

# **Police to use stop and search powers ahead of, during and after Edinburgh derby**

**Police officers will use stop and search powers in the vicinity of Easter Road and the city centre ahead of, during and after Sunday's Edinburgh derby.**

In recent months police officers have responded to several incidents of football-related disorder and violence in Edinburgh.

As a result, Chief Superintendent David Robertson has authorised the use of powers under Section 60 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994.

This allows officers to stop and search people where this is appropriate and necessary, either in vehicles or on foot.

This power allows officers to require the removal of any item the officer believes is being used wholly or partly for the purposes of concealing their identity.

The Section 60 stop and search power remains in force in various areas including the city centre and Leith from 10.30am to 4.30pm on Sunday, 2 March, 2025.

It will be used responsibly and when justified to help prevent disorder and serious violence.

Chief Superintendent David Robertson said: "Over the past few

months, we have responded to several incidents of disorder and violence linked to football events in Edinburgh.

“Attacks on police officers, possession of offensive weapons or dangerous instruments, and attempts to evade justice by concealing their identity will not be tolerated. Our officers will take all necessary action to ensure public safety.

“This type of behaviour impacts the local community and the vast majority of football fans who simply want to enjoy these events safely.”