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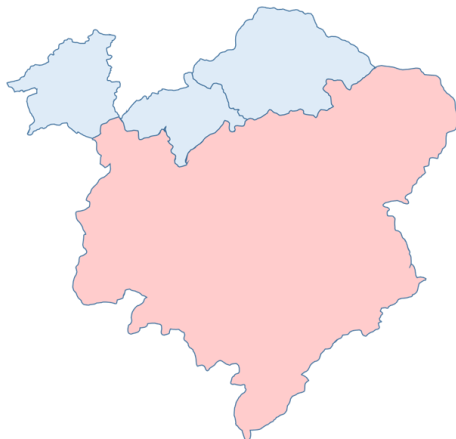


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Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Tweeddale East and West Community Councils Multi Member Ward Report for March 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 Policing News – Tweeddale East and West

The first “Teen Only” evening that took place in Costa, Peebles in conjunction with Police Scotland, was deemed a success by all that attended and was an opportunity for PC Moody to engage with local youths in a more informal setting. The next event is due to take place on Tuesday 28th March from 5-7pm.

We have been made aware of parking issues in High streets in various towns across the Borders, including Peebles specifically. Both community officers and the Community Action team have been tasked to carry out patrols and take action where necessary and this shall continue into April.

The below link gives access to the latest Police document for the Scrutiny Panel for the Police, Fire and Rescue and Safer Communities Board, which sits every quarter at Scottish Borders Council.

[\(Public Pack\)Item No. 5 \(a\) - Police Scotland Agenda Supplement for Police, Fire & Rescue and Safer Communities Board, 14/12/2022 09:30 \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

It provides progress 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 March 2023 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 141 mental health related calls, around 31 missing person enquiries and approximately 98 domestic related incidents.

Tweeddale East and West had 11 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

06/03/23 – report received that a male had been assaulted in Peebles. After enquiry two male were issued with a Restorative Justice Warning.

16/03/23 – report received that a female had been assaulted on Tweed Green, Peebles. After enquiries five females while be given Restorative Justice Warnings.

Anti-Social Behaviour

On 6th and 7th March report received of door being knocked in Waverley Road, Innerleithen.

11/03/23 – Reports were received that youths were causing a disturbance and possibly intoxicated. Officers attended and found no trace.

24/03/23 – A 30 year old male has been charged with culpable and reckless conduct after setting of a firework in Old Town, Peebles.

Vandalism

06/03/23 – Report received that a vehicle was damaged whilst parked in Traquair Village.

Reports were received that on 7th, 10th and 16th March the toilets located in East Station Car Park were damaged.

16/03/23 – Report of the toilets in Hall Street, Innerleithen being damaged.

18/03/23 – Report of fencing which was round the trampoline at the play park in Victoria Park, Peebles being pulled down and damaged.

Between 19/03/23-20/03/23 and 22/03/23-23/03/23 – windows were broken at March Street Mills, Peebles.

Reducing Acquisitive Crime



Theft by Housebreaking

Between 1730 22/03/23 and 0900 23/03/23 the window was smashed and items stolen from Celebrations, High Street, Peebles.

29/03/23 – Report of a property in Whitehaugh Park, Peebles being broken into and a vehicle stolen.

Theft



Improving Road Safety

Killed or Seriously Injured

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

Road Traffic Offences

03/03/23 – A vehicle was seized in Broomlee Crescent, West Linton for having no insurance.

07/03/23 – Driver has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal for driving whilst disqualified and other road traffic offences after a road accident in Peebles.

09/03/23 – A driver was held in custody for failing a breath test, assaulting officers along with other road traffic offences after being stopped on Peebles Road, Innerleithen.

16/03/23 – Driver has been charged for driving without insurance and their vehicle seized after they were stopped on the A72 near Thornielee

29/03/23 – A report of suspicious males in Peebles saw a driver being charged with and overloaded vehicle.



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.



- 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:



[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.