

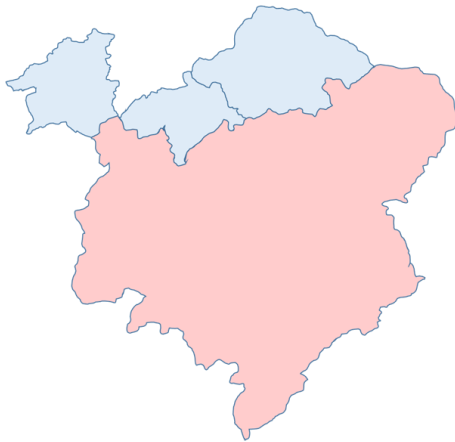
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Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Tweeddale East and West Community Councils Multi Member Ward Report for May 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 Sergeant Update

As the summer and better weather approaches, we are aware that more people will be participating in more outdoor activities, including cycling.

Community Officers, alongside Roads Policing, will participate in Operation Close Pass which involves plain clothed officers on pedal bikes who will advise colleagues when they are passed too closely by drivers (1.5 meters is the law). These drivers will then be pulled over and given advice, and any relevant offences dealt with. The message is that everyone deserves to use Scotland's roads safely and it is for all road users to take responsibility.

Community officers are currently in the midst of the busy events season including the numerous common ridings that take place across the Borders. We will liaise closely with members of the committees to ensure the events can run smoothly and the safety of those involved is maintained.

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 May 2023 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 207 mental health related calls, around 31 missing person enquiries and approximately 85 domestic related incidents.

Tweeddale East and West had xx mental health related calls and x 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

On 05/05/2023 report of assault in Connor Street, Peebles. Enquiries made and no complaints made.

On 07/05/2023 report of an assault in Peebles. Crime report submitted for assault.

On 13/05/2023 report of an assault in Romanno Bridge, West Linton. Crime report submitted for assault.

On 13/05/2023 report of an assault in the High Street, Peebles. Crime report submitted for assault. For further enquiry.

On 13/05/2023 report of an assault in Montgomery Square, Innerleithen. Crime report submitted for assault.

On 20/05/2023 report of an assault in Tweed Brae, Peebles. Crime report submitted for assault.

On 26/05/2023 report of an assault in High Street, Peebles. Crime report submitted for assault.

Anti-Social Behaviour

On 01/05/2023 report of anti-social driving in Peebles area. Circulated to local officers. Intelligence entry submitted. No VRM's for vehicles.

On 02/05/2023 report of threats being made in West Linton. Crime report submitted for threats. Advice given meantime.

On 05/05/2023 report of a neighbour issue in Innerleithen. One person issued with a recorded police warning following a minor altercation.

On 06/05/2023 report of a disturbance in Horsburgh Street, Innerleithen. Family dispute. No complaints being made.

On 06/05/2023 report of youths causing a nuisance in Eastgate, Peebles. Things calmed down prior to police arrival. No further complaints.

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On 07/05/2023 report of youths setting fires in Station Road, Cardrona. Remnants of a small camp fire found on police arrival. No youths.

On 09/05/2023 report of neighbour dispute in Rosetta Road, Peebles. Ongoing issues. Community officers in Peebles fully aware.

On 09/05/2023 report of threats to son in Glen Road, Peebles. No crimes identified. Advice given to both parties.

On 10/05/2023 report of males fighting in Elliots Park, Peebles. Verbal argument only. No complaints and no injuries seen.

On 12/05/2023 report of youths causing issues in Victoria Park Drive, Peebles. Youths all made off on police arrival. Officers remained in the area for a short time.

On 12/05/2023 report of threats in Cleland Avenue, Peebles. Crime report submitted for threats.

On 12/05/2023 report of youths being verbally abusive in St Ronan's Terrace, Innerleithen. No trace of any youths on arrival of police.

On 13/05/2023 report of young person's shouting within school grounds of West Linton primary. Youths at locus spoken to and causing no criminality.

On 13/05/2023 report of youths fighting in Tweed Green, Peebles. No fights ongoing on police arrival. Youths spoken to and no complaints made.

On 16/05/2023 report of a disturbance in area of school in West Linton. Area searched no trace of any disturbance.

On 17/05/2023 report of a disturbance in a house in Dalatho Street, Peebles. Disagreement between family members. No complaints.

On 18/05/2023 report of issues with school kids in Bonnington Road, Peebles. No Crimes. Ongoing issues with school youths. Schools officer aware.

On 19/05/2023 report of a disturbance in Tweedside Caravan Park, Innerleithen. No complaints being made.

On 20/05/2023 report of nuisance teenagers shouting and drinking in Tweed Green, Peebles. Police attended and no trace of any youths.

On 20/05/2023 report of male kicking cars in Innerleithen Road, Peebles. Area searched no trace of male and no obvious damage to cars.

On 20/05/2023 report of youths with alcohol in Tweed Green, Peebles. No further complaints made.

On 21/05/2023 report of male causing disturbance and asking for money in Old Town, Peebles. Intelligence entry being submitted.

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On 21/05/2023 report of youths causing nuisance in Leithen Road, Innerleithen. Informant spoken to and youths had apologised and moved on.

On 21/05/2023 report of a neighbour dispute in Peebles Road, Walkerburn. Officers attending to speak with both parties to offer advice. No complaints at this time.

On 21/05/2023 report of a neighbour dispute in George Terrace, Peebles. One female arrested for assault.

On 21/05/2023 report of youths causing nuisance in Bond Street, Innerleithen. No damage caused in the area. Youths no longer there.

