

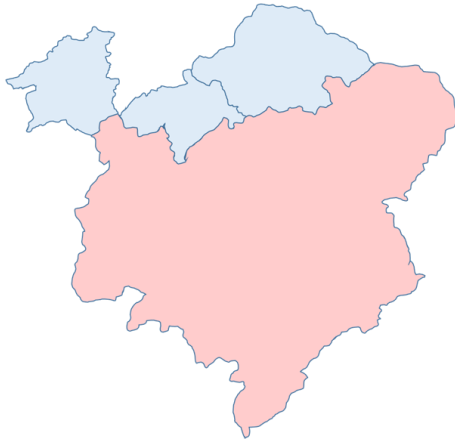
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## **Scottish Borders Area Command**

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

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

(Data from 01/04/2020 – 28/09/2021)

	2020 /2021	2021 /2022	% Change	Local Area Commanders Comment
Total Crimes and Offences (Group 1-5)	1,691	1,946	15.1	The detection rate for Group 1-5 is 50.3% compared to 56.1% at same time last year.
Group 1: Non Sexual Crimes of Violence	75	84	12	The detection rate for Group 1 is 70.1% compared to 81.7 % at same time last year.
Serious Assaults	28	31	10.7	The detection rate for Serious Assaults is 65.5% compared to 78.7% at same time last year.
Robberies	10	3	-70.0	The detection rate for Robberies is 100% compared to 60% at same time last year.
Common Assaults	455	574	26.2	The detection rate for Common Assaults is 67.1% compared to 72.1% at same time last year.
ASB (Incidents)	4,119	3,075	-25.3	
Hate Crime – All incidents	45	70	55.6	The detection rate for Hate Crimes is 60% compared to 91.1% at the same time last year.
Group 2: Sexual Crimes	134	168	25.4	The detection rate for Group 2 is 56.0% compared to 71.6% at same time last year.
Rape – Recorded Crime	21	31	47.6	The detection rate for Rape is 64.5% compared to 75.0% at same time last year.
Domestic Abuse – All incidents	10	11	10	The detection rate for Domestic Abuse Crimes are 90.9% compared to 110.0% at same time last year.
Group 3: Crimes of Dishonesty	602	701	16.4	The detection rate for Group 3 is 29.4% compared to 38.4% at same time last year.
Housebreakings – Domestic	24	42	75.0	The detection rate for Domestic Housebreakings is 42.2% compared to 44.0% at same time last year.
Motor Vehicle Thefts	30	24	-20.0	The detection rate for Motor Vehicle Thefts is 36.8% compared to 64.0% at same time last year.



## **Local Area Commander – Chief Inspector Fisher – Update**

The Global Pandemic has arguably presented society with the greatest challenge in a generation and policing has been at the 'sharp end' of the collective response. As restrictions have tightened and eased during the course of the last 18 months, we have responded to fluctuating demands and adapted our response accordingly. We have delivered a consistent service throughout, policing restrictions in a sensitive and pragmatic way to maintain the safety of our communities while ensuring longer-term public confidence and support. We have done so while dealing with the same social-distancing, hygiene, PPE, self-isolation and absence challenges as everyone else.

While we hope we are now past the worst, we expect the legacy of the pandemic to continue for some time to come. Essential training and court business has resumed and backlogs have to be cleared. Events and the night-time economy has also re-emerged and that places additional pressure on our resources. Officers and staff continue to be exposed to the virus and must self-isolate where necessary.

In addition, you may be aware that the United Kingdom is soon to host the 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26). This will be held at the Scottish Event Campus in Glasgow between 31st October and 12th November 2021, albeit the policing operation is likely to extend either side of this timeframe and across the whole country.

This will be one of the largest Policing deployments in history, with approximately 10,000 officers being deployed each day, including specialist officers and mutual aid officers from all over the UK. A dedicated planning team have responsibility for ensuring business-as-usual policing at local level and communications in this regard will increase in frequency and detail in the run up to the event.

