

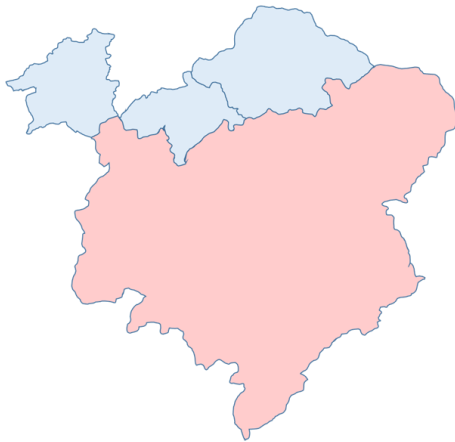
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Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Tweeddale East and West Community Councils Multi Member Ward Report for September 2022



The information provided within this report, is predominately based on the Tweeddale East & West Multi Member Ward Policing Plan and the areas you have identified as priorities.

The data provided in this report is for information purposes only and is not official crime statistics. Due to delayed reporting or recording of crimes, incidents or road accidents and the management of crime enquiries, there is likely to be differences between the information in this report and the final Police Scotland statistics. It would not be appropriate to refer to, quote or use any data in this report as official statistics.

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Community Sergeant Update

September has been another busy month of events in the Scottish Borders, many which attract people and organisations from all over the country. This included the TweedLove cycling festival in Peebles. Unfortunately these events can attract criminals as the theft of high value bikes continues to be an issue due to the popularity of the area. Crime prevention is taking place to raise awareness of this type of crime and ensure that bike owners remain vigilant to any suspicious activity. We would encourage this to be reported to police at the nearest opportunity.

The Borders has continued to experience rural vehicle thefts / crimes and we have been working alongside our neighbouring police force to tackle this problem pro-actively. Operation Winterberry was set up alongside Northumbria police where high visibility patrols and numerous vehicle stops were carried out and action taken where appropriate. This will send the message to those responsible that crossing regional boundaries will not deter police from sharing intelligence and information. In addition to this, reminding owners to ensure they put effective security measures in place to deter any travelling criminals. This would include installing alarm systems where vehicles are kept, ensuring there is good lighting and CCTV, installing trackers to vehicles and ensuring keys are stored in a separate location.

July's report seen a reminder sent on the different methods that the public can contact the police to report crime. In recent months we have been informed of frustration amongst the public with regards to increased anti-social behaviour in Peebles however this does not always reflect what is being directly reported to us. Any reminders to the community of ensuring they report any offending behaviour through the proper channels as this will enable us to take action, and work alongside the public.

October will see Community Policing increase patrols in this area and work closely with the High Schools to deter this behaviour and provide reassurance to the community.

The below link gives access to the latest Scrutiny panel document for the Police, Fire and Rescue and Safer Communities Board, which sits every quarter at Scottish Borders Council.

[Item No. 5 a ii - Scottish Borders Scrutiny - Q1 2022-23.pdf \(modern.gov.co.uk\)](#)

This document reporting on progress reports and updates on service matters from Police Scotland as presented by the Local Area Commander CI Vinnie Fisher.

Local Policing Priorities

1. Protecting most vulnerable
2. Reducing violence and Anti-Social Behaviour
3. Reducing acquisitive crime
4. Improving road safety
5. Tackling serious and organised crime

Protecting most vulnerable



In September 2022 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 124 mental health related calls, around 39 missing person enquiries and approximately 67 domestic related incidents.

Tweeddale East and West had 16 mental health related calls and 9 missing person enquiries. Due to GDPR and protection of victims/subjects involved, we are unable to share any more specific information in relation to these type of call within this report.

Police Scotland work in collaboration with key partners to assist the most vulnerable within the communities and to provide support.



Reducing Violence and Anti-Social Behaviour

Assaults

01/09/22 – report of a youth being assaulted outside Peebles High School. A 14 year old youth has been reported for minor assault.

17/09/22 – report of youth being assaulted in Victoria Park, Peebles. Two 15 year old youths have been reported for minor assault.

17/09/22 – report of youth being assaulted in Victoria Park, Peebles. A youth has been reported for minor assault.

21/09/22 – report of a youth being assaulted in Glen Road, Peebles. Enquiries ongoing.

23/09/22 – report of a youth being assaulted in Victoria Park, Peebles. Enquiries are ongoing.

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28/09/22 – report of youth being assaulted in Victoria Park, Peebles. Youth has been reported for minor assault.

Anti-Social Behaviour

01/09/22 – report of youths within car park at West Linton Primary School. No trace on officers attending.

02/09/22 – report of youths knocking on windows and doors at a property in Kittlegairy Road, Peebles. No trace on officers attending.

02/09/22 - report of youths being under the influence and causing a nuisance in School Brae, Peebles. Officers were on patrol nearby and spoke to four sober youths.

03/09/22 – report of youths throwing items, shouting and swearing in Victoria Park, Peebles. No trace on officers attending.

03/09/22 – report of youths gathering outside chip shop on High Street, Peebles causing damage. Officers attended no youths – adults making their way home from night out.

10/09/22 – report of four females being aggressive and refusing to leave licensed premises on High Street, Peebles. Females left on request of officers.

10/09/22 – report of male and female youths fighting on Tweed Green, Peebles. Officers attended timeously and saw a few youths but nothing ongoing.

11/09/22 – report of youths playing loud music on High Street, Peebles. Officers attended and confiscated speaker.

