

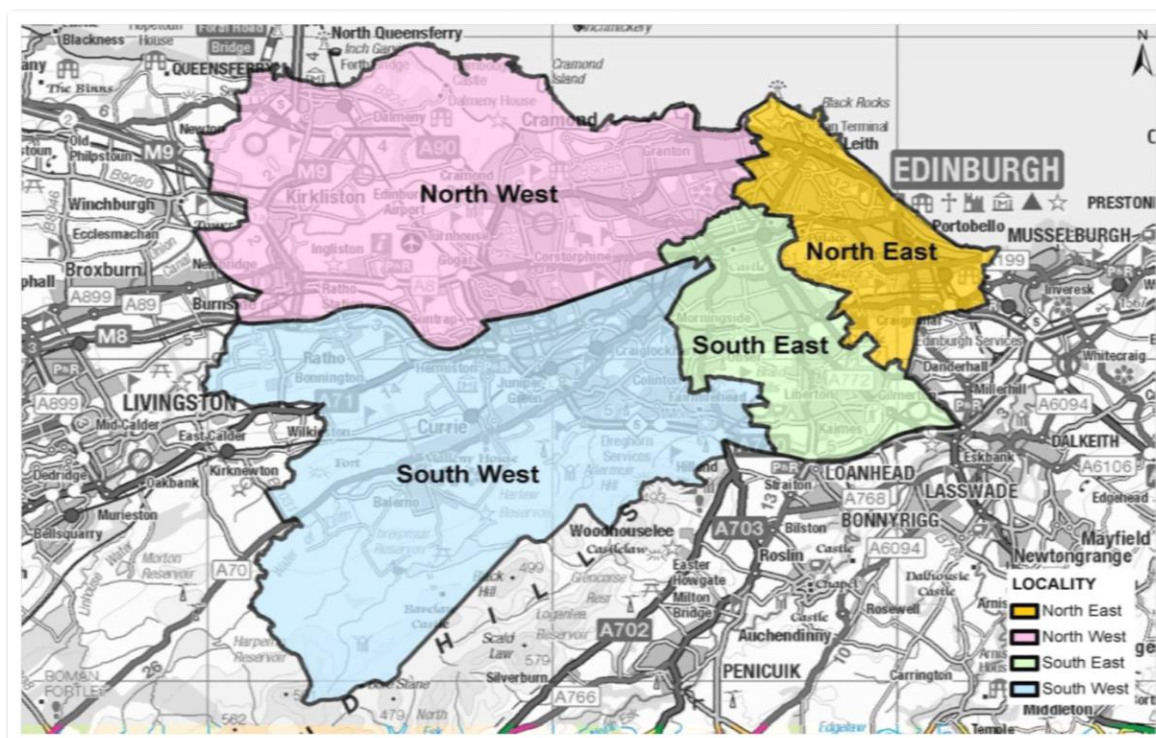


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North East Locality Policing Update

Thursday, 21 June 2018



Purpose

This information is provided for Local Area Committee members.

It reflects recent policing activity within the Locality over the last 2 months and is designed to provide an indication of local crime trends, antisocial behaviour, summarised ward activity and work of Community Policing Teams.

Additional detailed reports around funded ward officer activity are submitted separately to the Local Authority and Community Safety Partnership as part of the Edinburgh Partnership Agreement.

Other planned community safety work relating to policing will be covered in the Locality Improvement Plan updates.

Key Crime Statistics

NORTH EAST AREA COMMAND – CRIME SUMMARY					
2 nd April 2018 – 10 th June 2018					
North East Police incidents in last 7 days		843			
Average Police incidents in last 7 days		120			
PUBLIC SAFETY		TYTD	LYTD	5 Year Average	% Difference
Robbery	Recorded Crime	17	20	15.2	+ 13 %
	Detection Rate	47 %	75 %		
Serious Assault	Recorded Crime	19	14	14	+ 35 %
	Detection Rate	69 %	71 %		
Common Assault	Recorded Crime	291	278	294	-1 %
	Detection Rate	47 %	49 %		
DOMESTIC ABUSE		TYTD	LYTD	5 Year Average	% Difference
Domestic Abuse	Recorded Crime	193	194	233	- 17 %
	Detection Rate	65 %	71 %		
HATE CRIME & ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR		TYTD	LYTD	5 Year Average	% Difference
Hate Crime	Recorded Crime	44	55	64	- 31 %
	Detection Rate	55 %	67 %		
Antisocial Behaviour	Recorded Incidents	1877	2035	2080	- 10 %
HATE CRIME & ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR		TYTD	LYTD	5 Year Average	% Difference
Housebreaking	Recorded Crime	71	69	71	0 %
	Detection Rate	4 %	30 %		
Theft Motor vehicle	Recorded Crime	33	90		- 63 %
	Detection Rate	6 %	17 %		
Thefts from Vehicles	Recorded Crime	60	86		-30 %
	Detection Rate	7 %	2 %		
Please note these figures are taken from ScOMIS (Police Scotland Crime Management Tool) and relate to crime recorded between 02/04/18 and 10/06/2019. These figures are invalidated and used for internal crime management purposes. Validated Quarterly crime figures are published on the Police Scotland website.					

