

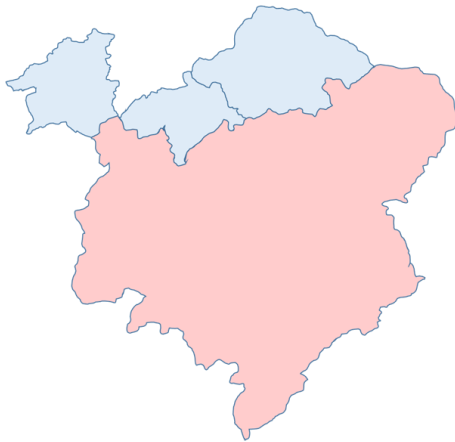
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Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Tweeddale East and West Community Councils Multi Member Ward Report for June 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 Policing News – Tweeddale – PS James Harrison

I would like to introduce myself as the new Community Policing Sergeant for the North Policing Area, covering Galashiels & District, Leaderdale & Melrose, Selkirkshire and Tweeddale East / West. I have previous community policing experience as a Community Beat Officer in Galashiels, as well as being the recent Community Action Team Sergeant. I look forward to working with Ward CBOs Viv Carlsey and Dani McMurdo, Elected Members and Community Councils in Tweeddale the future.

I am aware that youth disorder is causing concern in the Peebles community at the moment. Youth Engagement Officer PC Serena Moody is working with the school and partner agencies, along with local community groups like Peebles Youth Voice, enabling children from all backgrounds to take part in activities that will help them grow into responsible adults. While some children will undoubtedly still come to the attention of police and partners, it is important to remember that the vast majority in Peebles are law abiding. Those that do come to our attention for unacceptable or criminal behaviour will be dealt with robustly in association with relevant partner agencies. This can be a long process, but please be assured that Police Scotland will continue to address antisocial behaviour, and will report those that commit criminal offences to the Children's Reporter or Procurator Fiscal where there is sufficient evidence.

Lastly, I would like to thank those of you who have shown an interest in Community Speedwatch. As this is a new initiative, a pilot will be carried out in the near future at three locations in the Scottish Borders. After careful consideration by a working group consisting of Community Councillors, Police Scotland and Scottish Borders Council representatives, these locations have now been identified. We appreciate the interest shown in the project, however are not looking for any further site suggestions at this time. More information will be released on the successful completion of the pilot.

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 June 2023 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 213 mental health related calls, around 28 missing person enquiries and approximately 91 domestic related incidents.

Tweeddale East and West had xx mental health related calls and x 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

On 02/06/2023 report of an assault in Frankscroft, Peebles. Crime report submitted.

On 17/06/2023 report of an assault in Peebles area while on a night out. Arrangements have been made to see complainer on 23/06/2023.

On 24/06/2023 report of an assault in Peebles. Complainer still to be seen and details obtained.

On 24/06/2023 report of an assault in School Brae, Peebles. Crime report submitted for assault.

On 24/06/2023 report of an assault in Northgate, Peebles. Crime report submitted for assault.

On 24/06/2023 report of a female assaulted in Northgate, Peebles. Complainer still to be seen.

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Anti-Social Behaviour

On 02/06/2023 report of banging on door in Eastgate, Peebles. No trace of anyone at doors. No sign of any damage.

On 03/06/2023 report of noisy party in Bridgegate Court, Peebles. No sound of any noise coming from flats in area.

On 03/06/2023 report of nuisance from youths drinking in Walkershaugh, Peebles. No trace of youths on arrival of police.

On 03/06/2023 report of nuisance youths in Priorsford Bridge, Peebles. Passing attention given to area.

On 03/06/2023 report of male shouting causing disturbance in Cuddyside, Peebles. Crime report submitted for Breach of the peace and offensive weapon. Male taken home.

On 04/06/2023 report of a disturbance in licensed premises, Port Brae, Peebles. Female responsible left premises herself. No complaints made.

On 06/06/2023 report of a disturbance in Victoria Park Drive, Peebles. No trace of anyone on the arrival of police.

On 06/06/2023 report of noisy party in Northgate, Peebles. Unable to attend due to high priority calls.

On 08/06/2023 report of eggs being thrown at a window in Park Avenue, Walkerburn. No damage caused. Community officer made aware and passing attention requested.

On 09/06/2023 report of nuisance noise and speeding cars in West Linton. No further calls received re this complaint.

On 10/06/2023 report of an ongoing disturbance in Horsburgh Street, Innerleithen. Fireworks were being let off. Suitable advice given. Passing attention given.

On 10/06/2023 report of youths causing a nuisance in Walkershaugh, Peebles. No trace of youths on arrival of police.

On 10/06/2023 report of youths kicking doors in Young Street, Peebles. No trace of youths on police arrival. Informant spoken with and advice given.

On 16/06/2023 report of male causing nuisance in High Street, Peebles. Male at wrong address, no issues.

On 17/06/2023 report of bottles being smashed in School Brae, Peebles. Youths playing football. No issues. Informant updated.

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On 22/06/2023 reports of loud music at North Street, Peebles. No noise heard on police attendance. No issues

On 24/06/2023 report of youths drinking in Kingsmeadow Road, Peebles. Crime report submitted. Youth disorder.

