



POLICE SCOTLAND

SOUTH WEST COMMUNITY POLICING TEAM EDINBURGH DIVISION



Community Newsletter
July - September 2025

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Stenhouse
Primary School

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

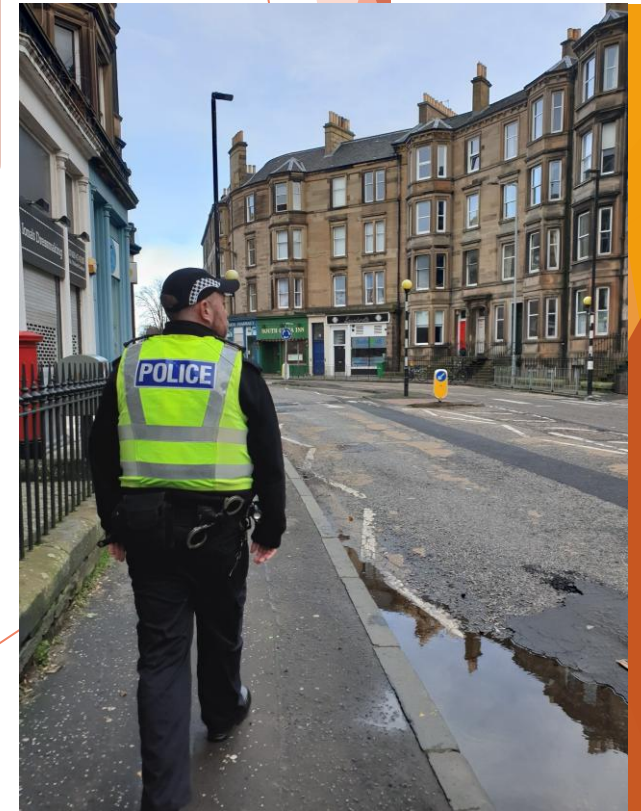
Your local priorities:

- 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



Dealing with Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour

Operation Pillar 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 Pentland Hills and Union Canal.

Operation Bonnard

Following the discharge of a firearm in the Wester Hailes area in July, officers have been carrying out dedicated patrols as part of Operation Bonnard to provide reassurance in the community. This was a targeted attack there are no wider concerns to the community.

As a result of these patrols there have been 20 stop and searches, over £75,000 worth of drugs have been seized with £560 cash being recovered. 6 arrests have been made, 32 charges libelled and 5 arrest warrants have been dealt with. 8 addresses have been searched under warrant and 1 weapon and 6 vehicles were seized.

Please refer to Chief Inspector Bull’s Capital Cops article where he provides an update

[Thanks for helping us to help you in fight against crime](#)



Dealing with Disorder and Antisocial behaviour

Union Canal Patrols

Officers have been dedicated to patrols in September focusing on the Union Canal where they have covered all the way from Ratho to Fountainbridge. Following reports of ASB to include drug use, suspicious behaviour and use of e-bikes, they have shown a presence on both foot and cycle patrols.

Water Safety

Officers were involved in a Water Safety input at Harlaw Reservoir in July along with Tweed Valley Mountain Rescue. Officers gave members of the public a demonstration on how to use a throw line. Sadly in August, someone drowned at Harlaw Reservoir. Police, along with Fire Service are working with partners to include Park Rangers and Universities in order to provide water safety advice and with a view to improving the current signage at the reservoirs.



Dealing with Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour (cont.)

Litter Picking Initiative

Officers have engaged with the public and Pentland Rangers who raised concerns about the litter at Harlaw Reservoir. As a result, we came up with a joint initiative working with the Men's Shed at Currie to build litter boards. These were then decorated by the Currie Nursery and P4 Currie Primary school class. Litter pickers were kindly donated by the Neighbourhood Environmental Services. They are now in position at Harlaw Reservoir and Currie Primary School with a view to keeping our communities clean!

Officers also attended Currie Nursery to chat to the children about what the police do in the community and also showed them inside the police van and let them try on some of the uniform as a thank you for their involvement in the community project. I think you will agree that that litter boards look fabulous!



Making our roads safer

Making our roads safer is a priority for Edinburgh police. An important element of this effort is the flow of information from the community, so police would encourage people to tell us about issues in their local area. If people don't feel comfortable contacting the police then the completely anonymous Crime Stoppers service is also available.

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Making our roads safer

Speed Checks

A number of speed checks were carried out in the South West following complaints about speeding. Checks were focused around Ratho, Lanark Road and Craiglockhart.

