

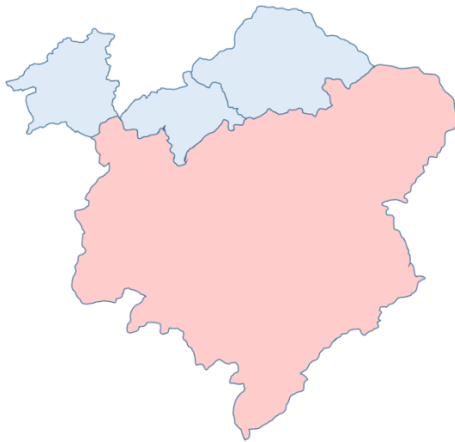
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Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Tweeddale East and West Community Councils Multi Member Ward Report for June 2024



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 – PS James Harrison



Images of Leaderdale & Melrose Community Beat Officer PC Ian Porter are like buses, you don't see one for ages and then two come at once! Here he is with the 'Scam Van' when it visited Galashiels recently, and a second picture engaging with the youths at Earlston Fancy Dress.

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June is a particularly busy time for Community Officers due to the number of events that require to be policed throughout the area. Three of the major events in June were the Selkirk Common Riding, the Peebles Beltane and the Braw Lads Gathering in Galashiels. Selkirk is my local town, so it was a real honour to lead the parade into the town square for the casting during that Common Riding.

You will hopefully have noticed the addition of Scottish Borders Alert to the campaign section of the report. I would encourage anyone to join this scheme, particularly those who live in more remote areas. It is a great way to receive information that is relevant to you. This may be crime alerts from Police Scotland, information about emergencies, alerts about scams or frauds or even severe weather warnings. Please click on the SB Alerts link below for further information.

The below link gives access to the latest Police document for the Scrutiny Panel for the Police, Fire and Rescue and Safer Communities Board, which sits every quarter at Scottish Borders Council.

[Item No. 5 a - Scottish Borders Scrutiny April - Sept.pdf \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

Once you click into this link, please scroll down to read the full report. It provides progress and updates on service matters from Police Scotland and contains an input from Local Area Commander, Chief Inspector Stuart Fletcher.

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 2024 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 171 mental health related calls, around 40 missing person enquiries and approximately 86 domestic related incidents.

Tweeddale East and West had 18 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 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

08/06/24 – report of a male being assaulted by youths at play park, Hall Street, Innerleithen.

29/06/24 – report of two females being assaulted in Eastgate, Peebles. Officers are following a positive line of enquiry.

Anti-Social Behaviour

07/06/24 – report of two females chapping a door in Waverley Road, Innerleithen.

08/06/24 – report of youths drinking under Tweed Bridge and on High Street, Peebles. No trace on police arrival.

14/06/24 – reports received of youths causing a nuisance in Victoria Park, Innerleithen. On officers attending youths run off in all directions, however 4 were spoken to with 1 15-year-old being searched for drugs, 1 16-year-old had tobacco and alcohol seized, and there were no issues with the other 2 youths aged 15 and 16 respectively.

21/06/24 – report of youths causing a nuisance and possibly damaging a garden within St. Ronans Primary School, Innerleithen. Officers attended no trace of youths and no damage found.

29/06/24 – report of youths on the roof of Parish Church, Peebles. There were no further calls and officers did not attend.

Vandalism

06/06/24 – report of a window being damaged at Victoria Park Day Centre, Kingsmeadows Road, Peebles.

13/06/24 – report of damage being caused within the playground at Broughton Primary School.

14/06/24 – report of a letterbox being damaged at a property in Bellfield Crescent, Eddleston.

17/06/24 – report of damage being caused to a Yurt within the Community Garden, Kingsmeadows Road, Peebles.

19/06/24 – report received of several windows being smashed to premises in Eastgate and Northgate. Enquiries are continuing.



Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Theft by Housebreaking

11/06/24 – a property in Eddleston was broken into and property stolen.

12/06/24 – a business property in Boggsbank Road, West Linton was broken into, and property stolen.

12/06/24 – a workshop within the forest track near Broughtonknowe A701 was broken into, and items stolen.

12/06/24 – Tweedsmuir Village Hall was broken into but nothing was stolen.

Theft

14/06/24 – Between 2100 13/06/24 and 14/06/24 a vehicle was stolen from forestry just off A701 at Nickleboard Hill, Tweedsmuir

21/06/24 – a car parked near to Horsbrugh Ford, was broken into and property stolen.