Ward Updates

Community Policing Team – Funded Officer Updates

1. Craigentiny/Duddingston - (PC Graham MacGillivray and PC Martin Wood)

CIP Tasking:

- Officers visited the Portobello Islamic Cultural Centre and the East Edinburgh Muslim Forum to provide information and reassurance to mosque members in respect of the recent suspicious packages mailed to four mosques in England and Wales. No concerns raised by members and no subsequent reports of any packages being received in the Edinburgh area.
- Officers took part in Alcohol Action Week, organised in conjunction with the Community Alcohol Partnership to raise awareness of the dangers of alcohol and ensure our licensed premises are complying with licensing legislation.
- Officers took part in Operation Monarda, a week of action designed to raise awareness of door-step crime amongst vulnerable communities as we move into the summer months.
- The Community Sergeant attended the Northfield & Willowbrae Neighbourhood Partnership Meeting.

Emerging Crime / ASB:

- Officers visited a number of small business premises to provide crime prevention advice in relation to housebreakings. Shopkeepers provided with security advice, leaflets and posters.
- Officers assisted the local initiative team (LAVRU) with three drugs warrants in Mountcastle Crescent resulting in the recovery of 813 grams of herbal cannabis with a street value of £10,162.
- Officers took part in Operation Alternate, a multi-agency road check on Seafield Road, Edinburgh involving SEPA, VOSA, Roads Policing and the Fire Service. From the 42 vehicles stopped the following results were achieved:

Offence	Tickets Issued	Verbal Warnings
Seatbelt	1	2
Prohibitions	2	0
Construction + Use	0	8
Driving Licence	0	2
MOT	1	0
Insurance	1	1
V-Recs	0	3
Total	5	16



- Officers also organised and undertook a joint initiative with the Park Ranger Service to enforce the prohibition of commercial vehicles within Holyrood Park. The initiative resulted in three fixed penalty tickets being issued.

- Officers continue to deploy with the hand held speed gun regularly with one check on Northfield Broadway opposite St Johns Primary School seeing 10 drivers warned regarding their speed. Officers continue to report that drivers are largely compliant with the new 20mph limits.

Community Activity:

- Officers attended the monthly Police Community Surgeries at the Restalrig & Lochend Hub and the Northfield Community Centre on the last Friday of each month.

- PC MacGillivray attended the Craigentenny & Meadowbank Community Council, providing an update on police actions and initiatives over the previous month and spoke to individual members of the public privately regarding any ongoing issues or concerns. PC MacGillivray also attended and provided his support to the 'Muck-up' event organised by the Community Council to improve the local environment by clearing away discarded litter from public spaces in the Loganlea Avenue area.

- During April & May officers assisted with a number of other community events including:

- The annual Duddingston Kirk Parade.
- The Songkran Festival celebrating Thai New Year.
- Craigentenny Social Centre Youth Club (Social media / internet safety awareness event).
- Edinburgh Challenge (Holiday Hunger) North East partnership meeting to discuss child poverty.
- St. Ninians Primary School online safety awareness day.

- PC MacGillivray continues to contribute monthly for "The Speaker", compiling a local beat news article. The recent editions concentrated on promoting Alcohol Awareness Week, Operation Alternate, Door-step Crime Week and pedal cycle crime prevention.

2. Craigmillar/Portobello – (PC Rikki Connor and PC David Love)

CIP Tasking:

- Officers continued with focused reassurance patrols at the Jack Kane Centre and Lauriston Castle to help deter motor cycle related anti-social behaviour. Also assisted with high visibility patrols in the Williamfield Square and Portobello High School areas to deter youths from gathering in these areas.

- Officers took part in Alcohol Action Week, organised in conjunction with the Community Alcohol Partnership to raise awareness of the dangers of alcohol and ensure our licensed premises are complying with licensing legislation.



- Officers took part in Operation Monarda, a week of action designed to raise awareness of door-step crime amongst vulnerable communities as we move into the summer months.

