

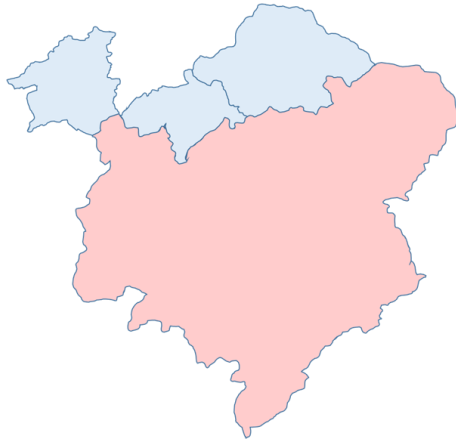
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## **Scottish Borders Area Command**

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

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

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

### PS Stephen Granger

The majority of you will have seen the national media coverage of the water related incidents over the weekend from Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July to Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July which resulted in a number of tragic deaths. The warm weather makes open water swimming and paddling very appealing but it is extremely dangerous and conditions can change quickly. I would urge everyone to exercise extreme caution as there are often hidden risks like deeper water and strong currents. It is better to stay a safe distance from the water were possible. If you do see someone in the water and distressed call 999 immediately. Remember you could get into difficulty yourself trying to help so take care and seek help as soon as possible.

Continuing on a personal safety theme I would like to bring attention to the location finding tool what3words who have launched their #KnowExactlyWhere safety campaign to highlight the importance of the app.

The campaign aims to raise awareness of how the **free** app can be used when members of the public are at lochs, beaches or in rural areas and an emergency situation arises.

What3words, which was in introduced for use by operational police officers and police staff in March, works by gridding the Earth into 3x3 metre squares - the coordinates of each are then given three unique words to pinpoint an exact location.

Contact Command and Control now accept what3words locations from members of the public calling 999 and 101. This is a critical resource for members of the public who are contacting us from rural or unknown areas. It is important to note that when a member of the public calls 999/101, a postal address is always asked as default – this has not changed. What3words is utilised as an additional location sharing tool and has not replaced any existing systems.

The app is free to download for both iOS and Android and works entirely offline – making it ideal for use in areas of the country with an unreliable data connection, such as lochs, beaches, national parks and campsites.

What3words is now used by over 85% of UK emergency services – police, fire and ambulance.

#### Key Points

- Members of the public calling 999/101 are able to give their location via what3words if they are in an unfamiliar area, rural location or one that is difficult to describe.
- Police controls rooms will always ask for a postal address as default when a member of the public contacts 999/101- this will not change. The app gives three simple words to help pinpoint a particular location in emergency situations. These words never change.

- The app works without phone or Wi-Fi signal (although caller will still need a signal to share location).
- The app is free for use for emergency services, charities and members of the public.
- What3words will not replace current systems and is an additional resource.
- More information about what3words can be found on the what3words [website](#).

## **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 2021 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 167 mental health related calls, around 19 missing person enquiries and approximately 76 Domestic related incidents.*

*Tweeddale East & West had 16 mental health related calls and 0 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**

On 04/07/21 report of assault in Kittlegairy Gardens Peebles. Enquires continuing.

On 13/07/21 report of assault at Bridgegate Peebles. Enquires continuing.

On 15/07/21 report of a serious assault Cademuir Drive, Peebles. Male arrested, charged and later appeared at court.

On 17/07/21 report of assault at Cuddyside Peebles. Enquires continuing.

On 27/07/21 report of assault Tweedholm Avenue East Walkerburn. Female assailant issued with a Recorded Police Warning.

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### Anti-Social Behaviour

Between 01/07/21 and 28/07/21 on numerous occasions resident of Cleland Avenue Peebles has been targeted by local youths who have damaged his car, thrown items at his property and been verbally abusive. Enquiry ongoing.

On 03/07/2021 report of loud banging coming from an address in St Michaels bank Peebles. Police attended no noise on arrival home owner provided with suitable advice.

On 08/07/21, police were called to Crookston Court, Peebles regarding a drunk female shouting. Female was taken to hospital.

On 09/07/21, police were called to the County Inn, Peebles regarding an aggressive male assaulting staff. Male was arrested, charged and released on an undertaking.

On 09/07/21, officers were called to Cross Keys, Northgate, Peebles, regarding two males causing a disturbance. No complaints on police arrival.

On 11/07/2021 police were called to Rosetta Place, Peebles regarding ongoing disturbance. Female perpetrator issued with a Recorded Police Warning and conveyed back to her home address.