17/09/22 – report of youths on scooters and bikes in Northgate/Cuddyside causing a nuisance and being abusive to residents.

23/09/22 – report of youths throwing apples at a conservatory in St. Ronans Terrace, Innerleithen. No damage caused.

23/09/22 – report of youths throwing stones at staff from Youth Club in School Brae, Peebles.

28/09/22 – report of youths on bikes in Northgate/Cuddyside causing a nuisance.

Vandalism

03/09/22 – report of youths damaging property on Tweed Green.

14/09/22 – report of a rear window of a vehicle being damaged whilst parked on Glen Road, Peebles.

16/09/22 – report of a window being broken on a caravan in Cleland Avenue, Peebles.

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20/09/22 – Between 2000 and 2200 a bench outside Ramblers, Old Town, Peebles was damaged.

21/09/22 – 2 benches within the play park at Cardrona were damaged and had to be removed by Scottish Borders Council.

26/09/22 – a window screen was smashed on a vehicle whilst it was parked on Peebles Road, Walkerburn.



Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Theft by Housebreaking

01/09/22 – an attempt was made to break into a property in Tarfhaugh Brae, West Linton.

02/09/22 – report of a property being broken into at Soonhope, Peebles

26/09/22 – a window was smashed and items stolen from Celebrations, High Street, Peebles.

Theft

03/09/22 – 2 mountain bikes were stolen from the rear of a vehicle which was parked near Tweed Bridge, Traquair Road, Innerleithen.

05/09/22 – report of attempts to steal bikes from the rear of a vehicle at Glentress.

05/09/22 – a bike rack was stolen from a vehicle at Earlypier Cottage, Eddleston.

09/09/22 – report of batteries being stolen from a mast in the Manor Valley.

18/09/22 – report of persons attempting to steal bikes from Glentress.

19/09/22 – between 2300 18/09/22 and 0600 19/09/22 a van was broken into whilst parked in St. Ronans Terrace, Innerleithen and 18 bikes stolen.

22/09/22 – report of milk being stolen from Ballantyne Place, Peebles.



Improving Road Safety

Road Traffic Offences

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01/09/22 – driver has been reported for having no insurance or MOT whilst driving on A72 between Innerleithen and Walkerburn.

02/09/22 – a driver was reported for towing a vehicle which was over the legal length for towing on the A703 at Peebles.

05/09/22 – a driver using a mobile phone in Innerleithen was issued with a fine and penalty points.

Killed or Seriously Injured

05/09/22 – a schoolgirl was seriously injured in an accident at Eshiels involving a bus.

Tackling Serious and Organised Crime



Campaigns

Divisional Domestic Abuse campaign

Regular social media posts highlighting local (DAAS) and national helpline contact details and reporting mechanisms.

Ongoing engagement with main local employers to share campaign messages, information in relation to local support services and charities and prevention messages targeting perpetrators directly.

Rural

Scottish Borders Partnership against Rural Crime (SBPARC) the partnership continues to meet regularly to address local priority rural crime throughout the year.



- We continued to distribute free Selecta DNA forensic marking kits & signs and crime prevention advice to farmers and rural business. These can be requested by Farmers / Rural businesses using the [Contact Us Form](#) on the Police Scotland Website.



No Cold Calling Zones

- Any community organisation wishing to refresh their zone (those with the old Lothian and Borders Police signs) or interested in setting up a new zone should contact their local community policing team.

<https://www.scotland.police.uk/secureforms/contact/>



CAT Update:



ROAD SAFETY, RURAL ACQUISITIVE CRIME

Officers from SBCAT joined with officers from Northumbria police, Dumfries & Galloway and Roads Policing officers to carry out Op Winterberry. This was an overnight initiative to tackle rural crime by conducting a series of checkpoints along the English / Scottish border. In total over 50 vehicles were stopped with a number of driving offences detected. Officer from SBCAT will continue to support such initiatives in the future, and endeavour to tackle rural crime wherever possible.

Two persons were stopped by SBCAT on their way to Moneynut with off road motorbikes in their van. No offences had been committed, but they were warned and instructed not to return.

DRUG ENFORCEMENT

During September SBCAT executed five search warrants at premises in Hawick, Jedburgh and Eyemouth. At one address over 4700 white tablets were recovered, along with 685 grams herbal cannabis and £4000 cash.

SBCAT also carried out reassurance patrols in the Wellfield and Burnfoot areas, and conducted a door to door survey with Community Policing Team, Scottish Borders Council and the Scottish Borders Housing Association.

PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE

SBCAT officers were dedicated to an investigation team set up to trace a missing person in the Scottish Borders for a number of weeks during September.

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Youth ASB is continuing to be reported in Peebles, and SBCAT are addressing this with their counterparts in Community Policing. We are aware there are some youths who have been causing problems in Peebles, however these have been reported to the relevant agencies and proceedings are ongoing. SBCAT will continue to address any antisocial behaviour reported to police, and we would like to encourage people to report any genuine problems to us. Identification of the culprits, and evidence in the form of witness statements, greatly helps SBCAT to address the issues reported.

[Feedback from a meeting/contacting your Community Policing Team](#)

Anyone with information relating to any criminal activity can contact Police Scotland by dialling 101 or alternatively anonymously by calling

CRIMESTOPPERS on **0800 555111**.

Should the Community Council wish to discuss any matters highlighted in the report, please contact:

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We will endeavour to provide you with this information, however some information is sensitive and as an organisation we have to ensure compliance with GDPR.