Emerging Crime / ASB:

- Youth ASB in the Williamfield Square area has reduced following concentrated attention from both the police and our partners in the last eight weeks. The Community Sergeant arranged and hosted a public meeting for local residents to discuss the issue in April and a number of actions were agreed upon. The majority of those actions have now been completed and include:

- Joint visits to those identified as 'ring leaders'.
- Joint warning letters to anyone found to be part of the group congregating.
- Joint stair enquiry conducted to speak to and re-assure residents.
- Abandoned sofas uplifted.
- Occupants of a specific flat, thought to be an attraction, visited and warned.
- Joint meeting to discuss tenancy status / enforcement in relation to that property.
- Increased police presence resulted in minor drugs offences and reset of stolen pedal cycles being detected.

Work in the area continues and a follow up public meeting is due to be held on the 14/06/2018 to discuss the progress made.

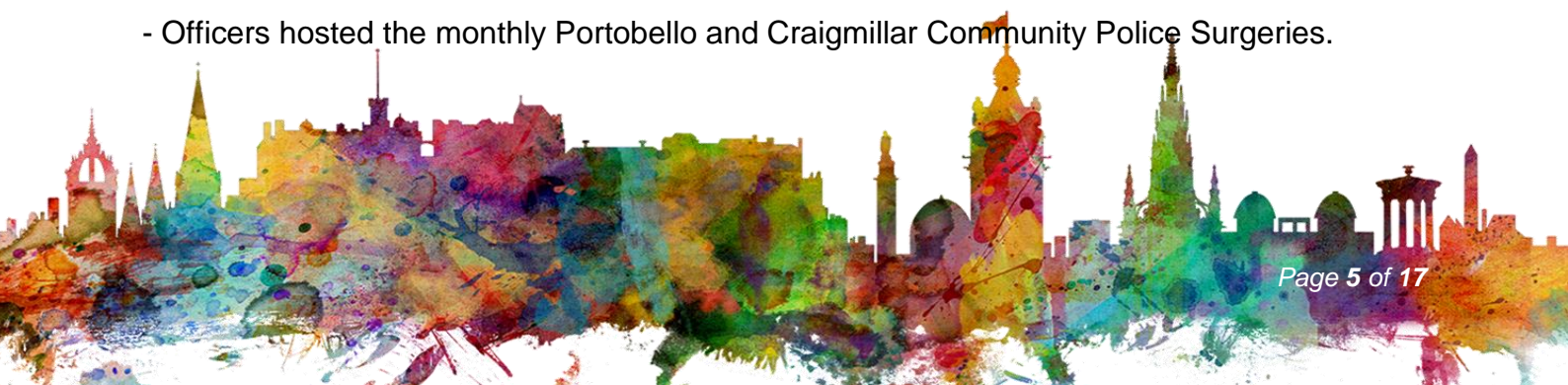
- Youth ASB outside Portobello High School came to the fore during May with a group of twenty students intent on gathering outside the school gates on Park Avenue during break times. This has resulted in some friction with the local residents and ultimately police involvement. Subsequently a number of partnership meetings have been held and a summary of the actions agreed include:

- Increased police presence during break times for the initial two week period.
- Residents spoken to and prevention advice provided by the School Link Officer.
- Names of those involved discussed at the Youth TAC and tiered approach developed for presentation to the school.
- Temporary CCTV camera movement request submitted.
- Environmental Visual Audit conducted with recommendations on how school security can be improved.
- Diversionary activity currently being discussed with a view to implementation at the start of the new school year.

- Officers continue to deploy with the hand held speed gun, targeting the Eastfield, Portobello high Street, Baileyfield Road and Joppa. Again, officers report motorists are largely complying with the speed limits.

Community Activity:

- Officers attended the monthly Portobello and Craigmillar Community Councils.
- Officers hosted the monthly Portobello and Craigmillar Community Police Surgeries.



- The Community Sergeant and PC Connor have been developing our partnership with Edinburgh College in recent months following drugs related incidents in recent years. PC Connor has since provided inputs to accommodation and security staff at Edinburgh College, helping to provide guidance on the correct procedure to follow in specific scenarios and re-enforcing crime prevention advice around both personal and property security. Looking ahead there are plans to provide similar crime prevention and personal safety inputs to new students when the next term begins.

Family and Housing Support Team – Funded Officer Updates

(PC Owen Hopkins, PC Laura Blamire, PC Niall Corrigan and PC Chris Johnstone)

CIP Tasking:

- FAHST officers and the Community Sergeant attended the North East Youth TAC and met with colleagues from the City of Edinburgh Council FHS, housing, social work and community renewal teams. The group discussed and thereafter sent out letters to top offenders involved in antisocial behaviour within the Williamfield Square area.

- FAHST officers attended the Wider Action Group (WAG) Meeting with colleagues from the different housing associations across the North East. Officers discussed problem tenants and issues within their properties and shared information. FAHST officers also arranged for police colleagues from the Divisional Intelligence Unit to attend and provide an input on best practice when staff receive intelligence from their tenants and how best to share with the police.