On 12/07/2021 police were called to Eastgate Peebles regarding a disturbance. Police attended no disturbance found.

On 12/07/2021 report of youths drinking, smoking drugs, and urinating in public at an address in the High Street Peebles. Police attended no sign of reported offences.

On 12/07/2021 report of youths climbing on scaffolding outside the Peebles Baptist Church Kingsmeadow Road Peebles. Passing attention.

On 13/07/2021 report of disturbance Montgomery Street Innerleithen. Police attended and male arrested and charged.

On 17/07/2021 report of disturbance at the car park on Edinburgh road Peebles. Police attended nothing ongoing youths spoken to no offences detected.

On 18/07/2021 report of disturbance at George Street Peebles. Male arrested charged and released with date to appear at court.

On 20/07/2021 report of disturbance at the Tweedside Caravan Park Innerleithen. Police attended No offences disclosed.

On 22/07/2021 report of ongoing disturbance Horsbrough Street Innerleithen. Fall out between family no complaints.

On 23/07/2021 report of youths drinking and throwing bottles in Haylodge Park Peebles. Police attended youths spoken too and dispersed.

### **Vandalism**

On 09/07/2021 report of bus stop being damaged in West Linton. Enquiry ongoing.

On 19/07/2021 report of vehicle being damaged whilst parked in a driveway in Ballantyne Street Innerleithen. Enquires continuing.

On 20/07/2021 report of car being vandalised in Northgate, Peebles. Enquiry ongoing.



## **Reducing acquisitive crime**

### **Theft Housebreaking**

On the 01/07/2021 report of a property in Whitestone Knowe Hydro Avenue Peebles being broken into and Jewellery and money stolen. Enquires continuing.

On 04/07/2021 report of bike being stolen from a garden shed in Innerleithen. Enquiry ongoing

On 19/07/2021 report of storage container being broken into, nothing stolen. Enquires continuing.

### **Theft**

On 05/07/2021 report of theft from supermarket in Peebles.

On 07/07/2021 report of theft from supermarket in Peebles.

On 13/07/2021 report of theft of hanging basket from outside property on School Brae, Peebles. Enquiry ongoing.

On 15/07/2021 report of vehicle being stolen from outside a business premises at South Parks Industrial Estate Peebles. Enquires continuing.

On 15/07/2021 report of gate being stolen from Bonnington Road Peebles. Enquires continuing.

On 23/07/2021 report of theft of a caravan window unit from a farm in West Linton. Enquiry ongoing.

On 23/07/2021 report of charity tin being stolen from a business premises High Street Peebles. Enquires continuing.

On 27/07/21 report of backpack being stolen from a business premises High Street Peebles. Enquires continuing.



## Improving road safety

Within the Selkirk Sheriff Court Jurisdiction there were 24 parking tickets issued in July.

On 03/07/21, police were called regarding a possible drunk driver near Eddleston. Driver traced and failed roadside breath test and was arrested, charged, released on undertaking.

On 07/07/21, police were carrying out a static road check near Carlops when a car drove by at speed without stopping. Car was stopped and driver issued with vehicle ASBO.



## Tackling serious and organised crime

On 10<sup>th</sup> of July 2021 officers Galashiels Police Station responded to an incident whereby a male had breached a non-harassment order and conducted himself in a threatening manner. Officers subsequently executed a General Evidence warrant at an address in Galashiels and the male was arrested and appeared at Court the next day.

On 13<sup>th</sup> of July 2021 following an incident involving the reported discharge of a firearm in Hawick, officers from across the division executed multiple warrants at addresses in Hawick, following systematic searches £600 worth of Cannabis was found within a property. During the course of the investigation the firearm was recovered and a report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal regarding the offences.

On 14<sup>th</sup> of July 2021 officers from Musselburgh Police Station supported by the Community Action Team executed a Drugs Search Warrant at an address in Galashiels. A male was traced within and was arrested and reported for Human Trafficking offences across the East of Scotland.

On 24<sup>th</sup> of July 2021 officers stopped a vehicle in Hawick. Following a systematic search of the vehicle and surrounding area £420 worth of Class A drugs were found. Two males were arrested and a report was submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

## Campaigns

- National speeding campaign takes place 19 July - 8 Aug.
- 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 or via the CPT email address at the end of this report.



