

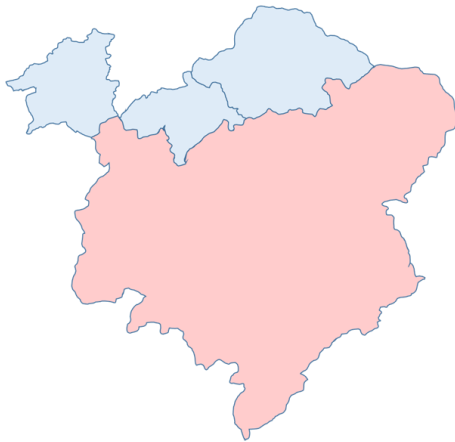
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Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Tweeddale East and West Community Councils Multi Member Ward Report for July 2023



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 Policing News – Tweeddale East & West – PS James Harrison

I thought this month I would give an overview of the North Community Policing Area (CPA), which includes your area. In particular highlighting your local CBO and the best way to contact them.

The North CPA consists of the following five Ward areas, Leaderdale & Melrose, Selkirkshire, Galashiels & District, Tweeddale East and Tweeddale West, and covers about half of the Scottish Borders. Each Ward area contains a number of Community Councils and has a dedicated Community Beat Officer (CBO), as shown below.

Leaderdale & Melrose – PC Ian Porter

Selkirkshire – PC John Murray

Galashiels & District – PC Sarah Shaw

Tweeddale East – PC Viv Carsley

Tweeddale West – PC Dani McMurdo

Some of these officers are new in post so you may not have met your local CBO yet.

CBOs deal with a wide range of subjects including antisocial behaviour, neighbour disputes, licensing, crime prevention, vulnerable people, wildlife crime, traffic issues and local events such as common ridings. They are without doubt your first and best point of contact for community related matters in your area. **You can contact them via the relevant community mailbox which is shown at the bottom of this report.** It may be that the matter you report is best suited to a partner agency, in which case we can try and signpost you to the most appropriate one.

If, however, the issue is more serious and you would like police attendance, call 101 or email Police Scotland to request a diary appointment, or in an emergency call 999.

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 July 2023 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 143 mental health related calls, around 15 missing person enquiries and approximately 73 domestic related incidents.

Tweeddale East and West had 15 mental health related calls and 1 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

01/07/23 a report was received of female being assaulted in Walkerburn. Further enquiries being made.

07/07/23 a male and female were assaulted near to Cuddyside, Peebles. Three males aged 14, 16 and 18 have been charged in connection with this incident. Reports will be sent to the Procurator Fiscal and Children's Reporter.

23/07/23 a report was received of a male being assaulted in West Linton. Further enquiries are being made.

Anti-Social Behaviour

03/07/23 report of a disturbance in St. Michaels Bank, Peebles. Occupants of property spoken to and advised regarding the noise.

03/07/23 report of a dirt bike being driven at speed at the playing fields at Violent Bank, Peebles. No trace on arrival of police.

08/07/23 report of loud music from St. Michaels Bank, Peebles. Occupier spoken to and music turned down.

08/07/23 report received regarding a youth on a moto cross bike with no helmet going round Kingsland Square. Officers attended but found no trace of the youth.

15/07/23 as a result of an incident in Ballantyne Street, Innerleithen a 14 year old boy has been charged with threatening and abusive behaviour.

15/07/23 a 20 year old was held in custody for various offences including resisting arrest and police assault after an incident in High Street, Innerleithen.

15/07/23 Male issued with a Record Police Warning for an incident on Peebles High Street.

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Over the weekend of 22nd/23rd July officers carried out hi-visibility youth patrols. A number of youths were spoken to. At one location alcohol was found and poured away as no one accepted ownership.

Vandalism

01/07/23 report received of property being damaged within Victoria Park, Peebles. Enquiries are continuing.

08/07/23 report of youths vandalising property in High Street, Peebles. Enquiries ongoing to trace youths.

24/07/23 report received that damage was caused to a toilet seat at the council toilets in Hall Street, Innerleithen



Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Theft by Housebreaking

14/07/23 report received of a break in to a shed in Dalatho Street, Peebles.

Theft

01/07/2023 a report of was received of a male who failed to pay for food within licensed premises in High Street, Peebles. Enquiries are continuing to trace the male

07/07/2023 report received from Sainsbury, Peebles that males had stolen a quantity of alcohol. Enquiries continuing.

