



POLICE SCOTLAND

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Over the last year we held a number of consultations to find out exactly what you want the police to do in your area. We held street surgeries; ran events with City of Edinburgh Council; took an online survey; and held meetings with health sector partners, voluntary sector partners and key members of Edinburgh's business community. This plan outlines the issues you felt were most important, and states our policing priorities for the coming year.

Public safety is our key objective at both a national and local level, and our ultimate aim is to keep people safe. We will tackle these issues along with our partners, and through prevention and early intervention methods, reduce crime and disorder and increase public reassurance.

This policing plan sets out how we intend to deal with your priorities.

Local Priorities

You identified that the policing priorities for the Leith Walk area were:

1. Antisocial behaviour

You told us you were worried about antisocial behaviour; under-age drinking; noise from local pubs and drinkers; and people (particularly young people) gathering in groups, behaving in an intimidating manner.

2. Drugs and alcohol

You told us your concerns about drug and alcohol abuse in your area; drug dealing and drug use in parks and common places; alcohol being drunk in public areas; and the negative impacts this has on the community.

3. Housebreaking and theft

You told us your concerns about your house being broken into, shoplifting, bicycle theft, and stealing from cars.

4. Assault and violent crime

You told us you were concerned about becoming the victim of violent crime.

We have acted on your concerns and are sure you will have seen improvements in the Leith Walk area.

Actions carried out to date

- We carried out targeted patrols in areas identified as suffering from antisocial behaviour and crimes of violence in order to target offenders and reduce the effect on the community. We used an early intervention process to identify repeat youth offenders and used multi-agency approaches and diversionary activities to tackle offending behaviour.
- We introduced school link officers, police officers who provide crime and social education packages, and work with staff and pupils to discourage bullying, racism and antisocial behaviour.
- Packages also include inputs on drugs and alcohol and the effects they have not only on the individual but the community as a whole
- We carried out uniformed and plain-clothes patrols in areas where break-ins had taken place. Local officers worked jointly with the community investigation unit, roads policing, specialist departments and scenes of crime officers to make sure all investigative and forensic opportunities were captured, so offenders could be identified and targeted. Local housebreaking initiatives were also undertaken and prolific offenders targeted.
- We heightened public awareness using traditional and social media, and provided crime prevention advice and surveys.
- We carried out patrols in 'hot spot' areas where drinking and drug abuse were reported, providing a high-visibility presence to deter these types of crimes and detect offenders. All such crimes are rigorously investigated. Officers from the drugs action team worked alongside local officers identifying and targeting known drug dealers to recover drugs and restrict their supply.
- We targeted off-sales and pubs to prevent under-18s acquiring alcohol, and to make sure drunken behaviour was restricted..

In the Coming Months

- We will work closely with local schools to tackle crimes of violence, antisocial behaviour and under-age drinking.
- We will tackle quality of life issues by working with City of Edinburgh council and local housing associations to target those who persistently behave in an antisocial manner. We will support the use of relevant legislation and share information to help in early eviction of problem tenants.
- We will work in close partnership with crime prevention panels and Neighbourhood Watch associations to make sure we have a co-ordinated approach to issues within your community.
- We will continue to proactively target individuals who commit assault and violent crime in your area.
- We will target street drug dealing in identified areas by increasing patrols, and searching suspects to reduce the potential for violent crimes.
- Community officers will carry out cycle patrols of walkways and car parks, to put off bike and vehicle theft.

Useful information

Leith Walk Multi Member Ward Team

Our team covers Leith Walk, Bonnington, Powderhall, Broughton, Pilrig and Easter Road.

Contact Details

Leith Police Station
29-35 Queen Charlotte Street
Edinburgh EH6 7EY

Group e-mail address

LeithWalkCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk

This group e-mail address is provided for you to contact your local Community Policing Team to discuss non-urgent local crime or antisocial behaviour problems. This should not be used to report a crime or incident.

All e-mails will be responded to within 48 hours.

For more detailed information about your local Community Policing Team and other services that Police Scotland provides, please refer to the Force website at:

www.scotland.police.uk

We are here to help

We will continue to keep you up-to-date with what we're doing to tackle the issues affecting your community.

- If you have any concerns or issues you wish to discuss, contact your local Community Policing Team.
- Dial 999 for an emergency that needs urgent police attention.
- For non-emergency contact, call 101, the single non-emergency number.
- Give information about crime without revealing your identity to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or at www.crimestoppers-uk.org Crimestoppers is an independent charity and not part of the Police.
- Service users who are deaf or have a hearing impairment can contact Police Scotland via TextRelay in an emergency on 18000 or non-emergency on 18001 101.

We respect your right to confidentiality and will not visit you without checking first.