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Southside Community Council Newsletter

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Looking Back

- Officers have just completed a week of action focussing on Hate Crime awareness. We held a number of events and stalls with partner agencies across the area including The Meadows, Clerk Street, local places of worship, primary and secondary schools and on buses. We provided advice on what is a hate crime, how to report it and how you can be supported.
- As part of the ongoing Community Alcohol Partnership we have been visiting local retailers highlighting the dangers of proxy sales of alcohol. We have discussed the health and safety impact of young people obtaining alcohol and also the risk to the staff and business should this occur.

What We're Noticing

- Road Safety and speeding is still a concern in the area. We carry out speed checks at identified areas and patrol primary schools for dangerous and inconsiderate parking. With a recent grant we have purchased a number of "Parking Buddy" signs and banners for local primary schools. Each primary school has an officer to assist with parking and road safety issues and each school will get use of signs and banners in coming months.
- Pedal cycle thefts are occurring in the Southside area. Please ensure that bikes are well secured using a good lock / chain / ground anchor, register it on the National Cycle Database and never leave your bike unattended and insecure even for a short time. Further advice is on the Police Scotland webpage.

Looking Forward

- As we move through 2022 we look forward to working with as many of our partners, local residents and businesses as possible. We will continue to tackle road safety issues across the area, work to reduce incidents of ASB using a range of tactics including education, diversion and enforcement. Please report any concerns using the details at the end of this report. Crimestoppers can be used to report issues anonymously.
- Community and specialist officers will also be focussing on serious and organised crime, drugs and crimes of dishonesty with several operations planned.

Your Community Team

Local Area Commander:
Chief Inspector Murray Tait

St Leonards Community Policing
Team:

Inspector Carlyn Simpson

Sergeant Barry Mercer

Plus seven officers dedicated to
community issues within the St
Leonards area. Two School Link
Officers also cover James
Gillespie's and St Thomas of
Aquin's High Schools

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