25/07/23 report received that a shoplifting had occurred at Sainsbury, Peebles

Improving Road Safety

06/07/23 a driver was issued a fine and penalty points careless and inconsiderate driving in Peebles.

11/07/23 a driver was fined and given penalty points for careless and inconsiderate driving in Walkerburn.

21/07/23 a driver is being reported for dangerous driving after a collection on the A701 near Mossfennan Farm, Broughton

21/07/23 report received of a vehicle being driving dangerously on the A72 between Walkerburn and Innerleithen. Further enquiries being made.

Killed or Seriously Injured



Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

Campaigns

Keep Safe Initiative

Primarily aimed at disabled members of the community helping to tackle disability hate crime, Keep Safe is a national network of over 800 safe places (including shops, libraries, pubs etc.) for anyone who may feel lost, scared or vulnerable when out in the community. [About Keep Safe \(iammescotland.co.uk\)](http://iammescotland.co.uk)

All Scottish Borders Co-ops have signed up to the scheme with staff training, business packs and store signage being provided.

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.



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- 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

- A new Zone has been set up in Eddleston covering 120 Houses – Road signs and house-packs have been provided.
- Implementation work is ongoing with Bowden and Newtown St Boswells community councils for zones in these areas.
- 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:

During the past month SBCAT officers carried out High Visibility foot patrols and worked alongside other community agencies at St Boswells Fair (6 days) (10 hours per day, each officer), Burnfoot Carnival (8 hours each officer), Floors Rideout (each officer 7 hours), Kelso Fancy Dress Parade (each officer 9 hours), Borders Union show (each officer 10 hours) and Eyemouth Herring Queen fancy dress (3 hours, each officer).

ROAD SAFETY – SBCAT have continued carrying out road checks in numerous locations in the Borders and have issued 17 traffic tickets throughout the month.

Off road motorbikes - Whilst carrying out his viz patrols in Hawick, an off-road motorbike was observed being ridden in the town centre. Officers attempted to stop the rider, however he ignored them and rode past them. Subsequently the vehicle and rider were traced at Morrison's Petrol Station where the rider made off on foot. The motorbike was seized by police. Officers chased the rider on foot and after he removed his helmet, was identified by officers as a 16 year old youth. His parents were made aware and a report has been submitted through the appropriate channels detailing 6 Road Traffic Offences.

PARKING TICKETS – Officers have been carrying out high visibility patrols in Peebles, Kelso, Selkirk and Hawick, and addressing parking concerns there. Advice has been given to drivers and 45 tickets have been issued.

RURAL ACQUISITIVE CRIME – Operation Checkpoint (10 hours each officer) was undertaken on Wednesday 12th July. During this Operation a number of vehicles were checked out at various points along the border to deter travelling criminals. No offences were detected.

SBCAT had a preventative rural crime stand at the Borders Union Show, Kelso, working with partner agencies providing advice and support not only for the farming community but other members of the public attending the show.

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – High visibility patrols have continued in all highlighted areas of the Scottish Borders to address concerns at these locations. During this month two dog fouling tickets were issued to members of the public.

Over the weekend of the 19th, 22nd and 23rd High visibility patrols were carried out in Peebles and surrounding area by SB CAT to dissuade antisocial behaviour. During this time a number of groups of youths were spoken to. Whilst speaking with some of these groups, bottles of alcohol was on the ground nearby. No youths took ownership of the alcohol, which was then poured away in front of

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them. One 16 year old youth was found in possession of cans of lager, which were also poured away. A Youth ASB letter is being sent to his parents.

PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE – Part of the SBCAT role is to trace persons wanted on warrant/missing person/and bail curfew checks. SBCAT have carried out regular checks on multiple individuals who are wanted on warrant. These individuals are aware they are wanted and enquiries to trace them are continuing. One male who was particularly difficult to trace was eventually traced as a result of protracted enquiries and arrested.

Following a report of a recidivist domestic abuse offender re-offending, SB CAT officers traced the male and conveyed him to Hawick Police Station where he was charged accordingly and held for court the following day.

DRUG ENFORCEMENT – SBCAT took part in executing one drug search warrant in the Kelso area. No drugs were recovered. The occupier was arrested on another matter.

Other – Following a report of two males attending at a farm in the Scottish Borders looking for scrap metal and a subsequent theft from the farm, SB CAT officers assisted CID officers gather crucial evidence and traced two further witnesses. The enquiry is currently still ongoing and will require cross border cooperation with Northumbria Police.



[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.