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## Leith Central CCM February 2023

Leith Community Policing Team  
February 2023



# Welcome to your LCCC Newsletter for February 2023

## Calls of interest to the Police in Edinburgh Leith Central area 23/01/2023 - 19/02/2023

Total number of calls between 23/01/2023 & 19/02/2023 - **660**

Disturbance calls 40

Crimes of Dishonesty reports 73

Drugs misuse reports 9

Public Nuisance / Anti Social Behaviour 75

# Community issues

## Anti Social behaviour

Police officers identify and attend protracted neighbour disputes in the relevant areas. They triage and advice reports accordingly and link with City of Edinburgh Council FHS department or housing associations to resolve reported issues.

Number of licensing issues were raised around Spey Lounge pub on Leith Walk. reported around Ongoing work of local community officers with Police Scotland's licensing department and the Licensing Board resulted in a review and change of operating hours of the pub/.

## Road Traffic matters

Local community officers continue to monitor complaints from public regarding traffic restrictions around Brunswick Road and London Road. Proactive patrols continue to be carried out.

Special Constables, volunteers working as part of our team, have carried out a number of road traffic initiatives last month within Leith Central resulting with a number of traffic, and other, offences being detected. Most recently they stopped a vehicle driving without insurance driven by a person wanted on a court warrant.

## Community support

Community officers continue to engage with local communities via the community surgery meetings. Locations of the surgeries are McDonald Road Library and Dalmeny Drill Hall.

Local community officers continue to engage and support Ukrainian community hubs located across Leith Central area and Leith Docks. Extensive work is underway between Police Scotland and the Ukrainian community in the planning and preparation phase to mark the first anniversary of the conflict in the Ukraine.

An event is planned for 25/03/2023 – Emergency Services Day. The event aims to bring various emergency services working across Scotland closer to the local communities. Final planning stage is underway to deliver a safe and positive event for all.

## Notable community engagements in the Central/South Leith area:

Local community officers in partnership with Places for People held a community surgery at McDonald Library, McDonald Road, on 29/01/2023. The surgery is an opportunity to speak to your local “bobby” about issues in your neighbourhood. Next community surgery is planned for 29/03/2023 at the same location.

A warrant was executed in the Leith area last week. A number of controlled drugs was seized totalling over £25,000. One person was arrested in relation to the incident.



# Shut out Scammers

## Close the Door

**on uninvited callers.** Don't feel obliged to answer the door to a cold caller - it is your home and you should not let anyone in unless you feel comfortable.

## Take Time

**to think before making a decision.** Rogue traders may try to pressure you by saying that they have special deals which are only available today. Don't let an uninvited trader start work straight away.

## Research

**Get at least 3 quotes from trusted companies** before having any work done in or around your property. Rogue traders go to great lengths to appear legitimate - check at least 3 review sites to make sure you are getting genuine feedback. Find traders who have been vetted by Trading Standards through a local approved trader scheme.

## Verify

**that the person is genuine and take a note of the company's details.** ID cards can be faked - close the door and look up the company's number on their official website or in an official phone directory to check their identity. Legitimate traders will be happy to wait while you perform these checks.

## Report

**suspicious behaviour to Police Scotland on 101, or 999 in an emergency.**

**Report scams to Advice Direct Scotland on 0808 164 6000 or at [www.consumeradvice.scot](http://www.consumeradvice.scot).**

Sign up to the Neighbourhood Watch Scotland Alert system to receive alerts about local safety issues from partners such as Police Scotland.



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## Common Doorstep Scams:

SCAM

"We're offering a special deal on landscaping - it's only available today"

SCAM

"I was passing and noticed that your roof needs some urgent repair work."

SCAM

"I work for an energy company - we're offering grants for new boilers."

SCAM

"We've just done some gardening work for your neighbours and can offer a good deal."

SCAM

"We're offering free roof inspections - you might have toxic mould and need new insulation."

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"We have some tarmac left over from a job - we can resurface your driveway for a discount"

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# Neighbourhood Watch Scotland in local wards



Neighbourhood Watch Scotland is focussed on bringing communities together, building community resilience and encouraging communities to look out for each other with regards to matters of crime, resilience and safety across Scotland.



In order to enhance these growing values in an ever changing society Neighbourhood Watch Scotland had adopted the principal of "Your Watch – Your Way" which is a more flexible approach to applying neighbourhood watch, and where possible seeks to use existing community assets such as Community Councils, Resident's Associations, Community Groups etc. as a vehicle for adopting the values and benefits in a manner most suitable for that specific community. Rural Watch Scotland works in partnership with the Scottish Partnership Against Rural Crime (SPARC) and in an extension is an extension of Neighbourhood Watch Scotland with the only difference being it is a portal for communities in a rural location.

**Register at:**  
[www.ruralwatchscotland.co.uk](http://www.ruralwatchscotland.co.uk)  
If you want to join or start a neighbourhood watch or just simply join as an individual to receive messages/ targeted ALERTS from key information providers then log in to any of the following :  
[www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk](http://www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk)  
or [www.ruralwatchscotland.co.uk](http://www.ruralwatchscotland.co.uk)  
Neighbourhood Watch Scotland can provide further support and advice.  
Contact us by email :  
[info@neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk](mailto:info@neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk)  
or call: 01786 463732

## Sign up to Neighbourhood Alert

to receive **FREE** crime alerts and info about where you live



**Neighbourhood ALERT - Scotland** is a secure, partnership based community messaging system which allows service providers to send localised, targeted information ALERTS on issues of crime, safety and resilience to all communities.

**Register at:**  
[www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk](http://www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk)  
There is no requirement to join or set up a neighbourhood watch - simply follow the registration instructions. By signing up you control your personal information, contact details and also decide what information providers you want to receive ALERTS from.



# E DIVISION

## About Us

### Local Area Commander:

Chief Inspector Kieran Dougal

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

Inspector Colin Fordyce

Sergeant Samantha Rose

**Plus 8 officers dedicated to  
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