

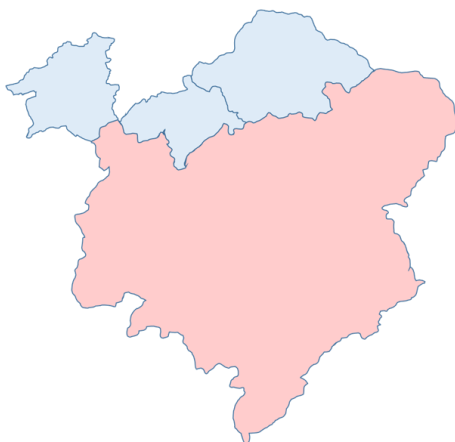
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Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Tweeddale East and West Community Councils
Multi Member Ward Report for March 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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Figures for the whole Scottish Borders Area

(Data from 01/04/2020 – 26/03/2021)

	2019 /2020	2020 /2021	% Change	Local Area Commanders Comment
Total Crimes and Offences (Group 1-5)	3468	3394	-2.1	The detection rate for Group 1-5 is 55.5% compared to 56.2% at same time last year.
Group 1: Non Sexual Crimes of Violence	97	140	44.3	The detection rate for Group 1 is 76.4% compared to 77.3% at same time last year.
Serious Assaults	45	50	11.1	The detection rate for Serious Assaults is 90.0% compared to 77.8% at same time last year.
Robberies	17	21	23.5	The detection rate for Robberies is 71.4% compared to 82.4% at same time last year.
Common Assaults	926	873	-5.7	The detection rate for Common Assaults is 72.9% compared to 71.0% at same time last year.
ASB (Incidents)	5243	7188	37.1 % Weekly change	The 37.1% weekly increase in ASB incidents can be attributed to public nuisance calls related to COVID19.
Hate Crime – All incidents	98	103	5.1 % weekly change	The detection rate for Hate Crimes is 77.5% compared to 80.5% at the same time last year.
Group 2: Sexual Crimes	221	282	27.6	The detection rate for Group 2 is 68.8% compared to 74.2% at same time last year.
Rape – Recorded Crime	56	46	-17.9	The detection rate for Rape is 54.3% compared to 75.0% at same time last year.
Domestic Abuse – All incidents	1111	1242	11.8 % Weekly change	The detection rate for Domestic Abuse Crimes are 76.3% compared to 72.6% at same time last year.
Group 3: Crimes of Dishonesty	1411	1254	-11.1	The detection rate for Group 3 is 34.2% compared to 41.6% at same time last year.
Housebreakings – Domestic	105	47	-55.2	The detection rate for Domestic Housebreakings is 48.9% compared to 41.0% at same time last year.
Motor Vehicle Thefts	74	52	-29.7	The detection rate for Motor Vehicle Thefts is 61.5% compared to 59.5% at same time last year.



Community Sergeant Update

PS Stephen Granger

Firstly, I would like to thank the Community Councils and Councillors for all of your support and feedback during the move to the Multi-Member Ward Report. We do acknowledge and appreciate this has been a significant change from the previous reporting however the majority of the feedback has been very positive and encouraging. The main aim of this change was to ensure all communities were receiving information in line with the local policing plan and priorities. One of the benefits has been the ability to demonstrate and share some of the pro-active Policing that is being carried out throughout the region. Our Policing vision is to make the area safe, protected and resilient and in order to achieve this we need to deliver our local priorities. This new reporting mechanism allows us to make the best use of time spent by our operational Police officers, ensuring visibility in the community.

March has seen our launch of the joint initiative with The Borders Food Train delivering scam prevention packages to ensure our communities are supported and aware of current trends. This is now well underway and residents in the region are now beginning to receive these packs. We are also working with local magazines and media to promote our Take 5 Campaign. If at all possible, please can we highlight the availability of call blocking devices provided by Trading Standards following funding from Scottish Government information available at <https://www.tsscot.co.uk/launch-of-roll-out-of-free-call-blocking-devices-2/>

Another key partnership approach is our involvement with the Scottish Borders Partnership in Rural Crime (SBPARC). This has been formed and we are currently, actively working in partnership with SBC, NFU, Scottish Land and Estates, Horsecatch Scotland and the Tweed Commission with a view to reducing acquisitive crime.

