

Police and Partner Agencies Tackle Community Issues, Leith



Police Scotland and their partners have launched a multi-agency operation to tackle crime and improve the quality of life for local residents in Leith.

Officers in Edinburgh are working closely with colleagues from the City of Edinburgh Council and Scotland Fire and Rescue to address a number of community concerns for those who live in the Cables Wynd area.

During enforcement activity carried out yesterday Wednesday, police executed a number of drug warrants at various addresses and two men aged 43 and 35 have been charged under the Misuse of Drugs Act and will be reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

Numerous pieces of intelligence were also gathered and this now will be progressed by local officers in due course.

As part of Police Scotland's commitment to keeping people safe, the Leith Community Policing Team will join representatives City of Edinburgh Council Community Safety Officers, Trading Standards Officers and Environmental Wardens, along with fire service officials, to engage with the Cables Wynd community and identify the issues affecting them.

Similar operations have already proven successful in the West of the Capital and in Albert Street, where police and partners carried out joint activity last year.

The multi-agency presence in Cables Wynd will continue until Friday 12th July with local officers holding street surgeries in the area and other agencies offering a range of advice and

information to residents and businesses.

Sergeant Neil Thomson from the Leith Community Policing Team said: "Following recent dialogue with the Cables Wynd community, we established that drug crime and antisocial behaviour were among the problems affecting the area.

"We are now working alongside our partners to address these issues and will be engaging with local residents to identify any other concerns they may have.

"Any issues that are brought to our attention will be dealt with appropriately as part of our commitment to making our communities safer and improving the quality of life for the public in Cables Wynd.

"I would urge the public to take advantage of these engagement opportunities and speak with police, council or the fire service about any matters currently impacting on them."

Community Safety Leader, Councillor Cammy Day, said: "Drug abuse can seriously blight communities and often leads to an increase in crime and general antisocial behaviour.

"By working with our partner agencies and local residents through initiatives like this, we can identify exactly where these problems exist and address them to make Leith a safer place for everyone.

"I would like to encourage anyone in the local area with information or suggestions that might be helpful to get in touch. This feedback is invaluable and can help us to make a real difference to the quality of life for all members of the community."