On 21/05/2023 report of a disturbance in Horsburgh Street, Innerleithen. One male to be traced. Crime report submitted.

On 22/05/2023 report of youths throwing rocks about in Innerleithen Road, Peebles. Youths had left prior to police arrival.

On 22/05/2023 report of youths fighting in Rosetta Road, Peebles. No further calls received. No complaints made.

On 23/05/2023 report of female shouting in Rosetta Place, Peebles. Dispute between neighbours. Both parties spoken to.

On 23/05/2023 report of youths on roof in Rosetta Road, Peebles. Youths traced and details noted. Letter being sent to parents.

On 24/05/2023 report of neighbour issues in Rosetta Road, Peebles. Ongoing issues, community officers aware.

On 24/05/2023 report of youth issues in Pirn Road, Innerleithen. Passing attention requested by local officers.

On 24/05/2023 report of nuisance from local youths in Horsburgh Street, Innerleithen. No crimes identified. Suitable advice given.

On 25/05/2023 report of neighbour dispute in Tweedholm Avenue East, Walkerburn. No complaints made and suitable advice given to both parties.

On 25/05/2023 report of threats from a local youth in Kingsland Square, Peebles. Complainer no longer wishes to pursue a complaint. Crime report still submitted.

On 26/05/2023 report of a neighbour dispute in Northgate, Peebles. Crime report submitted.

On 29/05/2023 report of a neighbour issue at Rosetta Road, Peebles. Community officer dealing as ongoing issue.

Vandalism

On 01/05/2023 report of damage to a car in Horsburgh Street, Innerleithen. Crime report submitted for vandalism.

On 01/05/2023 report of a smashed window in a house in George Street, Peebles. Crime report submitted for vandalism.

On 04/05/2023 report of damage to a window to a property in School Brae, Peebles. Crime report submitted for vandalism.

On 05/05/2023 report of damage to a door in Hall Street, Innerleithen. Council premises. Crime report for vandalism.

On 10/05/2023 report of damage to a vehicle in Bonnington Road, Peebles. Crime report submitted for vandalism.

On 11/05/2023 report of damage to garden at school in Walkerburn. Crime report submitted for vandalism.

On 15/05/2023 report of damage to property in Parliament Square, Peebles. Crime report submitted for vandalism.

On 16/05/2023 report of damage to property in Station Road, West Linton following camp fires. Crime report submitted for vandalism.

On 24/05/2023 report of damage to a council bin in Bonnington Road, Peebles. Schools officer dealing with matter through school.

On 26/05/2023 report of damage to vehicle while parked in Northgate car park, Peebles. Crime report submitted for vandalism.



Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Theft by Housebreaking

On 25/05/2023 report of a theft by housebreaking in West Linton. Crime report submitted for Theft HB. CID dealing.

Theft

On 05/05/2023 report of an attempt theft of motor vehicle in Tweedholm Avenue East, Walkerburn. Crime report submitted for attempt theft.

On 05/05/2023 report of an attempt theft from Glensax Road, Peebles. Crime report submitted.

On 08/05/2023 report of a theft from retail premises, Old Town, Peebles. Crime report submitted for theft.

On 19/05/2023 report of a theft from retails premises in Eastgate, Peebles. Crime report submitted for theft.

On 23/05/2023 report of a theft / fraud incident in Rosetta Road, Peebles. Crime report submitted for fraud. CID investigating.

On 25/05/2023 report of a theft in George Terrace, Peebles. Crime report submitted for theft by shoplifting.

On 25/05/2023 report of a theft from local supermarket in Dovecot Road, Peebles. Crime report submitted for theft by shoplifting.

On 25/05/2023 report of a theft from retail premises in High Street, Peebles. Crime report submitted for theft shoplifting.

On 29/05/2023 report of a theft from local supermarket, Northgate, Peebles. Crime report submitted for theft.



Improving Road Safety

On 07/05/2023 a driver was issued penalty points and a fine for careless/inconsiderate driving in Clovenfords

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:

MISUSE OF DRUGS – SBCAT carried out 9 searches of premises throughout the Scottish Borders during May, 8 of which had positive results. These were as follows;

KELSO – personal amount of herbal cannabis and 105 blue pills (suspected Valium).

JEDBURGH – 38.5g herbal cannabis, knives, sword, BB gun and £620 cash.

PEEBLES – 6.7g cannabis resin, personal amount of cocaine, £4445 cash. Large bag of vapes also seized, suspected of being sold to children.

KELSO – 133g herbal cannabis.

JEDBURGH – 11.8g white powder, personal amount of cannabis, knife.

GALASHIELS – small cannabis cultivation, suspected LSD.

JEDBURGH – 33g heroin, 2.8g cannabis, 1g white powder, 200 valium, 100 benzo, £1250 cash.

GALASHIELS – 28g herbal cannabis, knife.

Of note, the recent introduction of the Offensive Weapons Act 2019 has allowed us to seize weapons that are now deemed illegal, such as martial arts type weapons, during searches of houses.

Although the month has been dominated by house searches, we were also deployed to provide locus protection and assist at a house search at an incident at Moss Paul near Hawick, as well as assist at the Jim Clark Rally Event.

ROAD SAFETY – 3 conditional offer tickets for dangerous driving issued.

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH – A working group has been set up to help implement the Community Speedwatch initiative in the Scottish Borders. Community Speedwatch has already been successfully implemented in Fife. This will initially be on a trial basis, and consists of enabling local Community Group volunteers to monitor vehicle speeds in designated places, with a guidance letter being sent to speeding motorists by Police Scotland.

ARREST WARRANTS – 3 persons were arrest wanted on warrant in May by SBCAT.



[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.