- FAHST officers and the Community Sergeant continue to attend weekly meetings with our council counterparts to discuss the Top 10 antisocial behaviour issues, repeat noisy music locations and repeat vulnerable callers.

Emerging Crime / ASB:

- FAHST officers attended a pre-discharge meeting at the Royal Edinburgh Hospital for a vulnerable male. FAHST Officers are working with Council colleagues and health services to meet the person's housing needs.

- FAHST officers attended a joint visit with a housing officer to a resident experiencing noise from a downstairs neighbour. The downstairs neighbour is a vulnerable person. She is being provided with support but it was reported that she was banging cupboards and doors regularly. It was explained about the processes involving police contact on 101 and the Council noise team. FAHST officers arranged for the housing association to fit noise reducing measures to cupboard doors and the internal flat doors. This was completed the following day and complaints from neighbours have since reduced.

Community Activity:

- FAHST officers attended a community fun day at McDonalds on London Road. There had been issues previously with ASB at this McDonalds whereby the FAHST and licensing have



restricted their licence due to staff not adequately dealing with youth anti-social behaviour within the restaurant. This event allowed officers to check what changes had been implemented within the store and also engage with members of the public.

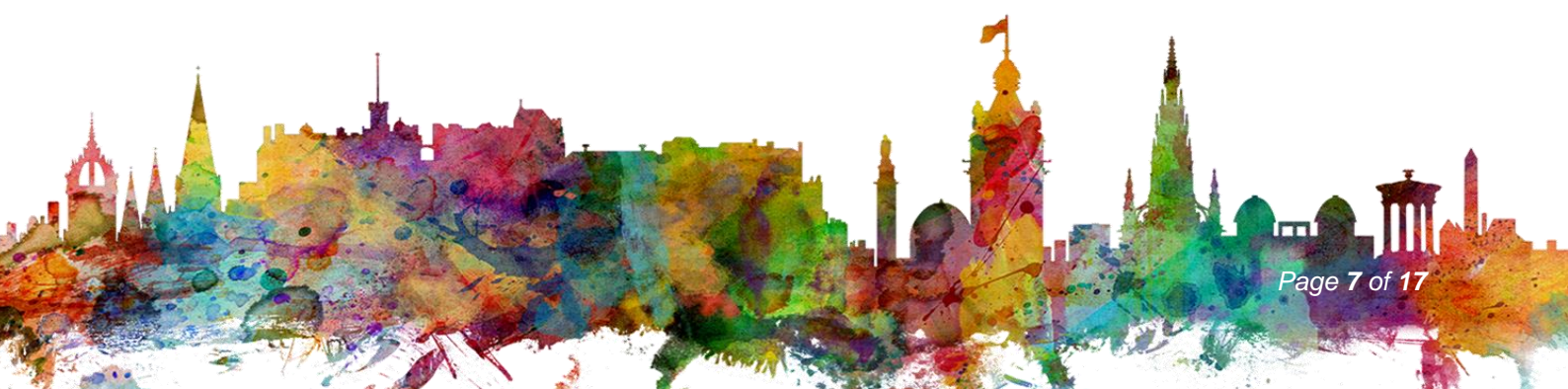
- FAHST officers attended the Leith Sea Cadets biannual inspection by Captain Paul Ward, RN. This gave the opportunity to refresh the relationship between community policing and this organisation, who provide a multitude of training, career and personal development opportunities for less fortunate young people from around Edinburgh. A direct referral was thereafter made for a youth from the vulnerable persons Top 10 list.

- FAHST officers attended a police planned input with regards to trauma and adverse childhood experiences. This was attended by teachers, social workers and our council colleagues. This training was designed to provide attendees with a better insight into the effect that childhood trauma can have on children and adult behaviour and how we can better deal with these incidents.

- Meeting held with Turning Point at the East Neighbourhood Hub to provide staff with a direct police contact within the area. Officers provided an input about the role of the FAHST officers and the team from Turning point seemed very positive about the possibility of further referrals to their team. Turning Point provide advice, counselling, medical services and activities for those effected by alcohol and drug use.

- FAHST officers attended a council planned public protection seminar. This training was designed to provide council staff a better insight into protecting vulnerable adults and children and how to deal with incidents of concern. Officers were able to offer advice on police incidents and our processes.

- FAHST officers attended an Alcohol Anonymous awareness training day for professionals and the benefits this organisation can offer in terms of long term support is an avenue the FAHST will look to exploit going forward.



