

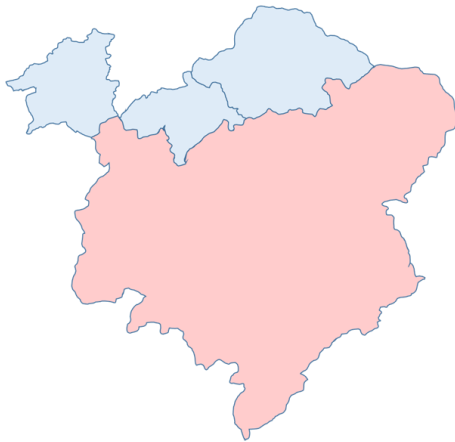
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Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Tweeddale East and West Community Councils Multi Member Ward Report for April 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 Sergeant Update

April has been a busy month for Community Policing with the beginning of the various events that take place across the Borders over the spring months, including the common riding appointment nights and policing the rugby seven's tournaments. Officers are working hard to engage with those in the community to ensure the smooth running of these events and we would welcome any feedback that is received by the community councils.

The below link gives access to the latest Scrutiny panel document 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 \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

This document reporting on progress reports 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 April 2023 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 153 mental health related calls, around 32 missing person enquiries and approximately 80 domestic related incidents.

Tweeddale East and West had 18 mental health related calls and 3 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

Between 6th and 8th April a total of four minor assaults on youths were reported to police having occurred in and around Victoria Park, Peebles. Persons responsible have been reported.

22/04/23 a report was received regarding a youth being assaulted in Hall Street, Innerleithen. The person responsible has been charged.

Anti-Social Behaviour

04/04/23 – Report of youths knocking on doors in Waverley Road, Innerleithen. Officers attended and found no trace of the youths.

07/04/23 – Report of youths causing a nuisance in School Brae, Peebles. Officers attended and the youths were walking back and forward to the Fun Fair which was in Victoria Park, Peebles.

10/04/23 – Report of youths hitting windows in Waverley Mills, Innerleithen

13/04/23 – A female was detained in custody for various offences including Police assault after an incident at a property near Peebles.

15/04/23 – Report of youths causing a disturbance on Tweed Green/School Brae, Peebles. Officers attended and could find no trace of the youths.

18/04/23 – Report of youths causing a nuisance in Waverley Road and Waverley Mills, Innerleithen

On Friday, 21st April a number of calls were received regarding youths on Tweed Green, Peebles. The youths were celebrating leaver's day from Peebles High School. Officers engaged with the youths who on the whole were well behaved, however a male was detained and enquiries are continuing to trace other offenders.

23/04/23 – Report of youths on the roof of West Linton Primary School.

Vandalism

During April there have been reports of youths damaging items within the Community Garden, Kingsmeadows Road, Peebles.

11/04/23 – Report of damage being caused to the Bus Shelter which is situated on the A702 in West Linton.

17/04/23 – Report received that the polytunnel at Kingsland Primary School was damaged during the early hours of the morning.

21/04/23 – Report received that a windows was smashed at a property in Bridgegate, Peebles.

Between 21/04 and 24/04 two windows were damaged at the rear of the Citizens Advice Office, Newby Court, Peebles.



Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Theft by Housebreaking

02/04/23 – A quad bike was stolen from Baddingsgill Farm, West Linton – the bike was recovered in West Lothian

Theft

02/04/23 – A pedal cycle was stolen from the play park, Hall Street, Innerleithen

12/04/23 – A pedal cycle was reported stolen from a property at Venlaw Castle, Peebles

13/04/23 – Report received of alcohol being stolen from McCalls, Old Town, Peebles

15/04/23 – Report received of items being stolen from Sainsbury's on three separate occasions.

18/04/23 – Report of sweets being stolen from McCalls, Old Town, Peebles

18/04/23 – Report of a charity box being stolen from the Royal Bank of Scotland, Peebles.



Improving Road Safety

Killed or Seriously Injured

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

Road Traffic Offences

02/04/23 – Officers stopped a vehicle in Station Bank, Edinburgh Road, Peebles for having no insurance. The vehicle was seized.

02/04/23 – A driver was issued a fine and penalty points for using a mobile phone while driving in Peebles.

03/04/23 – A driver had his vehicle seized in Queen Street, Innerleithen for no insurance.

07/04/23 – A driver was issued a fine for having an inoperative horn on the A703

08/04/23 – Enquiries are continuing regarding a driver who was stopped on the A72 at Thornielee for drink/drug driving.

12/04/23 – A driver was issued with a Fixed Penalty Ticket for driving without an MOT on the A72 in Skirling.

13/04/23 – a driver was issued with a fine and penalty points for careless and inconsiderate driving in Broughton.

15/04/23 – A driver has been reported for careless driving on the A703 Peebles to Eddleston road

17/04/23 – A driver was issued with a fine and points for having no insurance whilst driving in Peebles.

18/04/23 – A male was reported for drink driving after being stopped by officers in Innerleithen Road, Peebles

24/04/23 – a driver was issued a fine and penalty points for dangerous use of a vehicle in Innerleithen



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 \(iammescotland.co.uk\)](#)

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:

ROAD SAFETY – SBCAT conducted 2 high profile road safety static check points on the A68 near to Lauder and Jedburgh, working in partnership with our colleagues in Roads Policing as well as the DVSA. This resulted in numerous vehicles being issued with immediate and temporary prohibition orders on their vehicles due to various mechanical defects being identified, 1 vehicle being seized for having no insurance and a number of other road traffic offences being identified and dealt with either by means of fixed penalty ticket or via report to the Procurator Fiscal. Further to this, SBCAT have issued 14 traffic tickets throughout the month. Further partnership work is underway with DVSA to establish this as a more regular occurrence. Work also being undertaken with Youth Engagement Officer in Peebles to address speeding concerns at Kingsland Primary School, looking to enlist Junior Road Safety Officers to assist with speed checks to raise profile of issue.

PARKING TICKETS – SBCAT have been carrying out high visibility patrols in Peebles, Kelso, Selkirk and Hawick, and addressing parking concerns there. 27 parking tickets were issued in April targeting areas of concern raised by members.

RURAL ACQUISITIVE CRIME – 18 static checks were carried out throughout the Scottish Borders in April at all times of day to deter and detect rural acquisitive crime, leading to intelligence being gathered.

DRUG ENFORCEMENT – 4 drug search warrants were carried out in April in Galashiels, with 2 of them providing positive results. A further person has also been reported for drug possession offences after being stopped and searched by officers.

PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE – Part of the SBCAT role is to trace persons wanted on warrant. In April SBCAT traced and arrested 6 persons wanted on warrant. We were also proactive in enforcing persons released on bail curfews, with 5 bail curfew checks carried out in April. SBCAT have also assisted colleagues in Response policing with searching for High Risk missing persons in April.

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – High visibility patrols have continued in Burnfoot Industrial Estate, Peebles, Market Place, Selkirk, Newtown St. Boswells and at the Galashiels Interchange to address concerns at these locations. Hoax call stickers have been created and placed phone-boxes in the Burnfoot in an attempt to deter persons from misusing the 999 system. 3 youths have been reported for disorder offences at the fun fair in Peebles. A further 4 youths have also been reported to Youth Justice for disorder caused at the fun fair at Galashiels. 6 youths were issued warning letters for antisocial behaviour caused at the old Border College, Galashiels. Officers in Galashiels have been in dialogue with staff at Galashiels Interchange to establish better working practices for CCTV being made available for officers to assist in the identification of offenders.



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.