24/06/24 – report of multiple theft shopliftings from Sainsbury, Peebles. Officers are following a positive line of enquiry.



Improving Road Safety

Road Traffic Offences

10/06/24 – a driver has been reported for road traffic offences including dangerous driving after being involved in an accident on the A72 near to Lyne Kirk.

19/06/24 – a driver was issued with a Fixed Penalty Ticket for careless driving after being involved in an accident on the A703.

29/06/24 – a driver has been reported for road traffic offences after being involved in an accident on the A72 near to the Nest roundabout.

Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

Serious and organised crime enforcement – June 2024

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The Scottish Borders CID Proactive Unit executed 4 Drug Warrants across the command area during April, three were positive and 4 persons were charged with drug related offences. A number of stop and searches were also conducted in identified hotspot area 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 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

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



Why Join SB Alert?

Find out what's really happening in your area - receive regular updates on crime, scams, weather warnings, road closures, and other emergencies.

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[Home Page - Scottish Borders Alert \(sbalert.co.uk\)](http://sbalert.co.uk)



CAT Update:



ROAD SAFETY – SBCAT have continued carrying out road checks in numerous locations in the Scottish Borders and have issued 2 traffic tickets for various offences throughout the month.

Throughout June a total of 6 hi-vis speed checks and foot patrols were carried out at schools throughout the Scottish Borders at dropping off and picking up times. Including schools in Selkirk, Duns and Kelso.

PARKING TICKETS – Officers have been carrying out high visibility enforcement across the Borders and addressing parking concerns there. Advice has been given to drivers and 16 tickets have been issued.

Passing attention was given to Galashiels, Selkirk and Hawick Town Centres and Bridge Street in Kelso were also regularly checked by officers along with other areas.

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. 5 static checks were carried out throughout the Scottish Borders this month along with numerous hi-visibility patrols of rural areas.

On Sunday 9th June the quad bikes were deployed Monynut. Several other patrols were made in a 4x4 with nothing to report.

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – High visibility patrols have continued in targeted areas of the Scottish Borders to address concerns highlighted at these locations. The SBCAT has also been heavily involved in Community events throughout the month. Much of this has involved foot patrols targeting anti-social behaviour.

On Friday 7th and Saturday 8th of June 2024, SBCAT assisted at the Hawick Mare as part of Hawick Common Riding. The Specials Initiative Team also joined them. Over the 2 days, 1 recorded police warning was issued and 4 people were escorted out of the area due to their behaviour or alcohol intake. 1 male was arrested for domestic assault and 10 fake driving licenses held by youths were also seized and destroyed. There was a significant amount of friendly engagement with the public and several minor issues resolved before they could escalate.

On 29th June 2024 the SBCAT were tasked with patrols of Galashiels town centre for the Braw Lads Gathering. The Specials Initiative Team also joined us. During the evening several minor issues were dealt with before they could escalate. Later in the night we arrested a male and charged him with assaulting door staff.

Similar high visibility foot patrols are being completed across the Borders with a focus on, Burnfoot and Mansfield in Hawick following reports of Off-Road motorcycles being used and general ASB. When possible foot patrols are being completed at Jedburgh Sheriff Court on court days due to previous reported issues with members of the public. Innerleithen and Peebles have also been given a lot of attention during the evenings.

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No youth warning letters were issued during the month of June.

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. During the past month a total of 6 people were arrested with 3 of them being wanted for domestic offences.

On 9th June SBCAT officers were on mobile patrol in Hawick when they responded to a call regarding youths stealing vapes from Morrison's. The officers attended immediately and stopped the youths at the door of the supermarket. Following a review of the CCTV one of them was reported to the social work for youth offending.

DRUG ENFORCEMENT – SBCAT officers have not taken part in any drugs search warrants in the Scottish Borders. 2 males were searched under the Misuse of Drugs Act with 1 of them being found in possession of a personal amount of cocaine.

In June the SBCAT dealt with a package of cannabis that had been deliberately posted to an incorrect address near Hawick and then collected by an unknown person. Despite only have a fake name they were able to obtain CCTV and established that the package was meant for a youth who was staying nearby in a holiday let. That same day the youth was traced and issued with a recorded police warning.

[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.

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

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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.

[Police Scotland Special Constable Recruitment - Police Scotland](#)