

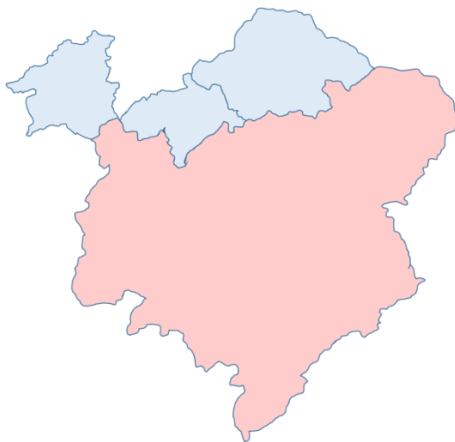
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Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Tweeddale East and West Community Councils
Multi Member Ward Report for March 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

Peebles and Innerleithen continue to have issues with youth anti-social behaviour. I am doing what I can to increase Police visibility in the towns, both PC Beaumont and myself have been out carrying out patrols as have the CAT. The divisional Specials Initiative Team were out at the end of the month and I have asked that Response Teams spend more time in the towns. We have had a mix of hi-vis footpatrols, mobile patrols along with bike patrols and plain clothed patrols.

With the evenings getting lighter and the weather improving we are all likely to get out and about in the countryside at least a little more than we might over the winter. We are privileged to have certain access rights in Scotland however this comes with some responsibility. At this time of year, I feel it is worth putting out a reminder of some of these responsibilities. Many of us in the Borders are dog owners and we all need to be mindful that dog behaviour is our responsibility as owners. Dogs who may normally be well behaved can sometimes give in to their natural instinct to chase. Worrying, chasing or attacking Livestock can bring hefty fines and/or imprisonment in some cases and so it is best to avoid the risk by ensuring that your dog is kept on a lead when near to livestock. Please remember to pick up and dispose of dog waste responsibly. When walking through farmland please be respectful and avoid crop fields, close gates behind you and leave no trace that you were there. Please also keep yourself safe, cows and especially those with calves are unpredictable and are best avoided.



I have been asked about the future of the Community Action Team (CAT) now that the difficult decision has been made by SBC to stop the funding. The team are still in place and I believe a decision has still to be made regarding their future however am hopeful that they will remain in some form within the Community Policing set up.

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 March 2025 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 201 mental health related calls, around 23 missing person enquiries and approximately 89 domestic related incidents.

Tweeddale East and West had 17 mental health related calls 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

- On 01/03/2025 report of an assault outside a licensed premises, High Street, Peebles. Reluctant complainer, enquiries complete.
- On 07/03/2025 report of an assault within Victoria Park, Peebles. Statement noted, crime report submitted for ongoing enquiries.
- On 11/03/2025 report of an assault in Edinburgh Road, Peebles. Both parties spoken to, no further police action required.
- On 14/03/2025 report of an assault at a licensed premises, Peebles. Crime report submitted, reluctant complainer, enquiries complete.
- On 14/03/2025 report of an assault on a bus A72 near Innerleithen. Crime report submitted, reluctant complainer, enquiries complete.
- On 15/03/2025 report of assault on path close to Traquair following issue with suspect's dog. Enquiry ongoing to trace named suspect.

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- On 21/03/2025 report of an assault at Dovecot Rd, Peebles. Enquiry ongoing to trace named suspect.
- On 23/03/2025 report of an assault Northgate, Peebles. Crime report. Enquiries ongoing.
- On 25/03/2025 report of an assault at St Ronan's Road, Innerleithen. Enquiries ongoing.

Anti-Social Behaviour

- On 02/03/2025 report of youths hanging around High Street, Peebles. Two youths traced, no crimes identified, and no complaint being made.
- On 04/03/2025 report of ongoing issues with youths in Waverley Mills, Innerleithen. Recorded police warning issued. Enquiries complete.
- On 08/03/2025 report of neighbour dispute at Hall Street, Walkerburn. No complaint being made, reported for awareness only.
- On 08/03/2025 report of ongoing issues with youths in Northgate, Peebles. Area searched, no trace.
- On 09/03/2025 reports of underage drinking, the previous night at North Place, Peebles. No criminality detected
- On 11/03/2025 report of neighbour dispute at Innerleithen Road, Peebles. No criminality and advice given.
- On 11/03/2025 report of ongoing issues with neighbours at Galashiels Road, Walkerburn. No crimes identified.
- On 13/03/2025 report of issues with neighbours, Innerleithen. No crimes, advice given to complainer.
- On 14/03/2025 report of ongoing issues with neighbour and their friend at Damside, Innerleithen. No crimes, advice given to complainer.
- On 14/03/2025 report of neighbour dispute Eliots Park, Peebles. Suitable advice given to both parties.
- On 15/03/2025 report of youths hanging around Waverley Court, Innerleithen. No crime identified.
- On 22/03/2025 reports of a group of youths causing noise and general nuisance at Glen Road, Peebles. No further action.

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- On 23/03/2025 report of loud music playing at North Street, Peebles. Advice given, no further action required.
- On 27/03/2025 report of group of youths causing a disturbance at High Street, Peebles. Police attended, no persons around. No further action was taken.