Alcohol Action Week

Introduction

Alcohol Action Week, held between the 2nd and 8th April 2018, forms part of an ongoing operation led by the North East Community Policing Team working in conjunction with our partners. The vision for the operation was born out of the Community Alcohol Partnership (CAP), an alcohol industry funded multidisciplinary group that works across the United Kingdom in order to tackle alcohol related criminality.

The objectives of Alcohol Action Week were both enforcement and education, building upon the work already completed by the police, City of Edinburgh Council, youth organisations, local businesses and third sector partners.

North East Community Police officers and partners deployed each day during the week of action achieving the following results:

Performance Indicator	Total
Innkeeper submissions (Licensed Premises checks)	29
Intelligence entries	2
Stop Search(s)	1
Formal Warnings	1
Social Media releases	7

Incidents of Note

Police Scotland Youth Volunteers Event – Fort Kinnaird

Officers and the PSYV deployed at Fort Kinnaird where, with prior permission from ASDA and Fort Security, advice leaflets were handed to customers purchasing alcohol. Volunteers also distributed health advice leaflets to all retail premises on the site selling alcohol and utilised a chalk stencil to temporarily mark the footpaths outside each store. The activity was well received by members of the public and activity documented on PSYV Facebook page and local North East Police Twitter account.

Licensed Premises Patrol with MP Tommy Sheppard

Utilising a close working relationship with the Member of Parliament's office, beat officers patrolled with Tommy Sheppard and undertook high visibility patrols of licensed premises. This provided the MP with an opportunity to learn more about the impact of alcohol related

antisocial behaviour within the community, as well as police procedures at the operational end of licensing legislation. The event resulted in positive media engagement, with both Police Scotland and the MP's office promoting the operation.

Input to Citadel Youth Group

Proactive engagement with a vibrant youth group within the North East was an essential aspect of the 'education' strand of the operation. Initially intending to utilise chalk spray paint and stencil to warn adults from buying alcohol for juveniles, the severe weather meant that indoor activities involving alcohol/drug discussion and games utilising 'beer goggles' were undertaken instead. This event also resulted in positive social media.

Trading Standards Visits

Building upon a successful operation within the Portobello area, Alcohol Action Week saw officers from local policing alongside the City of Edinburgh Council committing two full days to inspections of off-license premises within the Leith area. These checks covered a range of matters, from tobacco and alcohol display to elements of health and safety, and included legislatively backed inspection of store houses and vehicles pertaining to respective businesses. This practice presented officers with the opportunity to detect and disrupt any links between local businesses and organised criminality, notably including the sale of untaxed alcohol/tobacco.

Enhanced Partnerships

Meeting with Alcohol Anonymous (AA)

On Monday 2nd April 2018, T/Sergeant Mallinson met with Dougie Kemp, the East of Scotland Public Information Liaison Officer for Alcoholics Anonymous. During the meeting Mr. Kemp explained the structure and operational capabilities of the local AA team. The AA offer a range of services that may assist local community officers and especially Family and Housing Support Teams (FAHST) another diversionary solution to intoxicated vulnerable repeat callers. The AA's ability to offer long term support and personal contact stands out as an obvious opportunity for the police to exploit. Mr. Kemp has since provided AA information packs distributed through the week of action and FAHST officers are signed up to attend an AA familiarisation workshop. Should this be beneficial then we will consider extending an invitation to AA to provide an input to the rest of the Community Policing Team.

Meeting with Edinburgh College (Milton Road Campus)

On Tuesday 3rd April 2018, T/Sergeant Mallinson met with Paul McGee, the Accommodation Manager at the Milton Road Campus, Edinburgh College. The meeting was established to develop partnership working, especially in the area of crime prevention. The campus previously experienced two significant alcohol/drugs related enquiries and the personal safety of students was discussed at length. It was agreed that the local community



officer would provide inputs to accommodation and security staff in respect of how to deal with and report any concerns to the police. A more general crime prevention input to students will be scheduled for the commencement of the new term in August, covering alcohol misuse, drugs misuse, personal safety, internet safety and property security. The local community officer will continue to undertake regular visits to the campus to be a visible presence for both students and staff.

Conclusion

During the week of action the majority of licensed premises across the North East Locality were visited by officers and our partners and in the main most were found to be conforming to the licensing legislation. Those that fell below the required standard will now be monitored and a period of Test Purchasing arranged for those that fail to improve. The week also provided the opportunity for officers to engage with publicans and enhance the working relationship and information sharing process. New partners were approached and actions put in place to help improve the service both the police and partners can offer to our community.

Operation Monarda – Doorstep Crime Week

Introduction

In conjunction with our partners, Police Scotland undertook a week long campaign specifically focusing on Doorstep Crime within local communities. The initiative will commenced on Monday 21st May 2018 and terminated on Sunday 27th May 2018. Areas of prevention, intelligence, engagement, enforcement and reassurance were covered during this period.