I am pleased to report that my colleagues in CID have carried out significant enquiry in relation to a number of linked Thefts across the region, this has been a cross-border investigation which is resulting in two people being reported to our Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service. CID also very quickly identified the suspect for an Attempted Robbery in Coldstream which resulted in a man being arrested and appearing at court.

We would like to thank the community for their support, the information provided to us by the public is key to successful investigations.

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 March 2021 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 124 mental health related calls, around 14 missing person enquiries and approximately 76 Domestic related incidents.

Tweeddale East & West had 11 mental health related calls and 1 missing person enquiry. 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 the 13/03/2021 report of male being assaulted on the High Street Peebles near to the swimming pool Enquires continuing.

Anti-Social Behaviour

On 26/02/2021 a report of youths gathering in Peebles and not socially distancing. Police unable to attend.

On 26/02/2021 a report of a breach of Covid guidelines near the Meldon Hills. Police attended, traced campers, they were warned and dispersed.

On 26/02/2021 a report of an abusive dog walker in West Linton, enquiries are ongoing.

On 26/02/2021 a report of a Covid breach near Broughton. Police attended a person was warned and asked to leave a house. Advice given to all.

On 27/02/2021 a report of a large group of youths in Innerleithen. Police unable to attend and no further calls.

On 02/03/2021 a report of youths smashing eggs near to the foodbank in Innerleithen. No trace, the Community Action Team have been requested to give the area attention.

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On 02/03/2021 a report of electric motorbikes in Caberston Forrest near to Innerleithen. Police attended, no trace of the motorcycles.

On 02/03/2021 a report of youths near to Tweed Green, Peebles, making a noise. Police attended, no youths present.

On 05/03/2021 a report of youths in a field underage drinking near Innerleithen. No further calls. A call to West Linton regarding youths drinking. Police attended, engaged with 3 youths that were out walking. A further call regarding youths drinking in West Linton, no trace of youths by Officers. On 06/03/2021 a report of a large group of youths in West Linton. Police unable to attend, no further calls from the public.

On 05/03/2021 a report of youths fighting in the High Street, Peebles. No trace of youths by Police.

On 06/03/2021 another report of youths fighting. No further calls to the police.

On 05/03/2021 a report of a noisy gathering in Innerleithen. Police attended, persons were drinking and talking loudly. All co-operative and left when asked. Advice given to all parties.

On 06/03/2021 a report of youths having a party near to Peebles High School. Police attended, no youths present.

On 07/03/2021 a report of vehicles from out with the area. Police attended, persons from Dumfries were told to return home.

On 07/03/2021 a report of vehicles in the Innerleithen area with mountain bikers from out with the area. Community Action Team attended.

On 09/03/2021 a report of cyclists in the Innerleithen area, breaching Covid guidelines. Police attended, mostly locals, one out of area person given advice and dispersed.

On 11/03/2021 a report of a disturbance in Peebles. A report raised for threatening and abusive behaviour and a female to be traced.

On 11/03/2021 a report of youths being abusive in Peebles. Police attended, no trace of the youths. A further call about drunk youths, shouting and swearing, again no trace of youths.

On 12/03/2021 a report of a campervan in Innerleithen parked overnight. Police attended and advised owner about Covid guidelines, the driver departed and headed back to Edinburgh.

On 12/03/2021 a report of youths gathering in Innerleithen, police attended and the youths made off. A further call was reported and police attended, a youth was taken home to Selkirk after police seized alcohol. A warning letter will be sent.

On 13/03/2021 a report of Covid breaches at Glentress, Peebles. Police attended and 6 people from the Edinburgh and Penicuik area were asked to leave.

On 13/03/2021 a report of youths drinking alcohol in Peebles. Police attended and the group of youths ran off. A further report of youths ringing a door bell and banging on the door of a house in Peebles. Police attended but no trace of youths. Further call on the 15/03/2021 of youths running through gardens and ringing a door bell. Police attended, searched but no trace of the youths.

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On 16/03/2021 report of youths kicking a phone box in Peebles. Police attended, youths had been playing football earlier, no issues, damage or crimes identified.

