Ocean Terminal, Asda, Newhaven Place (David Lloyd), the Waterfront lighthouse, the pier and Leith Links will increase in order to minimise ASB. There will also be a dedicated daily Police presence at Portobello Beach due to the serious disorder we have previously experienced.

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 [Edinburgh - Police Scotland](#). 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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Local Area Commander:

Chief Inspector Alison MacDonald

Leith Community Policing Team based at Leith Police Station:

Inspector Gary Reid
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