



# POLICE SCOTLAND

## SOUTH WEST COMMUNITY POLICING TEAM EDINBURGH DIVISION



### Community Newsletter July - Sept. 2024

Picture thanks to:  
Thomas  
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Our Local Police Plan 2023-26 outlines our local Divisional priorities and is accessible via [the Police Scotland website](#).

### Your local priorities:

- Addressing violence
- Reducing drug harm and targeting supply
- Tackling housebreaking and crimes of theft and dishonesty
- Dealing with disorder and antisocial behaviour
- Making our roads safer

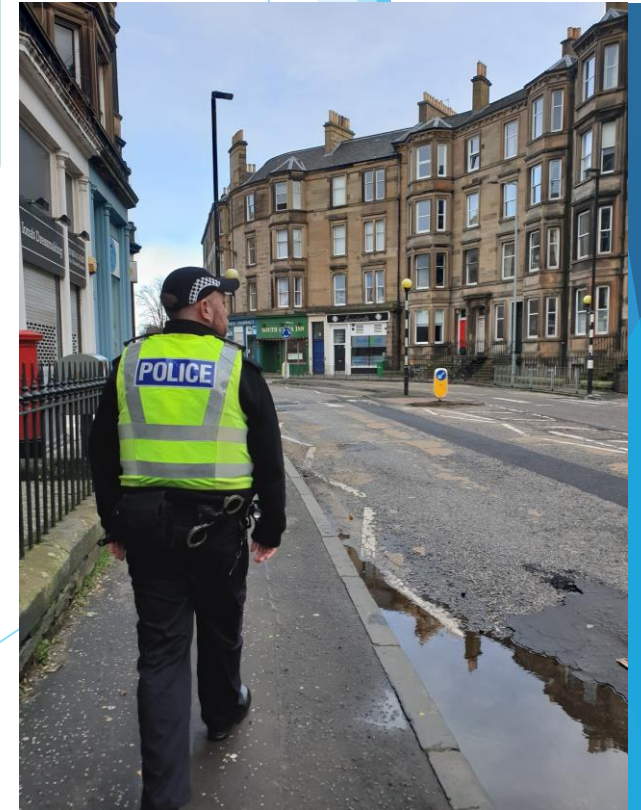
We will provide an update on each priority across the year - therefore each quarter we will provide an update regarding antisocial behaviour, plus one other priority.

This newsletter will focus on:

- **Dealing with disorder and antisocial behaviour**
- **Making our roads safer**



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# Dealing with Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour

## Operation Pillar

This is our co-ordinated response to antisocial behaviour (ASB) in South West Edinburgh. ASB issues include underage drinking, violence and general disorder. Our officers have been focusing uniform and plain clothes patrols at ASB 'hotspots' and also working with partners to prevent the causes. Our focus during this quarter has been in the Pentland Hills areas and Gorgie / Dalry. Officers have been carrying out uniform and plain clothes patrols as a result of off road bikes and associated ASB. Officers have worked in close partnership with the Pentland Rangers and Fire Service over the summer months at the local reservoirs to educate on water and fire safety.

We have also hosted a number of 'Coffee with a Cop' sessions and introduced a new venue, Starbuck's at Sainsbury's, Westfield Road as a result of the store having issues with youths causing ASB. This provides a police presence and offers the local community the opportunity to come along and speak directly to local community officers about any issues concerning them.

## CCTV

We are also working with CEC colleagues to identify ASB hotspots that are not currently covered by CCTV. Five new locations have been identified for five new cameras, plus funding secured, and these cameras will be installed in the coming weeks.

## Dealing with Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour (cont.)

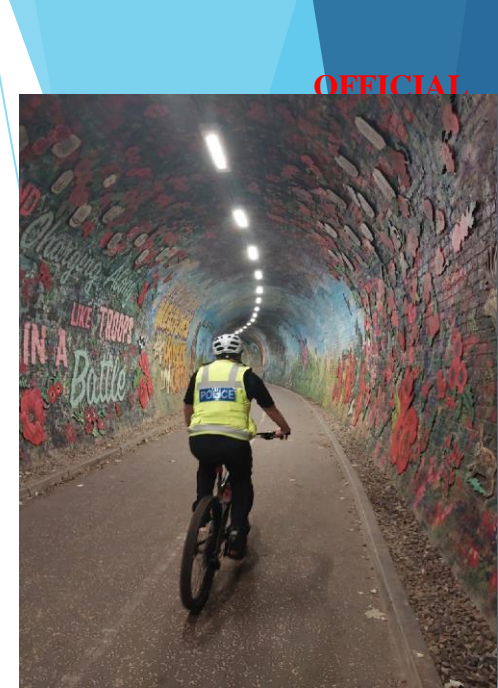
South West officers carried out a week of action in response to off road bikes and ASB following reports of these being driven dangerously. Plain clothed, uniformed and cycle trained officers worked along with roads policing and dog units to target hotspot areas.

