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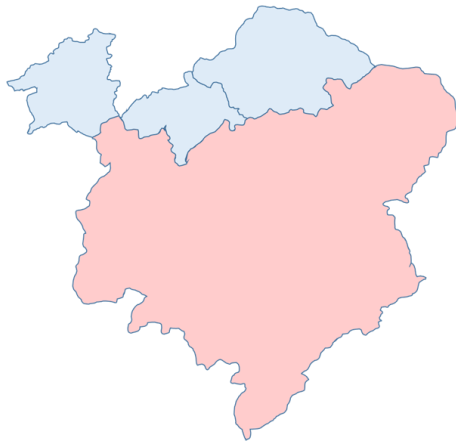


Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Tweeddale East and West Community Councils
Multi Member Ward Report for December 2021

26/11/2021 to 31/12/2021



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.

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Community Sergeant Update

PS Stephen Granger

I hope that everyone had an enjoyable festive period and wish everyone all the best for the New Year ahead.

Recent weeks have underlined that coronavirus continues to present personal and professional challenges for everyone. Public welfare and safety is paramount and that includes that of police officers, police staff and their families which is critical as policing works to maintain a quality service for the public. Officers locally have demonstrated their resilience, professionalism and commitment throughout the entire pandemic which will continue. I would like to thank you all for your continued understanding and patience as we strive to meet the needs of all our local communities.

As is normally the case we have had a busy start to 2022. January sees the relaunch of the Police Scotland Take Five for Fraud Campaign which runs from 3rd until 28th January. Cases of criminals exploiting unsuspecting people and persuading them to part with money or personal information are continuing to rise. Criminals are becoming more sophisticated and convincing in their methods, and taking advantage of advances in technology. They will often conduct extensive research on potential victims to make themselves appear legitimate. Of particular note are crimes committed online, as fraudsters use the internet more and more to target victims.

Throughout the campaign the public and business will be encouraged to Take Five – and follow this straightforward and impartial advice:

- **Stop** - Taking a moment to stop and think before parting with your money or information could keep you safe.
- **Challenge** - Could it be fake? It's ok to reject, refuse or ignore any requests. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you.
- **Protect** - Contact your bank immediately if you think you've fallen for a scam and report it to Police Scotland.

More information can be found on the Police Scotland website by clicking the below link

<https://www.scotland.police.uk/what-s-happening/campaigns/2020/take-five/>

In addition anyone can sign up to receive trusted alerts and advice from [Neighbourhood Watch Scotland](#) on a range of safety and security issues targeted to their local area.

I have temporary oversight from a Sergeants perspective for all of the Community Policing Teams for the Scottish Borders at present after the departure in December of PS Paul Begley to another post. This is a short term arrangement and a permanent replacement for Paul, Sergeant Alison Granger, will be in post at the end of January. Prior to this I would continue to encourage contact via the CPT email address at the end of this report for routine community policing matters.

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 December 2021 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 228 mental health related calls, around 17 missing person enquiries and approximately 96 domestic related incidents.

Tweeddale East & West had 29 mental health related calls and 4 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 ASB

Assaults

02/12/21 report of a male being assaulted in Eastgate, Peebles. Officers are carrying out further enquiries.

Anti-Social Behaviour

27/11/21 report of youths causing a disturbance in School Brae, Peebles. Officers attended and there were no trace of youths however damage was found to the toilets which had occurred on 26/11/21.

03/12/21 report of youths attempting to set fire to play equipment at the Play Park in Victoria Park. Officers attended and it was established that no damage had been caused. For further enquiry.

03/12/21 report of youths knocking on doors and running away in Deanfoot Road, West Linton.

03/12/21 report of large group of youths gathering in Hay Lodge Park, Peebles with alcohol and drugs. No trace of any youths on officers attending.

04/12/21 report of two males causing a disturbance in Leithen Crescent, Innerleithen. On officers attending the males had left.

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10/12/21 report of a disturbance in Old Town, Peebles. Minor dispute between two groups. No further police action.

19/12/21 a male was issued with a Recorded Police Warning after an altercation at a property in Innerleithen.

21/12/21 report of a male causing a disturbance at a property in Northgate, Peebles. Officers detained the male and he appeared at court for threatening and abusive behaviour.

28/12/21 report of youths kicking/knocking the door of a property at Craigengar Gate, West Linton.

Vandalism

04/12/21 report of window being smashed at Semi-Chem, Peebles. Officers are following a positive line of enquiry.

04/12/21 report of a car being damaged whilst parked in Kirkland Street, Peebles between 30/11/21 and 04/12/21.

14/12/21 between 12/12 and 14/12 the front door of a property in Buccleuch Street, Innerleithen was damaged.

17/12/21 a vehicle was damaged whilst parked in High Street, Peebles.

22/12/21 report of graffiti on the Play Park at Victoria Park, Peebles. Officers have issued an appeal for information regarding this.

28/12/21 reports received that on 27th and 28th December the Share Shed had been entered and various food stuffs opened and emptied onto the ground.

29/12/21 report of a window being broken at a property in Old Town, Peebles.

31/12/21 report of youths damaging the Nursery at St. Ronan's Primary School, Innerleithen

Reducing acquisitive crime

Theft Housebreaking

15/12/21 report received of a quad bike having been stolen from a Farm in West Linton. Due to the vehicle having a tracker it was recovered and a male arrested.

Theft

28/11/21 report of a child's buggy being stolen from common stair at Dovecot, Peebles.

10/12/21 report of a male having stolen items from Sainsbury, Peebles. Officers are following a positive line of enquiry.



Improving road safety

Within the Selkirk Sheriff Court Jurisdiction there were 5 parking tickets issued in December.

27/11/21 report received of careless driving on A702 at West Linton. For further enquiry.

01/12/21 a driver was issued a fine and penalty points for careless/inconsiderate driving on the A701 near to Whim Hall.

03/12/21 a driver was issued with a Record Police Warning for failing to update their driving licence with their new address.

17/12/2021 a driver was issued a fine for having no MOT in Carlops.

Killed or Seriously Injured

No accidents where persons were killed or seriously injured.



Tackling serious and organised crime

On the evening of 2nd December officers executed a drug search warrant at an address on the outskirts of Hawick recovering a cannabis cultivation consisting of a number of plants and bags of herbal matter. Total value of plants seized is between £5k and £15k. Value of herbal matter is between £1k and £1.5k. Enquiry ongoing to confirm and trace occupant.

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.



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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 or via the CPT email address at the end of this report.



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:

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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:

TweeddaleEastCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk

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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.