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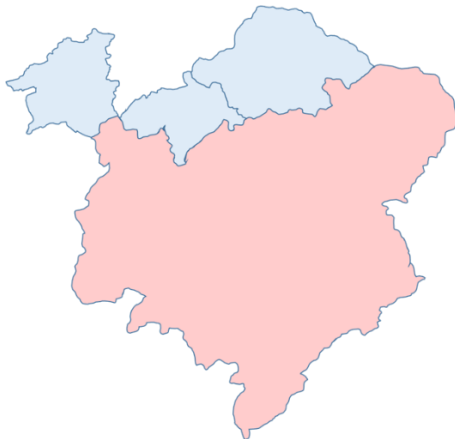


Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Tweeddale East and West Community Councils

Multi Member Ward Report for April 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.

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North Area Community Policing News – PS Crawford Laing

Local Events

Event season is upon us with Common Ridings, Rugby Sevens Tournaments and The Jim Clark Rally being some of the main events that local Police will be involved in over the coming months. Whilst I have been involved in many events across the country during my time in the Police, I have never had so many in my calendar as I have for this year. It is generally one of the more enjoyable aspects of being a Police Officer and I am very much looking forward to being involved.

Bike Thefts

Unfortunately, we continue to have reports of bike thefts in the Borders. With high end bikes costing many thousands of pounds, it is an often quick and easy target for thieves. Whilst thefts occur mostly in Tweeddale, the wider Borders is not immune. As with all thefts, some simple security steps can make all the difference.

- Don't leave bikes unattended for any period of time.
- Don't leave bikes on roof or towbar racks.....especially overnight.
- Ask about security when booking accommodation. Do they have secure bike storage?
- Bike locks are a good deterrent however they should not be considered as entirely thief proof.
- If you offer accommodation as a business then speak to customers about how best to secure bikes when staying with you.

Doorstop Parcel Thefts

With the rise of online shopping many people in the Borders receive parcels on a weekly and sometimes daily basis. Most couriers will accept instruction in relation to delivering your parcel if nobody is at home. A parcel visible on a door-step is another easy target for thieves. Please always give instruction to leave with a trusted neighbour, deliver to a work or other address as an alternative to home or deliver on an alternative date rather than leave at your front door if nobody will be at home.

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 2025 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 217 mental health related calls, around 23 missing person enquiries and approximately 109 domestic related incidents.

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 17/04/2025 a report of an assault (push) outside Eastgate, Peebles. Crime report created.

On 19/04/2025 report of an assault at School Brae, Peebles. Culprit identified, charged and reported.

On 30/04/2025 report of an assault in premises at Northgate, Peebles. Enquiries ongoing to trace suspect.

Anti-Social Behaviour

On 01/04/2025 a report of loud noises and music from property at North Street, Peebles. Enquiries complete.

On 04/04/2025 a report of youths acting in an anti-social manner at Victoria Park, Peebles.

On 04/04/2025 a report of large group of youths causing a disturbance in George Street, Peebles.

On 07/04/2025 report of a group of youths drinking and kicking ball about at Leithen Road, Innerleithen. No trace on Police arrival and no apparent damage.

On 14/04/2025 report door being kicked at Northgate, Peebles. No trace of anyone on Police arrival.

On 18/04/2025 report of door being kicked at High Street, Peebles. Advice given.

On 20/04/2025 report of threats from neighbour at Northgate, Peebles. Suspect charged and given Recorded Police Warning.

On 20/04/2025 report of a disturbance in Horsburgh Street, Innerleithen. Culprit arrested and charged.

On 21/04/2025 report of youths causing issue at property on High Street, Peebles. Culprits not identified.

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On 23/04/2025 report of a group of youths hanging around the entrance of Sainsburys, Peebles. Youths traced and spoken to, no offences.

On 25/04/2025 report of a youth travelling on an Electric Scooter regularly on local pavements in Walkerburn. Efforts being made to identify youth for engagement.

On 25/04/2025 report of youths on a building roof at Tweed Brae, Peebles. No trace on Police arrival and passing attention given.

