

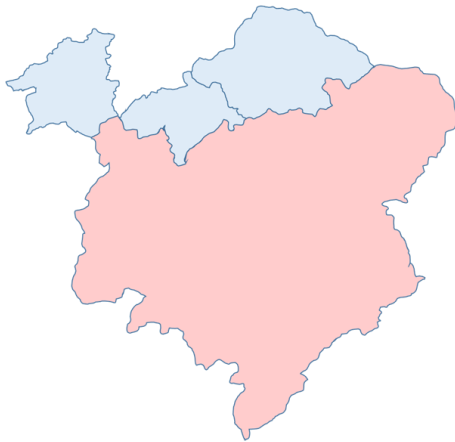
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Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

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

PS Corrinne Bird

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as having taken up the Community Sergeant Post from PS Stephen Granger on 25th July 2022, and I look forward to meeting some of you in person in due course.

As we continue through the summer holidays which is a busy time period for both the policing and public alike as we participate in numerous events and festivals, I would like to highlight the most efficient methods for the public to contact police dependent on their need:

Always dial 999 in an emergency

By phone – 101 for non-emergencies or anonymously by calling **CRIMESTOPPERS** on **0800 555111**.

Our service advisors spend a lot of time each day answering calls on matters that are not actually the responsibility of the police. We would advise reading the [Read this before you call 101](#) page first to ensure Police Scotland can assist with your non-emergency issue.

Online – for issues of a non-serious nature using our [Contact Us form](#)

In person – check the [Public Counter opening hours](#)

Text Relay - 18001101 for deaf, deafened, hard of hearing or speech-impaired callers

Policing the more rural areas of our communities can present many challenges and working together is key to addressing issues. We recently had officers present at the Border Union Show as part of the Scottish Borders Partnership against Rural Crime (SBPARC) to help provide advice and awareness on topics such as firearms licensing and wildlife crime.



Below is a link to the Your Police Survey 22/23. We value your feedback about policing in the local community, so please encourage as many members of the community to complete this as possible.

<https://consult.scotland.police.uk/strategy-insight-and-innovation/your-police-2022-2023/>

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.

<https://scottishborders.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s64705/Item%20No.%205%20a%20ii%20-%20Scottish%20Borders%20Police%20Q4%202021%202022.pdf>

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 June 2022 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 150 mental health related calls, around 25 missing person enquiries and approximately 73 domestic related incidents.

Tweeddale East and West had 15 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 Anti-Social Behaviour

Assaults

04/07/22 – Report received of a male being assaulted in Victoria Park Drive, Peebles. A youth has been reported for this offence.

15/07/22 – a male who smashed a window in North Place, Peebles has also been reported for assault and being in possession of an offensive weapon.

Anti-Social Behaviour

01/07/22 report of youths drinking in Hay Lodge Park, Peebles. No trace on police arrival.

01/07/22 report of youths causing a nuisance in School Brae, Peebles

08/07/22 report of youths causing damage to the CCTV at Community Garden, Kingsmeadows Road, Peebles. Two youths have been reported for this.

09/07/22 report of youths in Hay Lodge Park, Peebles causing a nuisance. Officers attended and spoke with the youths and no issues identified.

11/07/22 report of youths throwing items around in the Car Park from the Swap and Share shed in Innerleithen.

21/07/22 report received regarding youths within the Community Garden, Kingsmeadows Road, Peebles. Officers attended and traced the youths. Officers attended the following day and checked the garden with staff and no new damage was found.

22/07/22 report of youths playing loud music on Tweed Green, Peebles. Officers attended and no youths on arrival.

24/0/22 a resident of Biggiesknowe, Peebles has been issued with a Recorded Police Warning for Anti-Social Behaviour towards neighbours.

Vandalism

05/07/22 report of youths causing damage to the Community Garden, Kingsmeadows Road, Peebles. Officers have reported two youths for damaging the poly tunnel.



Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Theft by Housebreaking

Between 22/06/22 and 05/07/22 a shed was entered at a property in Traquair Road, Innerleithen and two bikes stolen.

Between 27/06/22 and 11/07/22 a shed was broken into at a property in Damside and two mountain bikes stolen.

Between 1945 and 2230 hours on 13/07/22 an attempt was made to enter a garage at Violet Bank, Peebles.

Between 16/07/22 and 18/07/22 a bike was stolen from a garage at Cardrona.

19/07/22 report received that a container within Glentress was broken into and a quantity of tools stolen.

23/07/22 report received that a property at Cardrona had been entered and a BMW car stolen.

28/07/22 report received that a yard at North Street was entered but nothing was stolen.

Theft

03/07/22 report received that a bike was stolen from Cuddyside, Peebles.

05/07/22 report received that cooking oil was stolen from the Barony Castle, Eddleston.

Between 5th and 6th July 20 bags of cement were stolen Gordon Building Services, Boggsbank Road, West Linton.

08/07/22 report of theft shoplifting from Celebrations, High Street, Peebles.

22/07/22 report of theft of items from Sainsbury's, Peebles.



Improving Road Safety

01/07/22 a driver has been reported for driving without a licence or insurance in School Brae, West Linton

On 21/07/22 a driver was issued with penalty points and a fine for careless and inconsiderate driving in Peebles

Killed or Seriously Injured

There were no accidents where persons were killed or seriously injured.



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.



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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

- 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 & ROAD CRIME

SBCAT have been carrying out mobile patrols and static checks in the Scottish Borders to tackle road crime and antisocial driving. The following offences were detected by SBCAT in July; 1 x ASBO vehicle warning issued, 1 x Drink Driving, 1 x drug driver.

PARKING TICKETS

20 Parking tickets were issued by SBCAT in June in various towns throughout the Borders.

DRUG ENFORCEMENT

During July SBCAT executed 2 search warrants at premises Hawick and Kelso. In Hawick SBCAT worked alongside CID colleagues in executing a warrant at an industrial scale Cannabis cultivation at Newmill south of Hawick. The estimated value of the Cannabis seized during this operation is in the region of £1 million, two males have been reported in relation to this offence. During the search of the property in Kelso officers seized Heroin with an estimated value of £250.00

In addition to these warrant executions officers while on pro-active patrols have completed 9 positive stop searches in Hawick, Galashiels, Kelso and Newtown St Boswells with personal amounts of Class B and C controlled drugs recovered and persons reported.

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Youth ASB patrols continued in areas known for antisocial behaviour and current tasking areas including Peebles, Galashiels and Newtown St Boswells. SBCAT were also deployed to the St Boswells Fair weekend to deal with any associated anti-social behaviour, several youth nuisance calls were attended and vehicle ASBO warnings issued. The issue of youths entering the derelict former Borders College building in Galashiels continues. SBCAT officers have been liaising with Eildon Housing who now own the building to secure entry points to a higher standard while the building remains empty. Pro-active patrols in the area continue to try and prevent the youths being in this area and discussions / reassurance with local residents continues.

RURAL / ACQUISITIVE CRIME

Static road checks are being carried out on backshifts in rural areas, to tackle the ongoing issue of quad bike theft. We are also attending local events such as Border Union Show with our partners to promote prevention opportunities and to receive information and concerns from members of the rural community.

ARREST WARRANTS

SBCAT proactively search for persons wanted on warrant and have arrested 9 people on warrant in July.

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.