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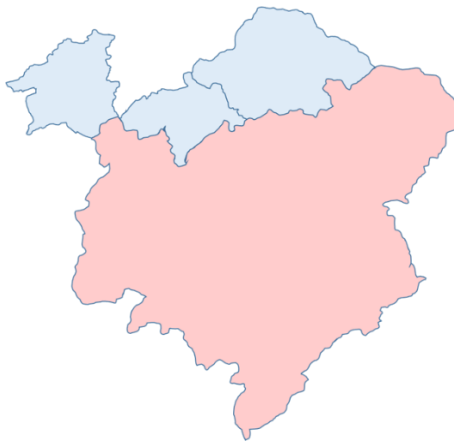


Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Tweeddale East and West Community Councils

Multi Member Ward Report for October 2025



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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North Area Community Policing News

Retail Crime has been a priority during October and will continue to be a main focus for our attention on the lead up to Christmas. Community Officers across the Scottish Borders have been carrying out additional patrols and visiting retail premises providing crime prevention advice and assistance where required. If you are a Retailer and wish to discuss an issue or obtain crime prevention advice then please contact PC Gary Beaumont or PC Ryan Shiell using the email addresses at the end of this report.

Whilst October and November can bring some gloom with dark nights and wetter weather, the annual events of Halloween and Guy Fawkes Night bring some fun for the families in our Communities. Whilst the majority of people enjoy these occasions in a safe manner, there are always a few who will push the boundaries and will cause distress to others. We have a team of officers out each evening over the period tasked with dealing with any reported anti-social behaviour.

You will be aware of a series of fires that took place in Peebles in early October causing damage to several buildings. The culprit was quickly identified and presented to court and whilst none of the buildings affected on this occasion were residential, it is possibly a good time to consider fire safety within our homes. The below link will take you the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Home Safety page for some great tips.

<https://www.firescotland.gov.uk/at-home/>

PC Beaumont has carried out patrols with the River Tweed Commission to deter and identify criminality on local waterways. Whilst illegal fishing and poaching may be seen by some as a victimless crime, it threatens fragile ecosystems, damage local biodiversity and can harm livelihoods that depend on sustainable angling and tourism.

This is also a great opportunity to share information in relation to criminality with a local partner agency.

PC Gary Beaumont has been the sole Community Police Officer covering Tweeddale East & West for over a year now however he has now been joined by PC Ryan Shiell. Ryan is a very knowledgeable and enthusiastic officer who is a great addition to the team.

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Brush Wi' The Law

You may remember that PC Gary Beaumont and PC Viv Carsley who is the local School Link Officer, worked with Tweeddale Youth Action (TYA) during the summer holidays to work with local youths in Peebles and Innerleithen to spruce up some areas that had been graffitied. The officers have again been working with TYA and the youths during the October break collecting litter in Victoria Park. These events present great opportunities for officers to speak to the youngsters in relation to any issues that they are dealing with and to also speak to educate in relation to substance misuse, personal and online safety. Great work by all involved!



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

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Protecting most vulnerable

In October 2025 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 201 mental health related calls, around 16 missing person enquiries and 97 domestic related incidents.

Tweeddale East and West had 12 mental health related calls 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 types 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

- On 02/10/2025 report of an assault on a bus at Edinburgh Rd Peebles. Enquiries ongoing, awaiting CCTV.

