

Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Tweeddale East and West Community Councils Multi Member Ward Report for September 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.

Community Policing News

For the majority of people, the Scottish Borders is generally a safe place to work, live and visit however where there is opportunity, there will be people willing to engage in criminality. Aquisitive crime and especially Housebreaking can have long term effects on victims and so I just wanted to share some crime prevention advice.

Many domestic housebreakings across the country are perpetrated in an effort to steal vehicles. Some simple measures can help prevent you becoming the victim of this type of crime.

- Ensuring vehicles are locked when unattended
- Installing CCTV around your property
- Installing motion activated lighting
- Ensuring doors are locked at night or when away from home
- Storing car keys out of sight and ideally stored in a less obvious location
- Using 'Faraday Pouches' to secure keys from keyless car thefts

Theft by Shoplifting is an area of aquisitive crime that can often go under reported for a variety of reasons. Through the second half of September, the Community Policing Team have been increasing their activity in relation to shopliftings by maximising opportunities to carry out footpatrols in town centres and communities, engaging with retailers and assisting Response Policing colleaugues with progressing shoplifting enquiries. This activity will carry on in October and through the festive season. We will continue to maximise opportunities to patrol communities on foot beyond that period.

We have had two incidents reported where the victim has seen an item for sale online, made contact with the seller and without seeing the item in person or meeting the seller, has transferred part payment by bank transfer. Whilst we all want to be trusting of other people, please always proceed with great caution when purchasing items advertised online. I would suggest that if buying outwith a reputable online platform that you should only make payment once you are in possession of the item that you are purchasing.

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 2025 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 208 mental health related calls, around 40 missing person enquiries and 93 domestic related incidents.

Tweeddale East and West had 8 mental health related calls 5 missing person enquiries. Due to GDPR and protection of victims/subjects involved, we are unable to share any more specific information in relation to this 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

- On 05/09/2025 report of an assault in High Street, Peebles. Enquiries complete.
- On 12/09/2025 report of an assault in High Street, Innerleithen. Enquiries continue.
- On 13/09/2025 report of a disturbance in George Terrace, Peebles. Enquiries complete, RPW.
- On 16/09/2025 report of an assault at Govans Way, Cardona. Accused traced and charged.
- On 24/09/2025 report of an assault in Kingsmeadow Road, Peebles. Accused traced and charged.
- On 30/09/2025 report of an assault in Northgate, Peebles. Enquiries complete, accused reported.

Anti-Social Behaviour

- On 01/09/2025 report of a disturbance at George Terrace, Peebles. Suspect traced and charged.
- On 01/09/2025 report of a disturbance in High Street, Peebles. Suspect left, no complaints made, no further police action.
- On 02/09/2025 report of a neighbour dispute in Broughton. Caller spoken to, nothing ongoing, advice given.
- On 07/09/2025 report of ongoing neighbour dispute in Forrest View, Peebles. Complainer spoken to, advice given. No criminality, no further police action.
- On 09/09/2025 report of housing issues in West Linton. Enquiries continue.
- On 12/09/2025 report of public nuisance in Old Manse Road, Eddleston. Attended, no concerns.
- On 14/09/2025 report of a neighbour dispute at Cross Road, Peebles. Caller spoken to, advice given. Enquiries complete.
- On 19/09/2025 report of people drinking in Haylodge Park, Peebles. Police attended, all in order. Enquiries complete.

- On 20/09/2025 report of disturbance in Old Manse Road, Eddleston. Enquiries complete.
- On 21/09/2025 report of disturbance at Edinburgh Road, Peebles. Police attended, no trace of youths and no damage to bus. Border bus control spoken to, enquiries complete.
- On 23/09/2025 report of a disturbance in Old Town, Peebles. Police attended, all in order. Enquiries complete.
- On 24/09/2025 report of public nuisance in High Street, Peebles. Enquiries ongoing with CCTV.
- On 25/09/2025 report of suspected bogus workmen, going door to door in Whitehaugh Park, Peebles. Suitable advice given, enquiries complete.
- On 27/09/2025 report of a disturbance in the street at Station Court, Cardona. Suspect to be charged and reported.
- On 28/09/2025 report of public nuisance at Kingsland Square, Peebles. No criminality detected, suitable advice given.

Vandalism

- On 18/09/2025 report of a shed being vandalised near to Romanno Bridge. Enquiries continue.
- On 22/09/2025 report of windows being smashed at Peebles Hydro. Culprits identified and later traced, charged and reported.
- On 28/09/2025 report of windows being smashed in Old Town, Peebles. Enquiries ongoing, Suspect identified and to be traced.
- On 30/09/2025 report of car being vandalised in Springwood Road, Peebles. Named suspects to be traced.

Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Theft by Housebreaking

Theft

- On 01/09/2025 report of theft of bikes from outside shop at Glentress, Peebles. Culprit identified and reported.
- On 03/09/2025 report of a theft from shop at Eastgate, Peebles. Enquiries ongoing.
- On 03/09/2025 report of theft of items from a garage in West Lynn Grove, West Linton over period of a week. Enquiries complete.

- On 08/09/2025 report of fraud from Glen Road, Peebles. Deposit paid for vehicle however seller now uncontactable. Enquiry ongoing.
- On 08/09/2025 report of theft of half of "pop-up Bob" sign in Carlops and damage caused to the other half. Enquiries complete.
- On 08/09/2025 report of theft of bike parts from Marmion Road, Peebles. Enquiries continue.
- On 10/09/2025 report of fraud from Dunwhinny Gardens, Peebles. Deposit paid for item seen for sale online. Seller stopped communicating. Enquiries ongoing.
- On 12/09/2025 report of theft of jacket from Eastgate, Peebles. Enquiries continue.
- On 19/09/2025 report of a theft of building materials from site at Horsburgh Ford, Peebles. Enquiries complete.
- On 19/09/2025 report of a theft from Main Street, West Linton. Enquiries ongoing,.



Improving Road Safety

Killed or Seriously Injured None



Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

Serious and organised crime enforcement – September 2025

The Scottish Borders CID Proactive Unit executed five Drug & General Evidence Warrants during the month of September throughout the Scottish Borders. All of these were positive with drugs being recovered and five people being charged and reported. A number of stop and searches were also conducted in identified hotspot areas where drugs misuse was prevalent across the Scottish Borders.

Serious and organised crime impacts local communities across the Borders and anyone with information on criminal activity is 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 individual's unexplained financial gain or wealth or vulnerable people in our communities being exploited.

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.

Special Constables - Recruiting

With a long and impressive history, the Special Constabulary is a part-time, volunteer body consisting of voluntary officers with identical powers to that of police officers. As a special constable, you'll work alongside our police officers in your spare time – forging strong partnerships in the community, patrolling our streets, preventing crime, and interacting with all kinds of people to give back, keep your local community safe and make a real difference.

You can work full time and be a Special Constable in just 96 hours per year or a few hours a week. The role is diverse, demanding, and rewarding. You could be doing anything from policing a football match to assisting at a road accident. Special constables also police major sporting and public events and provide an excellent bridge between the Police Service and the public, representing both the community within the police service and the police service within local communities.

Special Constables can act as a positive force for change - bringing with them an extensive pool of skills, talents, experience, local knowledge, and diverse backgrounds - as well as enhancing the overall level of service provided by the police. So whatever your walk of life, step forward now and find out how being a police volunteer could be the perfect fit to suit your lifestyle.

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