On 28/04/2025 report of ongoing concern regarding behaviour of youths at Bonnington Road, Peebles as they come to and from school. Community officer and School Link Officer made aware for attention.

On 28/04/2025 report of youths hanging around and kicking ball on road on Chapel Street, Innerleithen. No further action taken.

On 29/04/2025 report of youths making noise at Damdale, Peebles. Moved on prior to arrival of Police.

Vandalism

On 21/04/2025 report of a window smashed within a house at School Brae, Peebles. Enquiry complete and culprit not identified.

On 24/04/2025 report of damage to fence at Stobo. Enquiry ongoing.

On 25/04/2025 report of vandalism to Memorial Hall, Innerleithen. Culprit identified, charged and reported.

On 29/04/2025 report of damage caused to toilet roll holders at public toilets, Kingsmeadows Rd, Peebles. Crime report submitted, culprit not yet identified.

On 29/04/2025 report of burnt-out vehicle in Manse Road, Eddleston. Previously stolen vehicle from out with the area.

On 30/04/2025 report of vandalism at Old Town, Peebles. Enquiries ongoing.

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Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Theft by Housebreaking

On 03/04/2025 report of housebreaking at Whitehaugh Park, Peebles. Enquiries ongoing.

On 12/04/2025 report of housebreaking at Craigerne Crescent, Peebles with vehicle stolen. Vehicle since recovered and enquiries ongoing.

On 13/04/2025 report of housebreaking to business premises at Old Town, Peebles. Enquiry ongoing.

On 14/04/2025 report of a damage to windows at business property on Northgate, Peebles. No entry gained. Enquiry ongoing.

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On 20/04/2025 report of housebreaking to shed at Innerleithen Golf Club. Enquiries ongoing

Theft

On 01/04/2025 report of theft of petrol from BP Garage, Peebles. Crime report submitted.

On 15/04/2025 report of a theft of a small tree and plant pot at Dandale Mews, March Street, Peebles. Enquiry ongoing regarding potential suspect.

On 18/04/2025 two reports of theft of bikes from a camper van rack at Peebles Hydro car park. Enquiries ongoing.

On 19/04/2025 report of theft of vegetable oil from Eastgate, Peebles. Crime report submitted.

On 26/04/2025 report of a theft from Sainsbury's, Northgate Peebles. Crime report submitted.



Improving Road Safety

Killed or Seriously Injured
Nil



Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

Serious and organised crime enforcement – April 2025

The Scottish Borders CID Proactive Unit executed 30 Drug & General Evidence Warrants during the month of April which resulted in the seizures of significant quantities of Class A and B controlled drugs. Fifteen persons were reported for drug related offences during the month.

The majority of these incidents were within Galashiels and Hawick.

Most of these warrants were in connection with one Serious and Organised Crime Group operating across the Scottish Borders.

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

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Campaigns



MOTORCYCLE SAFETY CAMPAIGN

April is the start of Police Scotland's annual motorcycle safety campaign.

We are calling on road users to play their part in reducing motorcyclist deaths, after a new report showed there were 269 motorcycle deaths in a nine-year period.

Police Scotland released the findings as we launched a campaign asking drivers to be considerate of vulnerable road users, and for motorcyclists to take action against the risks.

Every year, March to September sees the highest number of motorcyclists killed or seriously injured.

Chief Superintendent Hilary Sloan, head of Road Policing, said:

"Motorcyclists are one of the most vulnerable road users. Cornering left hand bends and overtaking are the most common collision types. If you are speaking to bikers in your community, highlight these risks and talk about motorcycle safety.

"For other drivers, you are more likely to see a motorcyclist on the road from now until autumn so take an extra look for them, especially in rural areas on a weekend.

"Losing control of your bike or failing to look properly can happen in a split second.

"We are running Rider Refinement classes with a road safety charity and doing targeted patrols, speaking with all road users. But we need your help to change behaviours."

Engagement and enforcement activity will happen throughout the spring and summer months using both marked and unmarked police vehicles.

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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