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Leith Harbour & Newhaven Community Council meeting Feb/Mar/Apr 2026

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Welcome to our LHNCC newsletter for January 2026!

Breakdown of calls in North Leith/Newhaven area for February(233)/March(271)/April(285) 2026 (approx. in total*):

- 59 calls relating to public nuisance
- 16 neighbour disputes
- 49 calls of theft/12 housebreaking
- 21 domestic-related calls
- 15 calls of other violence (17 reports of assault & 40 reports of ongoing disturbance)
- 7 incidents with hate motivation
- 48 loud noise/music-related calls
- 60 concern-for person calls
- 12 missing person calls
- 4 drug-related calls
- 0 fireworks calls
- 17 calls involving vehicle related crime (Theft of Motor Vehicle/Theft from Motor Vehicle etc)
- 100 assist member of the public calls (non-criminal)

*stats for period 01/02/2026 – 30/04/2026 – **785 calls in total**

Some notable incidents/events:

- Around 0250hrs on 2nd February 2026, Police attended Commercial Wharf following reports of someone within the water shouting for help. Police attended and traced a female within the water; she was removed from the water and placed in the care of Scottish Ambulance Service.
- Around 1800hrs on 5th February 2026, Police attended Portland Street following reports of a cyclist being knocked off their bike by a car. The driver of the vehicle had left the scene but was later traced, the cyclist suffered a leg injury.
- On and around the 6th February 2026, Police received multiple reports of vehicles being vandalised in the Ocean Drive area whereby nails were being forced into the tires of vehicles.
- On 7th February 2026 within Ocean Terminal car park, Roads Policing officers on routine patrol observed a vehicle and occupants with a strong smell of cannabis coming from within. The persons/vehicle were searched under S.23 Misuse Drugs Act 1971 and the driver later arrested and charged for failing a roadside drugs wipe.
- Around 16th February 2026, Police received reports of a male who appeared to be living in the underground car park of Western Harbour and that said male appeared to be lighting fires and using a gas cooker. A welfare check was carried out, during which it was established that the male was wanted on several warrants therefore he was arrested and removed from the area.
- On 19th February 2026 North Junction Street area, a vehicle driven by suspect persons wearing a balaclava collided with a marked Police vehicle and thereafter made off at speed, failing to stop. The vehicle was later traced locked and secure nearby and found to have been stolen during a housebreaking in the Dunbar area.

Some notable incidents/events:

- On 3rd March 2026 on North Junction Street, Edinburgh, Police seized an illegal and unregistered electric Pedal cycle which was being ridden in an anti-social/dangerous manner.
- On 9th March 2026, Police recovered a stolen vehicle from Hawthornvale.
- On 15th March 2026 at Western Harbour View, a vehicle had its wheel stolen while parked in the underground car park. Enquiries are ongoing.
- On 18th March 2026 at Portland Street, Police received reports of a garden shed being broken into and several thousand pounds worth of bikes and equipment were stolen.
- On 18th March 2026, a housebreaking occurred at a flat in Nichollfield during which a number of high value electronic items, designer clothing and expensive jewellery were stolen. Police have identified the person responsible, and they have subsequently been arrested, cautioned and charged.
- On 19th March 2026 as part of Police Scotland's operations against Serious and Organised Crime, a warrant was executed at an address on North Fort Street, during which a number of items and cash relating to drug supply were seized.
- On 8th April 2026, a member of the public was bitten by a dangerous dog outside Sainsburys on Bernard Street, Edinburgh. The dog warden has been contacted and is dealing with the matter.
- Throughout April, youths have been causing issues on the Water of Leith Walkway near to Chancelot Grove, throwing items at vehicles and passers by as well as using off road bikes/electric bikes in an anti-social manner. High visibility and plain clothes patrols are in place and Police are continually monitoring the area.
- On 21st April 2026, a wilful fire-raising occurred on Commercial street, whereby a van was intentionally set on fire.
- On 28th April 2026, warrants were executed at two addresses within the Western Harbour Complex, a significant recovery of drugs and cash were seized.

Plans Ahead:

- Attendance at LHNCC meeting on 26/05/2026
- Attendance at WH Community Council meeting on 11/06/2026
- School visit to Victoria Primary School
- Newhaven Harbour after school club station visit
- Plain clothes patrols targeting ASB/drug activity and illegal motorbikes/e-bikes
- Portobello beach patrols throughout summer
- Ocean Terminal/tram network patrols

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:

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