On 16/03/2021 a report of a female making threats in West Linton. Enquiries are ongoing.

On 18/03/2021 a report of youths in the woods near West Linton, possibly setting fires and moving furniture. Police attended, no trace of youths or evidence of fires.

On 18/03/2021 a report of a resident receiving nuisance phone calls in West Linton, enquiries are ongoing.

On 19/03/2021 a report of youths in Tweed Green, Peebles. Police attended and four youths traced with alcohol. Warning letters will be sent. Further call regarding youths at Victoria Park, no trace on Police arrival. Another call regarding youths in the High Street, Peebles, Police attended and youths ran off, alcohol left was disposed.

On 19/03/2021 a report of a disturbance in West Linton. Group of youths traces, cleared up litter, given Covid advice. One youth taken home and charged with an offence. A further call on 20/03/2021 regarding youths chapping doors and running away.

On 20/03/2021 a report of youths within the grounds of Kingsland Primary School. Police unable to attend.

On 23/03/2021 a report of youths playing football and causing a disturbance in Victoria Park, Innerleithen. Police traced youths and made them aware of the complaint.

On 23/03/2021 a report of wheelie bin being set on fire in Leithen Road, Innerleithen. A crime report for fire-raising has been submitted and enquiries are ongoing.

On 25/03/2021 a report of a male threatening and intimidating a resident in Peebles, enquiries are ongoing.

On 27/03/2021 a report of youths in the school grounds at West Linton. Police attended, no trace of youths.

On 27/03/2021 four reports of youths causing a nuisance in Innerleithen. A crime report raised or assault. A group of youths ran off on spotting the police. Youths searched for drugs and personal amounts seized, recorded police warnings issued. Other youths in the vicinity had their names taken and letters will be sent to parents. A youth charged for breach of Covid regulations and another youth issued a recorded police warning for culpable and reckless behaviour.

On 27/03/2021 three reports of youth disorder in Peebles; report of youth drinking, Police attended and youths ran off. Police engaged with another group of youths and names obtained and letters will be sent home. Report of drunk youths, police unable to attend.

Vandalism

On the 01/03/2021 report of a glass bottles having been smashed on the ground and outside furniture being damaged at the West Linton Tennis Club, West Linton. Enquires continuing.

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On the 03/03/2021 report of gate being damaged at Springbank Cottage, Carlops. Male traced and issued with a Recorded Police Warning.

On the 03/03/2021 report of a vehicle being damaged whilst parked on the High Street, Innerleithen. Enquires continuing.

On the 06/03/2021 report of holes being pierced in the plastic poly tunnel sliding door. Poly tunnel located at the rear of Victoria Park Day Centre, Kingsmeadows Road, Peebles. Enquires continuing.

On the 15/03/2021 report of gate being damaged at a property in the High Street Innerleithen. Enquires continuing.

On the 20/03/2021 report of a vehicle being damaged whilst parked outside a property on Leithen Road, Innerleithen. Enquires continuing.

On the 22/03/2021 report of a glass bottles having been smashed on the ground and the Archery shed belonging to Scottish Centres, Broomlee Centre Station Road, West Linton being damaged. Enquires continuing.

On the 23/03/2021 report of a vehicle being damaged whilst parked outside a property on Boggsbank Road, West Linton. Enquires continuing.



Reducing acquisitive crime

Theft Housebreaking

On the 18/03/2021 report of unknown perpetrator attempting to break into a garage belonging to a property on Traquair Road Innerleithen. Attempt has failed and no entry gained. Enquires continuing.

On the 22/03/2021 report of a shed within the grounds of Barony Castle, Eddleston Peebles being broken into and items being stolen. Enquires continuing.

Theft



Improving road safety

Within the Selkirk Sheriff Court Jurisdiction there were 7 parking tickets issued in March.

Roads Policing Campaigns – 17th March was the national speeding day of action.

On 03/03/2021 a driver was issued points and a fine near to Walkerburn for having no MOT.

On 05/03/2021 a driver was informed he would be charged for allowing a youth to drive a vehicle and various other offences near to West Linton.

On 06/03/2021 a driver was issued a fine and penalty points in Peebles for having no insurance.