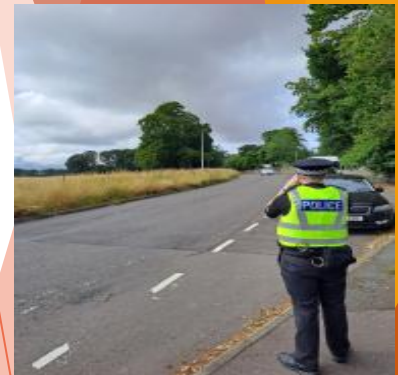
In Ratho, there was general good compliance with the 20 mph speed limit. One driver was stopped and a verbal warning administered. Craiglockhart also had good compliance, one driver was stopped for no MOT and a Conditional Offer was issued. At Lanark Road, a vehicle was identified as having no insurance and the driver was charged and a report submitted to the Procurator Fiscal. The vehicle was also seized.

School Patrols

In addition to speed checks, officers have also been carrying out school patrols since the schools have returned from the summer holidays.

Seizure of off road bikes

There have been a number of reports in the South West regarding the dangerous use of off road bikes, in particular in the Juniper Green, Sighthill, Calders and Broomhouse areas. Officers have been carrying out patrols and seized 4 of these bikes and identified 2 persons responsible for driving them dangerously. They have been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.



Other local news



Kingsknowe Fun Day



Freshers Week at Heriot Watt along with Fire Service



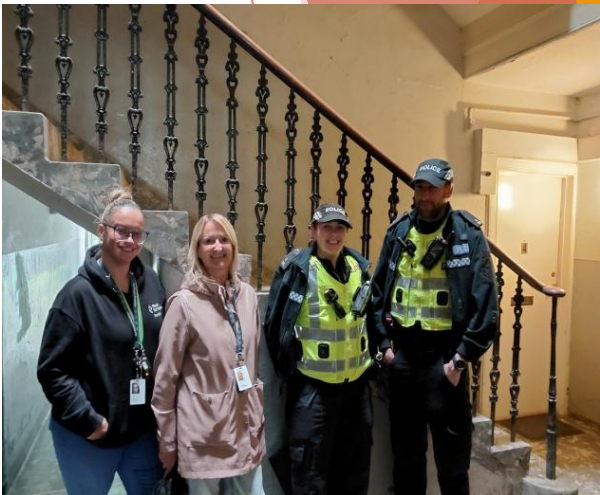
Edinburgh Canal Raft Race



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Other local news

Water Safety Event at Harlaw



Officers were deployed to Operation Summer City during the festival.

Men's Shed at Currie pictured With litter boards they made And one in position at Harlaw



Joint patrols in Gorgie / Dalry with Places for People following reports of ASB



**Edinburgh Division
South West Community Policing Team**

SERGEANTS



L-R
PS 332 Kelly McGarvey
PS 5040 Mark Coull

TEAM 1



L-R
PC 897 Dan Wilson
PC 726 Jack Denwood
PC 951 Paul Murphy
PC 88 Nicola Goodall

Areas covered:
PW54 – Longstone / Parkhead / Dumbryden
PC49 – Slateford / Hutchison / North Merchiston
PC50 – Craiglockhart
PF56 – Comiston / Fairmilehead / Swanston
PF57 – Oxbgangs / Firrhill / Colinton Mains
PF58 – Bonaly / Colinton / Dreghorn / Pentland Hills

TEAM 2



L-R
PC 741 Heather Storer
PC 469 Liam Devlin
PC 390 Bob Galbraith
PC 718 Kirstin Allardice

Areas covered:
PW51 – Saughton / Gorgie / Dalry
PC52 – Sighthill / Broomhouse / Saughton
PC48 – Fountainbridge

TEAM 3



L-R
PC 768 James May
PC 754 Brian Breen
PC 947 Chas Scott

Areas covered:
PS01 – Ratho / Balerno / Pentland Hills
PS02 – Currie / Juniper Green / Heriot Watt
PS55 – Baberton / Clovenstone / Kingsknowe
PW53 – Wester Hailes / Calders / Hermiston Gait

SCHOOL LINK OFFICERS



L-R
PC 278 Craig Blaikie
PC 276 Simon Wotton
PC 174 Gosia Serafin

Schools covered:
PC Craig Blaikie –
Tynecastle High School and Gorgie Mills
PC Simon Wotton –
Currie and Balerno High Schools
PC Gosia Serafin –
Firrhill and Wester Hailes High Schools

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/ (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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- In an emergency call '999'.
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- Report an incident online using Police Scotland's Online Reporting Form or e-mail: contactus@scotland.police.uk

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