What all this means is that our resources continued to be pressed, and our ability to respond to emergency calls must be prioritized. To this end, attendance of community officers at community council meetings will be by exception; where resources allow and where there is a specific issue to be addressed. This situation will remain under constant review, although the expectation is that this measure will remain in place for some time to come. Please be assured that multi-member ward reports will continue to be prepared and the monthly meetings between Sergeant Begley, Sergeant Granger and their respective elected representatives will also continue.

Some community officers may be required to cover response duties, or owing to their particular specialism, may be required to deploy to COP26. This will clearly impact on their ability to fulfil their core community duties.

I trust you will find the foregoing helpful and I thank you for your continued support, patience and understanding.

## 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 September 2021 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 142 mental health related calls, around 40 missing person enquiries and approximately 78 domestic related incidents.

Tweeddale East & West had 12 mental health related calls and 2 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 05/09/21 report of assault Church Street, Innerleithen. Enquires continuing.

On 06/09/21 report of assaults Old Town, Peebles. Perpetrator issued Recorded Police warning.

On 11/09/21 report of assault Tweed Green, Peebles. Enquires continuing.

On 14/09/21 report of assault on High Street, Peebles. Perpetrator arrested, charged and released with date to attend court.

On 20/09/21 report of assault Montgomery Square, Innerleithen. Enquires continuing.

#### **Anti-Social Behaviour**

On 03/09/21 report of youths throwing traffic control furniture School Brae, Peebles. Youths made off on police arrival.

On 04/09/21 report of disturbance Buccleuch Street, Innerleithen. No noise on police arrival.

On 06/09/21 report of disturbance Tweedholm Avenue East, Walkerburn. Medical matter

On 11/09/21 report of youths drinking and playing music in the grounds of West Linton Primary School. Youths ran off on police attendance.

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On 13/09/21 report of youths throwing stones and being abusive Kingsmeadows Road, Peebles. Enquires continuing.

14/09/21 report of disturbance High Street, Peebles. Perpetrator arrested, charged and released with date to attend court.

On 18/09/21 report of disturbance St Michaels Bank, Peebles. Perpetrator arrested charged and reported.

On 17/09/21 report of disturbance Govans Way, Cardrona. Medical matter

On 18/09/21 report of disturbance High Street, Innerleithen. Police attended no trace.

On 19/09/21 report of youths lighting fires at Community Garden, Kingsmeadows Road, Peebles. Police attended no trace. Location marked for additional checks and patrols.

On 22/09/21 report of disturbance George Street, Peebles. Police attended no complaints.

Between 22/09/21 and 24/09/21 multiple reports of youths antagonising resident at Cleland Avenue, Peebles. Community policing dealing.

On 25/09/21 report of disturbance Northgate, Peebles. Enquires continuing.

### **Vandalism**

On 07/09/2021 report of damage to Community Garden, Kingsmeadows Road, Peebles. Enquiry continuing.

On 12/09/21 report of window being smashed Dalatho Crescent, Peebles. Enquires continuing.

On 14/09/21 report of damage to vehicle Peebles Road, Walkerburn. Enquires continuing.

On 16/09/21 report of vehicle being damaged Edinburgh Road, Peebles. Enquires continuing.

Between 25/09/21 and 26/09/21 a number of cars were damaged in Young Street, St. Andrews Road and Gladstone Place, Peebles. Enquiries continuing.

### **Reducing acquisitive crime**

#### **Theft**

Between 03/09/21 and 06/09/21 report of lead being stolen from the roof at Peebles High School. Enquiries continuing.

On 10/09/21 report of lead being stolen from the roof of Holland & Sherry, Dean Park, Peebles. Enquiries continuing.

On 21/09/21 report of theft from a vehicle Carlops Road, West Linton. Enquires continuing.

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On 22/09/21 report of theft from swimming pool changing rooms Port Brae, Peebles. Enquires continuing.

On 23/09/21 report of lead being stolen from roof of Eastgate Theatre and Arts Centre, Peebles. Enquires continuing.

### Theft Housebreaking

On 14/09/21 report of business premises Glentress, Peebles being entered by force nothing stolen. Enquires continuing.