It is important to highlight at this point that Doorstep Crime Week was not run in response to any recent increase in volume of this crime type. It was a pro-active approach to help prevent such incidents and re-assure vulnerable members of our community. Police Scotland and our partners continue to focus on Doorstep Crime throughout the year.

Within the North East, Doorstep Crime week was used to compliment the legacy of work undertaken by the Community Policing Team and their partners following a speight of doorstep crimes in the Northfield area of Edinburgh in the summer of 2017. During that spree nine offences were committed in a short space of time by one individual. As a result of the enquiry the male was charged with all nine offences and received a 14 month custodial sentence. Since that time work has continued in the area to help prevent a re-occurrence. This information provided the foundation on which the deployment phase of the operation was based.

Results

Prevention Activity



Prevention Presentations	2
Community Events	3
Leaflets / Posters	100+
Bank Guideline Letters Delivered	7
Crime Prevention Surveys	1
Advice to Vulnerable Residents	12

Enforcement Activity

Arrests	2
Warrant Arrests	2
Vehicles Stopped	33
No License	2
No Insurance	2
No MOT	1
FPN Issued	3
Vehicles Seized	2

Highlights

- LAVRU officers were on patrol following specific tasking to trace named suspect in relation to Op Monarda (upcoming Doorstep Crime Week). Whilst on patrol they traced the suspect in Northfield Grove where he was arrested on two outstanding warrants for assault and theft.

- A joint patrol was conducted by the North East Community Policing Team and the North East Environmental Warden Team. During the patrol bank letters were delivered, numerous pamphlets delivered in the Coillesdene area including Coillesdene Avenue and Coillesdene Crescent, Edinburgh. 12 residents spoken to directly by officers and provided with crime prevention advice.

- A commercial vehicle road check was conducted in Holyrood Park, Edinburgh by the Community Policing Team and Park Rangers. Commercial vehicles are prohibited from driving through part of the park and was an opportunity to target vehicles, which may be used in the commission of doorstep crime. During the deployment officers issued 3 FPN (driving a vehicle on a restricted road, £50) and numerous warnings alongside the Holyrood Park Rangers.

- Community Policing Team officers continued to build on our links with the local Elderly resident support group LOOP, providing an input on doorstep crime to both the elderly residents and staff during their weekly meeting at the Northfield Community Centre.

- Local Day of Action (LDA) arranged with officers from the PIP, Community Policing Team and colleagues from Trading Standards (Edinburgh). Officers deployed in areas across the North East locality that intelligence previously showed were areas targeted/exploited by



bogus callers and doorstep criminals. A combination of high visibility and plain-clothes patrols were carried out in the Northfield, Craightinny and Portobello areas, with tasking also including numerous visits (and leaflet drops) to community centres, hubs and cafes, sheltered housing complexes and medical centres. Officers also visited banks and financial institutions where officers raised awareness of the 'Banking Protocol' in relation to early identification of possible victims of these types of crimes. Any contractors or vehicles seen carrying out work in these areas were spoken to and checked to ensure compliance with civil and criminal legislation, and any trading/licensing requirements.

- Community Policing Team officers conducted a joint reassurance patrol with Councillor John McLellan. During the deployment the councillor and officers continued the crime prevention leaflet drop and engaged with residents providing reassurance and advice where necessary. The deployment also saw the team deploy with the hand held speed gun. The day was documented on the local North East Police Twitter account.

Operation Eagle - Update

As part of Operation Eagle, Edinburgh Division's response to the supply of controlled drugs, the North East initiative team executed five search warrants during the months of April and May 2018. During the searches the officers recovered:

- Cash to the value of £2,000
- Drugs to the value of £51,920.

Officers recovered a variety of drugs including heroin, herbal cannabis and cocaine. So far six nominals have been charged with drugs offences and reported to the Procurator Fiscal following these searches.

This continues the excellent work by the Initiative Team, comprised of just four officers and brings the totals recovered so far this year to £62,330 drugs and £10,690 cash.

1. Leith – (PC Lauren Mitchell and PC Margo Darling)

CIP Tasking:

- Officers offered assistance to safer community's prevention taskforce, providing local knowledge and assistance targeting crimes of violence and ASB in the area.
- Officers continue to attend the Prostitute Liaison Surgery at Links Place, working closely with partner agencies in their role as Prostitute Liaison Officers (PLO).
- ASB patrols carried out in Restalrig and Hawkhill area. Patrols in Lochend Colonies due to concerns raised by residents. Vertical patrols of Nisbet court.
- Officers conducted high vis patrols of the shore following complaints of street drinking and associated ASB.