On 24/06/2023 report of male refusing to leave a property near Whim Farm, Peebles. Minor argument. No complaints being made.

On 26/06/2023 report of youths causing a nuisance in Rose Park, Peebles. No trace of any youths on police arrival. Passing attention requested.

On 29/06/2023 report of noisy party in Northgate, Peebles. Occupier spoken to and advised re complaint.

Vandalism

On 06/06/2023 report of smashed windows in George Street, Peebles. Crime report for vandalism.

On 13/06/2023 report of damage to car in Crossland Crescent, Peebles. Crime report submitted for vandalism.

On 16/06/2023 report of smashed window in premises in Tweed Green, Peebles. Crime report submitted for vandalism

On 19/06/2023 reports of damage to gate at Bonnington Road, Peebles. School where made aware but have taken no action. Complainer still to be seen

On 21/06/2023 Border buses have reported vandalism to seat on school bus from Peebles. Seat has been pulled apart and contents of seat thrown of bus. Crime report for vandalism.

On 27/06/2023 report of damage to a toilet in Victoria Park Drive, Peebles. Contact still to be made with complainer to ascertain nif any damage.

On 29/06/23023 report of damage to a window in Kingsmeadow Road, Peebles. Crime report submitted.

On 30/06/2023 report of damage to a window in School Brae, Peebles. Complainer still to be seen.



Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Theft by Housebreaking

On 11/06/2023 report of quad bikes stolen from shed in Carlops, Penicuik. Crime report submitted for theft by housebreaking.

Theft

On 01/06/2023 report of shoplifting in a premises in Northgate, Peebles. Crime report submitted for shoplifting.

On 01/06/2023 report of a theft from local supermarket in Dovecot Road, Peebles. Crime report submitted.

On 02/06/2023 report of a theft from Venlaw View, Peebles. Advice given re missing blue badge. Nothing to suggest stolen.

On 05/06/2023 report of attempt theft of caravan in West Linton. Crime reports submitted.

On 06/06/2023 report of a theft from licensed premises, High Street, Peebles. Crime report submitted for theft.

On 10/06/2023 report of a theft from a house in Springwood Terrace, Peebles. Crime report submitted for theft. For further enquiry.

On 26/06/2023 report of a theft from railway tunnel in Peebles. Complainer still to be seen.

On 29/06/2023 report of a theft of fuel from garage, Edinburgh Road, Peebles. Complainer still to be seen and details noted.



Improving Road Safety

Killed or Seriously Injured

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 \(iammescotland.co.uk\)](http://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:

During the past month SBCAT officers carried out High Visibility foot patrols and worked alongside other community agencies at Denholm rideout (each officer 9 hours, Hawick Colour Bussing (each officer, 5 hours), Hawick Common Riding Friday and Saturday (each officer between 8-10 hours), Selkirk Common riding main day (each officer 9 hours), Melrose rideout (each officer 6 hours), Morebattle rideout (each officer, 6 hours), Melrose Fancy dress (each officer 2 hours), Peebles Installation (each officer, 6 hours), Melrose bike ride, (each officer 4 hours), Melrose three hills race (each officer, 2 hours), Walkerburn fancy dress parade (each officer, 5 hours).

ROAD SAFETY – SBCAT have continued carrying out road checks in various places in the Borders. SBCAT have issued 9 traffic tickets throughout the month and seized 2 vehicles for having no insurance.

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PARKING TICKETS – SBCAT have been carrying out high visibility patrols in Peebles, Kelso, Selkirk and Hawick, and addressing parking concerns there however have been limited due to abstractions at local Common Riding events. 9 tickets have been issued targeting areas of concern raised by members.

RURAL ACQUISITIVE CRIME – We continue to carry out static road checks in rural areas at all times of day to deter and detect rural acquisitive crime. 45 static checks were carried out throughout the Scottish Borders in January.

DRUG ENFORCEMENT – SBCAT took part in executing one drug search warrant in Galashiels. A quantity of Class A drugs were found and an offender charged accordingly. A report has been sent to the PF.

PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE – Part of the SBCAT role is to trace persons wanted on warrant/missing person/and bail curfew checks. SBCAT have carried out regular checks on multiple individuals who are wanted on warrant. These individuals are aware they are wanted and enquiries to trace them are continuing. One male was traced as a result of enquiries and arrested. SBCAT has been involved in three high risk missing person reports during the month, thankfully with all persons subsequently being traced safe and well.

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – High visibility patrols have continued in Burnfoot, Hawick as well as near derelict sites in Hawick to address concerns at these locations. Further to that, officers have repeatedly attended at Moneynut windfarm, Berwickshire, to deter and detect off road motorbikes.

Following a recent incident in Tweed Green, Peebles, whereby a male was robbed of his wallet by youths, SBCAT officers have carried out reassurance patrols in that area. Enquiries are ongoing to trace the youths.

A report was made to police regarding a male exposing himself to children aged 10-12 years of age at Victoria Park Innerleithen. SBCAT officers attended and assisted trace the male concerned. The male was subsequently arrested and charged accordingly.

3 youths have also been reported by CAT officers to Youth Justice for disorder caused at the fun fair at Galashiels during Braw Lads week.



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.