A number of off road bikes were spotted and enquiries conducted to identify the riders. As a result, those involved were charged with various Road Traffic Offences and reported to the Procurator Fiscal. Additionally, fixed penalty notices were issued for mobile phone and insurance offences.

As well as this, persons were stopped and quantities of drugs were recovered along with a knife seizure.

Officers were also assigned to Operation Boxy which is in response to ASB during the summer months in the Pentland Hills and Reservoirs.

Officers carried out patrols with the Pentland Rangers and Scottish Fire and Rescue Service. This involved engaging with walkers and people enjoying the countryside and educating them on water safety and fire safety.



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# Making Our Roads Safer

During the first 2 weeks in July saw Police Scotland’s Summer Drink / Drug Driving campaign. This initiative set out to tackle casualty collisions and focused on drink and drug driving, speeding, using a hand held mobile phone, careless driving and not wearing a seatbelt.

South West community officers participated in the campaign during which numerous drivers were breathalysed however no drink / drug offences detected. One vehicle was identified as having no tax, one vehicle rectification ticket issued for a vehicle defect and three drivers issued with verbal warnings.

Community officers also worked alongside Roads Policing officers for Operation Close Pass. This was a cycle safety initiative to promote safe and responsible shared space interaction between motor vehicles users and cyclists to reduce the number of cyclist collisions. Failure to afford sufficient space, pass inappropriately or following too closely resulted in drivers being spoken to afterwards and educated.

A number of speed checks were carried out in the South West during this quarter following complaints from local residents about speeding. Checks in Pentland View resulted in 36 vehicles being checked with an average speed of 18.5 mph. Other speed checks in Ratho resulted in 3 tickets being issued, one report to the Procurator Fiscal and 4 warnings.

Officers also took part in the Young Driver’s Event in September which was aimed at secondary school pupils in order to educate them on road safety in an attempt to challenge attitudes towards dangerous driving and decision making whilst within a vehicle. This was achieved through several workshops and simulators which allowed them to consider factors which may impair and impact their driving ability.

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# Making Our Roads Safer (cont.)

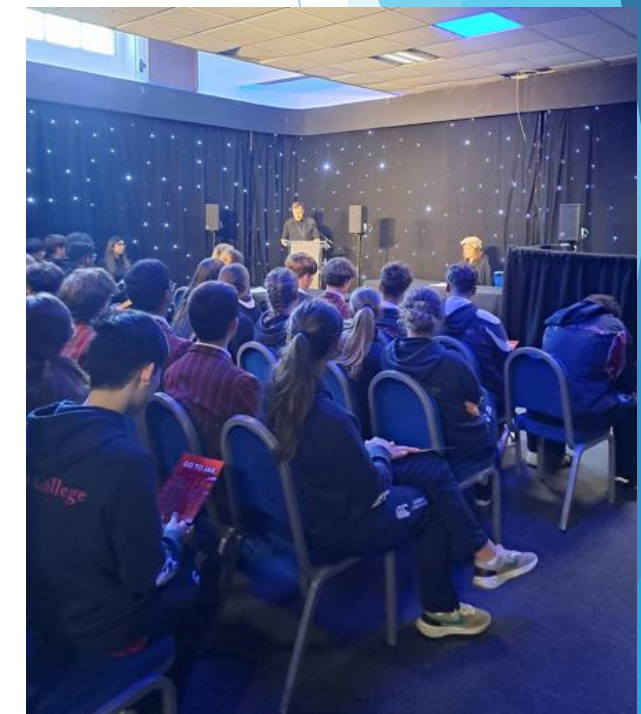
Operation Close Pass



Speed checks



Young Drivers Event



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## Local police news



Longstone Summer Fair

## Community Alcohol Partnership Week of Action 1 - 7 July



Broomhouse Street Party



Joint patrols in the  
Pentland Hills





## Outline Of Divisional Scrutiny Arrangements

On a quarterly basis the Divisional Commander attends and provides both a written and verbal report to [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.

Members of Edinburgh Division's Senior Management Team routinely respond to queries received from Elected Representatives, including MPs and MSPs and constituents' concerns across a broad spectrum of topics.

From a locality perspective, the Area Commander in South West Edinburgh chairs a local Community Improvement Partnerships meeting monthly. This meeting brings together a range of partner agencies to focus on addressing local concerns through partnership solutions.

### Accessible Performance Data

Police Scotland's Quarterly Performance Report for the Scottish Police Authority, and performance statistics by council and Policing Division, can be accessed via: [www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/what-we-do/how-we-are-performing/](http://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/what-we-do/how-we-are-performing/) (Edinburgh Division's performance data can be found on the 'Data Div6' tabs).

Recorded and detected crime data at Multi-Member Ward level can be found via:

<https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/how-we-do-it/crime-data/>

<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/>



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