Emerging Crime / ASB:



- Speed gun checks carried out in a number of locations including Leith links, Pilrig Street and Lochend road.
- Officers continue to provide additional attention to regular anti-social behaviour hotspots at Seafield Cemetery, Restalrig Road, Kirkgate, Leith Walk and Leith Links.
- Proactive checks on Licenced premises with partner agencies- resulted in 200 cigarettes being seized from one premises.
- 2 Persons reported for section 1 Prostitution Scotland Act 2007. One female referred to partner agencies R.E 'Route out of prostitution'
- During proactive foot patrol in Kirkgate a female was found selling items stolen from nearby shop.
- Assisted with operation 'close pass'

Community Activity:

- 12th May 2018 - ASB day of Action organised in the Leith area. 12 officers in attendance, including officers in plain clothes and on pedal cycles. Numerous "hot spots" patrolled and warnings issued. Update provided on Police Scotland Twitter and Facebook page. Well received by members of the community. One male arrested and charged with drink driving.
 - Officers attended Newhaven Gala day, providing visible presence and engaging with community. Well attended and positive response from community to officers being in attendance.
- Officers have attended numerous groups, both local volunteer, statutory and informal community groups to deliver inputs on personal safety, Police procedure and working together. These groups have included:
- The Over 50's club at Kirkgate community centre.
 - 'Link up Ladies' Group.
 - local hostels to provide training and advice on Police procedure and missing persons enquires.
 - Attended 'Pub watch'. Discussed local issues with licensee and with Edinburgh council licencing officers.
 - Officers Attended Pilmeny youth group speaking with staff and youths at venue, continuing Police attendance there. There is a growing relationship between police and the youths at these events which has continued out with the Youth centre when officers have been on foot patrol in the area.
 - Officers attended Leith central community council meeting.



- Officers attended Police Surgery at Leith Kirkgate Café and Nisbet Court. Attendees spoke with the funded officers about ASB issues, vehicle crime, domestic abuse and other general topics.
- Officers attended the Citadel family day-feed the 1000- event. 250 people in attendance and advertised on social media.
- Officers attended local primary and spoke with 90 P4 pupils about stranger danger.
- Given complaints from a number of local residents officers attended with Council and issued notices to abandoned vehicles in Salamander court and Bowling green street. Vehicles to be uplifted.
- Officers attended Britannia Quay residents association and gave input on local issues including bike theft.

2. Leith Walk – (PC Colin Spence and Callum Clark)

CIP Tasking:

- Officers offered assistance to safer community's prevention taskforce, providing local knowledge and assistance targeting crimes of violence and ASB in the area.
- Cycle patrols carried out on the walkways in response to concerns regarding ASB.
- Officers attended Rowan Alba Hostel to provide crime prevention advice
- Joint visits to a number of properties along with housing association in response to noise complaints.

Emerging Crime / ASB:

- Multi agency road check was carried out over one day in three locations in Leith
- As part of operation Agora, divisional response to pedal cycle theft, officers carried out patrols on peal cycles aimed at educating cyclists using the walkway- crime prevention advice was given out.
- Officers attended Edinburgh Cycle fair as part of the launch of operation Agora. Several hundred people were in attendance and police attendance was appreciated.
- Officers continue to provide regular attention to the areas of Springfield and Leith Walk to deter those who may be involved in anti-social behaviour and violent crime. Officers are also utilising plain clothes patrols.

Community Activity:

- Officers attended the Leith Central Community Council and the Citadel Youth Club.
- Officers also hosted Police Community Surgery at Costa Coffee Broughton Road.



-Officers attended Abbeyhill residents association

-Officers attended the Pilmeny men's walking group and looked at issues concerning them regarding inconsiderate parking and associated offences.

Significant Crime/Ongoing operations

Leith Gala Day

The annual Leith Gala Day and Pageant was held on Saturday 9th June 2018 on Leith Links. The excellent weather ensured public attendance was high with numbers exceeding 3000 at the busiest periods. Both local and FHQ officers were deployed throughout the day.

The day passed without any significant events. Officers who normally work in office roles were deployed on the police public engagement stand over the course of the afternoon interacting with adults and children who were interested in the modern and historical memorabilia / crime prevention advice on offer. The police stand proved to be one of the most popular at the event.

A number of officers were deployed on foot in the area. Intelligence and knowledge of issues in previous years was utilised to prevent disorder. No incidents of note were recorded, but officers assisted with returning 4 lost children to their families.