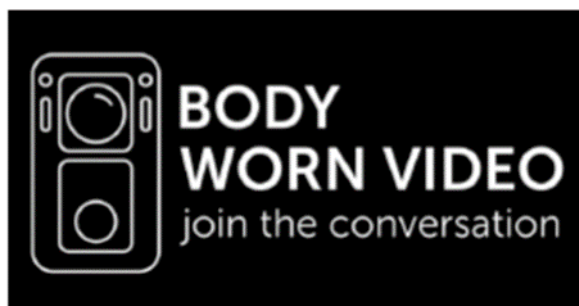
No Cold Calling Zones

- A new zone at Fisher Avenue, Hawick has been established
- A refresh of the existing zone at Bennecourt Drive in Coldstream is ongoing (new road signs and house packs)
- 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/>



## **Online Surveys**

### **Body Worn Video – National Consultation**



Police Scotland recently asked the public for their views on our Armed Police Officers using body worn video cameras to record certain incidents.

Almost 9,000 people took part in a national survey and the majority thought the use of body worn video cameras would increase trust and confidence in the police and make them feel safer.

The response was so positive, we are now considering giving these cameras to police officers and staff, in other roles across Scotland.

This means that cameras would be worn on their uniform to record what they see and hear in certain situations so everyone involved has a clearer picture of exactly what happened.

So again, the organisation is asking the public for their views and has launched a national consultation which will run for three months between 1 June and 31 August, 2021.

The consultation is an opportunity for the public to be part of an ongoing conversation to help shape the use of Body Worn Video cameras by police officers and staff when interacting with communities in Scotland.



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Your views will help inform protocols, code of practice and training to ensure that things are done in an appropriate and proportionate way, each and every time.

Please take some time to take part in the national survey by visiting the Body Worn Video pages at [scotland.police.uk](https://consult.scotland.police.uk/strategy-insight-and-innovation/police-scotlands-use-of-body-worn-video-public-con) or using the link: <https://consult.scotland.police.uk/strategy-insight-and-innovation/police-scotlands-use-of-body-worn-video-public-con>

We are committed to ensuring our communications meet accessibility standards.

We can provide:

- BSL video and transcript with link to BSL survey.
- Easy read messaging and FAQs with link to easy read survey.
- Gaelic translation

If you require any other specific translated material then please get in touch

with: [CorpCommunicationsProjectsandDelivery@Scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:CorpCommunicationsProjectsandDelivery@Scotland.pnn.police.uk)

- QR Code



The QR Code can be shared as a link to the survey on print material, within an email and as part of an email signature.

This is the hyperlink:

<https://consult.scotland.police.uk/strategy-insight-and-innovation/police-scotlands-use-of-body-worn-video-public-con>

## Victim Support Scotland Survey– National Consultation

A survey carefully designed by the Research and Insight Team within Police Scotland and in collaboration with Victim Support Scotland is requesting feedback about the aftercare options provided by Officers of Police Scotland when people experience or witness a crime.

The survey seeks individual views about how Police Scotland can best support survivors/witnesses of crime when it comes to officers providing immediate support and information.

Police Scotland are requesting your assistance in completing and sharing this online survey within your networks and communities in which you work. The survey can be found @ [this public survey](#) .

Full details are included on the link. The survey was launched on 3<sup>rd</sup> June and closes on 31<sup>st</sup> August.

### CAT Update:

**ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR** – During July the CAT have completed targeted foot and mobile patrols, paying particular attention to youth hot spot areas in Peebles, Jedburgh, Galashiels, and Eyemouth. As per previous months youth calls are continuing to decline. Due to the Euro’s 2020 and the relaxing of COVID regulations CAT officers completed a number of Licensed Premise focusing mainly on the town centres. During St Boswells Fair, a number of CAT officers were deployed to carry out foot patrols and engage with both the locals and travellers to ensure the event past without any disruption.



**DRUGS** – CAT officers continue to carryout intelligence led stop and searches, with quantities of drugs being recovered. They have also executed a number of drugs warrants in Hawick and Galashiels, with a quantity a drugs and POCA cash seized. Of note during one Warrant a person was also arrested and charged with Human Trafficking.

**ROAD SAFETY** – CAT have issued a number of tickets to drivers for various offences. Mobile patrols have been carried out in hotspot areas including Hawick, Galashiels and Peebles and a number of ASB vehicle warnings have been issued. High visibility road checks have been carried in targeted hot spots. A focus has also been on parking issues with patrols carried out mainly in Galashiels, Innerleithen, Selkirk, Eyemouth and Hawick and a number of parking tickets issued.

## **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](mailto: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.