On 22/09/21 report of money and jewellery being stolen Dean Park, Peebles. Enquires continuing.

Between 26/09/21 and 27/09/21 a quad bike was stolen from a farm in West Linton. Enquiries continuing.



### Improving road safety

Within the Selkirk Sheriff Court Jurisdiction there were 44 parking tickets issued in September.

On 07/09/21 report received regarding a road accident and possible drink driver. Driver traced and failed roadside breath test, arrested, charged and released on undertaking.

On 07/09/21 driver reported for no insurance on A72 Galashiels Road, Walkerburn

On 08/09/21 a driver was reported for dangerous driving on the A703 near Cowieslinn.

On 13/09/21 a car was seized for no insurance on A72 at Glentress and the driver reported.

On 16/09/21 a driver was reported for careless driving and issued with an ASBO on A72 Innerleithen Road, Peebles.

On 16/09/21 a driver was reported for no insurance in Waverley Road, Innerleithen.

On 18/09/21 a driver was reported for careless driving on Tweed Green.

On 18/09/21 a Recorded Police Warning was issued to 1 driver and another was reported to Procurator Fiscal for careless driving on High Street, Peebles.

On 24/09/21 driver issued points and a fine for having no insurance A72 Clovenfords.

On 24/09/21 police were called regarding a possible drunk driver in Peebles. Driver traced and failed roadside breath test, arrested, charged and released on undertaking.

On 25/09/21 – a driver was issued a fine for not obeying one-way traffic direction



## **Tackling serious and organised crime**

On 2<sup>nd</sup> of September officers executed a Drugs Search Warrant at an address in Kelso, following a systematic search of the address an amount of herbal cannabis was found within and a male occupant has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> of September officers executed a Drugs Search Warrant at an address in Kelso, after a search of the property £320 worth of herbal cannabis was found within. A male occupant has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

On 10<sup>th</sup> of September whilst affecting an arrest on warrant in Galashiels officers found the male in possession of £45 worth of Heroin. A report will be submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

On 18<sup>th</sup> of September whilst on patrol in Kelso officers observed a vehicle driving at excessive speed and in an anti-social manner, officers stopped the vehicle and the male driver was issued with an Anti-Social Behaviour Order in regards to his driving manner.

On 27<sup>th</sup> of September CID officers from Galashiels executed a search warrant at an address in Hawick. Following a systematic search of the address, over 800 tablets of different types were found along with 16 bags of edible cannabis sweets. A female occupant of the address was arrested and a report will be submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

On 29<sup>th</sup> of September whilst attending an address in Hawick on unrelated matters officers discovered a Cannabis Cultivation of 4 plants within the address. A female occupant was arrested and charged and a report submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

## 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.



- 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:

Throughout September SBCAT have undertaken a range of activities in line with their monthly tasking identified through the Scottish Borders Community Action Team Strategic Oversight Tasking Group.



ASB – SBCAT have targeted youth ASB in Peebles, Kelso and Hawick throughout September resulting in a number of alcohol seizures. SBCAT have further made use of the new Scottish Borders Quad bikes to undertake patrols around rural location where youth ASB has been reported. A number of youths were further identified through the youth warning system with letters being sent to their parents in an effort to inform parents of their children’s potential involvement in ASB.

Road Safety – SBCAT continue to undertake road checks across the region along with undertaking speed enforcement outside local schools and areas identified as having an accident casualty profile. Officers have further undertaken regular patrols in regards to parking restriction enforcement.

Drugs – SBCAT officers continue to undertake intelligence led stop and searches of those suspected to be involved in the supply of controlled drugs, relying on information provided by local communities. SBCAT officers further executed two MDA warrants in Kelso, resulting in two individuals being reported to the court for possession of class B drugs. A further warrant executed in Hawick led to the recovery of Class A drugs with a value of £900, with one individual being reported for being concerned in the supply. In addition, a warrant executed in Galashiels saw a male and female charged with being concerned in the supply of Class A drugs with an approximate street value of £2,800.

## **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.