On 06/03/2021 a driver was issued penalty points and a fine for having no MOT on the A703 near to Eddleston.

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On 13/03/2021 a driver was offered penalty points and a fine for having no MOT on A701 near Lamancha.

On 14/03/2021 a driver was offered penalty points and a fine for having defective tyres in Peebles.

On 14/03/2021 a driver was offered penalty points and a fine for having no MOT in Peebles.

On 18/03/2021 a driver was issue penalty points and a fine for having no MOT on the A72 near to Cardrona.

On 21/03/2021 a report of male using his mobile phone whilst driving and then a road rage incident in Peebles. A crime report has been created and enquiries are ongoing.

On 22/03/2021 a driver was arrested for drunk driving in Peebles, enquiries are ongoing.



Tackling serious and organised crime

Friday 12th March 2021, CID and the Scottish Borders Community Action Team executed a Misuse of Drugs warrant in Selkirk. A male was found in possession of a personal quantity of diamorphine.

Friday 12th March 2021, officers discovered a cultivation within an address in Hawick. A large quantity of cannabis plants were seized with a potential street value of £90,000.

Saturday 20th March 2021, officers were on mobile patrol in Galashiels, when they searched a male who was in possession of 33 gram wraps of Diamorphine. Approximate value £2,000

Wednesday 24th March 2021, officers were on mobile patrol in Galashiels town centre, and searched a female where she was found to be in possession of an 8 inch kitchen knife in her handbag and 1550 Valium tablets.

Thursday 25th of March 2021, officers arrested a male and recovered a personal amount of cannabis, Valium tablets and a supply amount of Diamorphine.

Sunday 28th March 2021, in Galashiels, officers searched a male and recovered a personal amount of Valium tablets.

Saturday 28th March 2021, officers searched a female in Melrose and found her in possession of a quantity of Valium tablets.

Monday 29th March 2021, officers executed a drugs warrant in Peebles and recovered a personal amount of Cocaine and a sum of cash.

Campaigns

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Locally Police Scotland supported the following campaigns in March through extensive social media messaging;

- National Rape Campaign
- Ongoing Divisional Domestic Abuse campaign
- Child Sexual Abuse (CSE) campaign
- Young Carers Action Day

Rural

- Scottish Borders Partnership against Rural Crime (SBPARC) was formed with partners including SBC, NFUS, Scottish Land and Estates, Horsecatch Scotland, Tweed Commission. The partnership will meet regularly to address local priority rural crime throughout the year.



- We posted advice on social media and SBAlert regarding Livestock Worrying.
- We continued to distribute free SelectaDNA forensic marking kits & signs to farmers and rural business.
- We promoted acquisitive crime prevention advice, focused on quadbike thefts, through our local media channels.

Scams

- Scams prevention advice was distributed for publication going forward in local free magazines (Peebles Life, Jed Eye, Kelso Life and Gala Life).
- Trading Standards Scotland roll out of free telephone call blocking devices for the vulnerable was supported through SBAlert and Social Media.



No Cold Calling Zones

- In partnership with SBC and Future Hawick a No Cold Calling Zone was established in Wellington Court Hawick.

CAT Update:

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – During February the CAT have completed targeted mobile and foot patrols, paying attention to youth hotspot areas including Peebles, Kelso and Eyemouth. Calls in relation to breaches of Covid legislation continue to be recorded, with officers responding accordingly.



DRUGS - CAT have executed drugs warrants in Hawick, Peebles and Kelso, with Class A and B drugs being recovered with a total street value of approximately £220. Cash, linked to the sale of drugs, has been seized to the value of £4925. Several persons have been stopped and searched and both Class A and B drugs recovered.

ROAD SAFETY –Antisocial driving continues to be reported as an issue, and the CAT have carried out patrols of areas of concern. As a result, CAT have issued 18 traffic tickets to drivers for a variety of offences and continue to give attention locations where this behaviour continues.

RURAL CRIME – Officers from the Cat team have developed a strategy targeting rural acquisitive crime, in particular the theft of quad bikes. Alongside Northumbria Police and Roads Policing Officers, patrols are being carried out based on extensive analysis of data, targeting the locations and roadways most utilised by those involved.

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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