Anti-Social Behaviour

- On 01/10/2025 report of a neighbour dispute in Tweedholm Avenue East, Walkerburn. Enquiries complete, no further police action.
- On 01/10/2025 report of a disturbance in Eastgate, Peebles. Enquiries complete, suitable advice given.
- On 02/10/2025 report of a neighbour dispute in Victoria Park Drive, Peebles. Enquiries complete, advice given.
- On 05/10/2025 report of issues with motorbikes at Old Manse Road, Eddleston. Enquiries complete, suitable advice given.
- On 06/10/2025 report of a disturbance in Cleland Avenue, Peebles. Police attended, area searched, no trace. Enquiries complete.
- On 09/10/2025 report of a neighbour dispute near Broughton. No crime identified and suitable advice has been given.
- On 14/10/2025 report of a neighbour dispute in West Linton. Enquiries complete.
- On 16/10/2025 report of ongoing issues with youths at Greener Peebles Community Garden. Engagement from Community Officer.
- On 17/10/2025 report of a disturbance within premises at Port Brae, Peebles. All in order, no further issues.
- On 17/10/2025 report of a neighbour dispute in Kittlegairy Road, Peebles. No further police action.

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- On 17/10/2025 report of issues with neighbour in George Terrace, Peebles. Details noted, enquiries complete.
- On 18/10/2025 report of an intoxicated youth at Eastgate, Peebles. Traced and taken home by Police.
- On 21/10/2025 report of youths in parked bus East Station car park, Peebles. Police attended, no trace of youths. Enquiries complete.
- On 22/10/2025 report of neighbour dispute in Miller Street, Innerleithen. Police attended, all in order.
- On 23/10/2025 report of a neighbour dispute in Peebles Road, Walkerburn. No further police action, suitable advice given.
- On 29/10/2025 report of a disturbance in Provost Walker Court, Peebles. Recorded Police Warning issued.

Vandalism

- On 03/10/2025 report of damage to public toilets in West Linton. Enquiries complete.
- On 05/10/2025 report of a vandalism to Community Gardens, Kingsmeadow Road, Peebles. Local community officer aware, no crime identified at this time.
- On 06/10/2025 report of several fires within Peebles. Suspect traced, arrested, charged and presented to court.
- On 09/10/2025 report of front door been damaged in Old Town, Peebles. Crime prevention advice given, enquiries complete.
- On 10/10/2025 report of window smashed in Old Town, Peebles. Enquires ongoing.
- On 14/10/2025 report of a fire at derelict building near to Horsburgh Ford, Peebles. Enquiries continue.
- On 16/10/2025 report of a bus window smashed in Northgate, Peebles. Enquiries ongoing.
- On 16/10/2025 report of hand dryer damaged within public toilets, Hall Street, Innerleithen.
- On 24/10/2025 report of damage to a down pipe at a property on Dolphinton Road, West Linton.
- On 25/10/2025 report of damage to car in Victoria Park Drive, Peebles. Enquiries complete.
- On 27/10/2025 report of damage to trees in George Place, Peebles. No crime, advice given. Enquiries complete.

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- On 28/10/2025 report of vandalism to buildings in High Street, Peebles. Diary appointment arranged and crime report submitted.

Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Theft by Housebreaking

- On 09/10/2025 report of a garage being broken into and bicycles stolen at Craigerne Lane, Peebles. Enquiries continue.
- On 21/10/2025 report of a housebreaking in Leeburn View, Peebles. Entry forced, car key stolen and thereafter used to steal car. Enquiries ongoing.

Theft

- On 04/10/2025 report of a theft of bank card and subsequent fraudulent transactions from Standalane, Peebles. Enquiries continue.
- On 04/10/2025 report of theft at High Street, Innerleithen. Reluctant complainer. On 04/10/2025 report of a theft from Sainsburys, Peebles. Enquiry completed meantime, suspect not yet identified.
- On 07/10/2025 report of a theft in Main Street, West Linton. Enquiries ongoing.
- On 08/10/2025 report of a theft of mechanical hoist from site near Romano Bridge. Enquiries ongoing.
- On 08/10/2025 report of a theft at Retail Premises in Eastgate, Peebles. Suspect identified and to be traced.
- On 09/10/2025 report of vehicle being stolen from Craigerne Drive, Peebles following a theft by slip-in of keys. Enquiry ongoing.
- On 14/10/2025 report of a theft from Sainsburys, Peebles. Enquiries ongoing.
- On 15/10/2025 report of a theft from Tesco, Peebles. Enquiries ongoing.
- On 17/10/2025 report of an attempt theft in Sainsburys, Peebles. Culprit identified and to be charged.
- On 18/10/2025 report of a theft of bike at Eastgate, Peebles. CCTV obtained and efforts to identify suspects being undertaken.
- On 19/10/2025 report of a car window being forced open at Northgate, Peebles. Nothing stolen, named suspect and enquiries continue.
- On 24/10/2025 report of an attempt theft in Retail premises, Eastgate, Peebles. Suspect identified and to be traced.