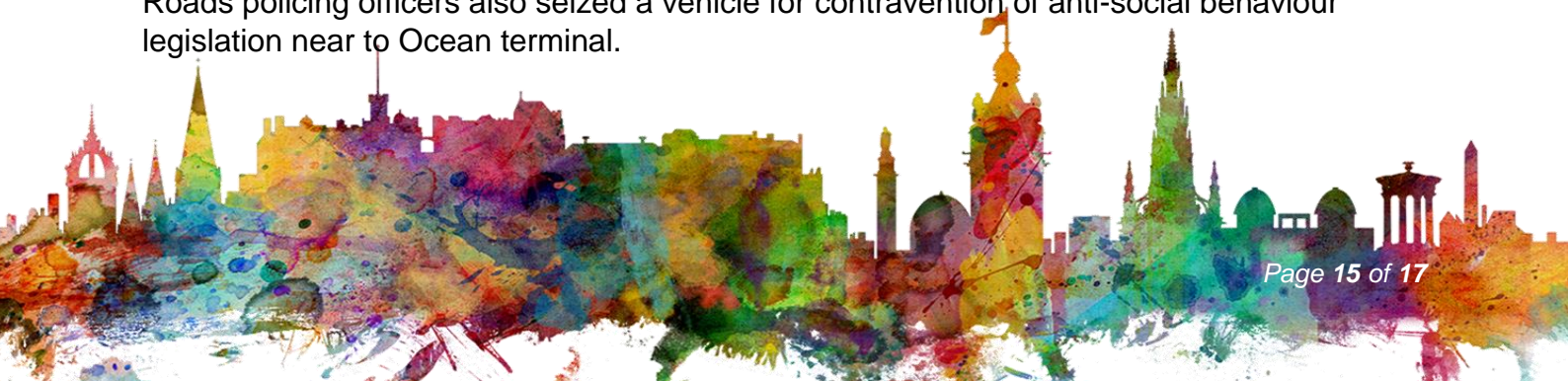
The police presence and positive engagement throughout contributed to this being a successful event.

Roads Policing Initiative

In response to local concerns regarding ASB within vehicles and the criminal use of vehicles Leith community officers organised an initiative with Roads Policing officers. This comprised intelligence officers and motorbike officers. A total of 62 vehicles were stopped during this initiative at three locations in Leith- selected due to complaints regarding driving. 1 Vehicle was seized due to having no insurance and 5 traffic tickets were issued for a number of offences. 5 Separate registration offences were detected and were reported to the DVLA. 14 Warnings were given for minor traffic issues. During the initiative one male within a vehicle was arrested for possession of controlled substance and £500 worth of cannabis was recovered.

During this initiative there were separate deployment of officers with hand held speed guns to the links, Pilrig Park, London road and Leith walk, in response to specific complaints.

Roads policing officers also seized a vehicle for contravention of anti-social behaviour legislation near to Ocean terminal.



Operation Close Pass

In response to requests from members of the community and local councillors, Leith officers arranged for the deployment of operation 'Close Pass' within the North east Locality. This is an operation administered and run by the Roads policing department. A police pedal cyclist is deployed and drivers who fail to provide enough space when overtaking are stopped and given corrective advice, as well as being invited to observe the correct distance to give cyclists when overtaking. In all 8 vehicles (including a light goods vehicle) were stopped and issued with advice, one person was warned regarding a minor traffic issue and 2 people were issued with traffic tickets. This was publicised on Police Scotland social media accounts were updated and received an overwhelmingly positive response with requests for it to be deployed again in different areas within the North East Locality.

Operation Elbrus

Operation Elbrus is the North East response to crimes of violence. As part of this a bid was put in to secure the services of officers from the safer communities' prevention taskforce. This was successful and their officers were deployed within Leith on nine days between 16th may-31 May. During their deployment between 2 and 5 officers were out each day in a mixture of uniform and plain clothes patrols. Prior to deployment they were given a tour of the area by local community officers and shown local hot spots and areas where concerns had been raised regarding criminality by residents.

During their deployment the officers made 14 arrests and submitted a total of 21 police reports for a variety of offences including Misuse of Drugs act, theft, Breach of bail, possession of offensive weapons and Road traffic act.

A total of 22 people were searched during their deployment and 15 of them were found in possession of illegal items, including weapons and stolen property. 11 people were found in possession of controlled substance including heroin, cocaine and cannabis. A total of 150 tablets, 3.5 Ounces of cannabis resin, 7.5 grams of heroin and 2 ounces of cocaine were recovered.

Of particular note three males were arrested on outstanding warrants for crimes of violence, one male was arrested for being concerned in the supply of cannabis near to the foot of leith walk- an area where the community has complained about drug misuse- and search warrants were executed at two premises as a result of seizures made in the street with controlled substances recovered as a result.

The benefit of having these officers exclusively available for proactive work, with local guidance, is clear indeed one male was found in possession of a stolen handbag which was returned to the grateful owner prior to her noticing it had been stolen!