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Improving Road Safety

- On 25/10/2025 – a driver was issued a fine and penalty points for speeding in Peebles
- On 03/10/2025 – a driver was issued a fine and penalty points for careless driving on the A702 between West Linton and Dolphinton.
- On 15/10/2025 – a driver was issued a fine for Construction & Use offence in Peebles
- On 27/10/2025 – a driver was issued a fine for driving with no MOT in Peebles

Killed or Seriously Injured

None



Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

Serious and organised crime enforcement – October 2025

The Scottish Borders CID Proactive Unit executed six Drug & General Evidence Warrants during the month of October within the towns of Hawick and Galashiels. These resulted in the seizures of quantities of Class A and B controlled drugs and five figure sums of cash. Four people were reported for drug related offences during the month.

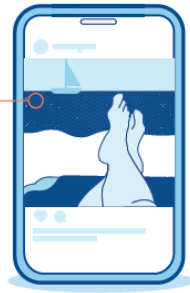
Serious and organised crime impacts local communities across the Borders and anyone with information on criminal activity are asked to contact Police Scotland on 101, report it at any Police Station or report it anonymously via the Crime Stoppers Charity.

This information can be on any criminal matter but includes an individuals unexplained financial gain or wealth or persons who are vulnerable in our communities and being targeted or exploited by others for any reason.

Campaigns

Social Media

Consider what you are putting on social media, especially if you are going on holiday or attending weddings, functions or posting pictures with jewellery. Criminals search for this information to create a list of empty houses. Your social media accounts should be set to friends only.



Vehicles

High value cars are particularly vulnerable to theft and criminals will commit a housebreaking to obtain the true key of the vehicle. Where possible park vehicles inside a garage, or at least out of sight from the roadway. Secure the keys inside your property out of sight. Avoid leaving them in obvious locations such as the hallway table or kitchen. Never leave valuables in your car.

Keyless Theft or Relay Theft involves criminals using handheld technology to identify whether a parked car has keyless entry. If the car 'key' is close enough the criminals can amplify the signal and send it to a transmitter which acts as the true key and opens the car allowing it to be driven off. Keep keys and fobs well away from doors and windows and purchase a signal blocker wallet to keep them in.

Always Lock Your Vehicle

Items such as phones, money, laptops and tools can be attractive to thieves and are the everyday items that get left on show in vehicles.

Never leave any items of value in your vehicle on leaving it unoccupied.

Remove items of value from the glove box and leave it open to show that it is empty – this includes vehicle registration documentation.

If you are looking to purchase additional physical security for your vehicle consider devices that are Thatcham quality assured or Sold Secure tested (www.thatcham.org) and/or www.soldsecure.com. For further crime prevention advice and products visit www.securedbydesign.com and/or www.securedbydesign.com/guidance/crime-prevention-advice.

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DARKER NIGHTS

Housebreaking Prevention Advice



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HATE CRIME AWARENESS WEEK

The purpose of the week is to raise awareness of what hate crime is and how to respond to it, encourage reporting, and let victims know about local support services and resources. Hate crime is one of Police Scotland's priorities and we are supporting the campaign by raising awareness and contributing to spreading the message of HOPE across the UK. HOPE stands for:

- Hate crime awareness,
- Operational response to hate crime,
- Preventing hate crime and
- Empowering communities to report hate crime and access victim support services.



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.