Vandalism

- On 04/03/2025 report of fire-rasng to bins at Tweed Green, Peebles. Crime report raised for wilful fire-raising. Enquiries complete.
- On 07/03/2025 report of damage to Community Garden Yurt at Kingsmeadow Road, Peebles. Enquiries complete.
- On 11/03/2025 report of ongoing vandalism at the play park & toilet blocks off Kingsmeadow, Peebles. Crime report submitted for vandalism, enquiries complete.
- On 14/03/2025 report of damage to business sign at Hall Street, Innerleithen. Crime report input for vandalism, enquiries complete.
- On 22/03/2025 report of car having been vandalised at George Place, Peebles. Enquiries complete.
- On 28/03/2025 report of toilets vandalised at Kingsmeadow Rd, Peebles. Enquiry ongoing.

Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Theft by Housebreaking

- On 09/03/2025 report of theft of 2 x pedal bikes from locked garden shed at Wemyss Place, Peebles. CR/0096621/25 raised for enquiry. Statement noted from complainer and enquiries ongoing.
- On 11/03/2025 report of theft of lawnmower from garden in Buchan Gardens, Peebles. Crime report submitted and enquiries complete.
- On 21/03/2025 report of theft of bike frames and bike parts from Tweedholm Avenue East, Walkerburn. Some items have been recovered. Enquiries are ongoing.

Theft

- On 11/03/2025 report of attempt theft of an antique bike from the allotments, Innerleithen. No crime identified.
- On 13/03/2025 report of theft of waste oil from Peebles Hydro. Enquiries complete, all possible lines of enquiry been met.
- On 14/03/2025 report of theft of purse at Dalatho Crescent, Peebles. Enquiries ongoing.
- On 19/03/2025 report of attempt theft of oil from Barony Castle Hotel, Eddleston. Enquiry continuing.
- On 25/03/2025 report of theft of vegetable oil from Green Tree Hotel, Peebles. Enquiries ongoing. Enquiries ongoing.

Improving Road Safety

Road Traffic Offences

Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

Serious and organised crime enforcement – March 2025

The Scottish Borders CID Proactive Unit executed 7 Drug Warrant during the month of March which resulted in the seizures of Class A, B and C controlled drugs. Six persons were reported for drug related offences during the month. The majority of these incidents were within Galashiels, Hawick and Kelso.

Several other searches and disused building checks were conducted over the month, in relation to industrial sized cultivations which have been evident within the local communities of the Scottish Borders over the last two years.

These were all found to be in order however we would like to reinforce the message that assistance from members of the public seeing any unusual activity at such premises should be reported to the Police, anonymously if need be.

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.

Campaigns



The Scottish Partnership Against Rural Crime (SPARC) has identified the worrying of livestock as one of the key issues impacting on rural/agricultural communities in Scotland.

All livestock are valuable assets and any harm to them impacts an owner/farmer's livelihood. It is every dog's instinct to chase, even if they are usually obedient and good with other animals. Consequently, all dogs should be kept under proper control by the owners/handlers whether they are in an urban or rural area.

In respect of Livestock Worrying, the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953 has been updated from November 2021 to the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (Amendment) (Scotland) Act 2021 and features several key changes:

- Renaming of offence
- Widens categories of livestock
- Increased Penalties
- Additional Police Powers

All of which it is hoped will bring the legislation in line with modern farming practices, act as a clear deterrent. and provide further support to livestock owners.

Chasing by dogs can do serious damage to livestock, even if the dog doesn't catch them. The stress of chasing/attacking/worrying by dogs can cause animals to die and pregnant stock to miscarry.

Livestock fleeing from dogs are often killed or seriously injured by their panicked attempts to escape, often causing significant collateral damage to fences and field boundaries in the process.

Dogs chasing ewes and lambs can cause them to separate with lambs dying from starvation or hypothermia if they fail to find the mothering ewe again.

CAT Update:

ROAD SAFETY & PARKING TICKETS –

Officers have been carrying out high visibility enforcement across the Borders and addressing parking concerns there. Extra attention was given to Kelso Square following complaints.

On the 6th of March SBCAT officers were on mobile patrol in Galashiels when they stopped a vehicle. Within they found 4 males and an overwhelming smell of cannabis. All 4 were detained, searched and they were each found to be in possession of a personal amount of cannabis. The driver also failed the road drugs test and was arrested. All 4 were charged with possession and samples from the driver were sent for analysis. He will likely be reported for drug driving once the analysis is complete.

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A few days later there was a call to Galashiels regarding a group of male youths smoking cannabis on a park bench. SBCAT officers attended and found the same youths from the incident on the 6th of March. They were all searched for controlled drugs and more cannabis was recovered.

On the 19th of March SBCAT officers spent a shift doing a dedicated patrol of rural Peebleshire with extra attention being given to West Linton following concerns about parking at the primary school and speeding vehicles.

RURAL ACQUISITIVE CRIME – We carry out high visibility mobile patrols across rural areas at varying times while completing static road checks.

Quad bike patrols have been completed on the Selkirk side of the 3 Brethren following complaints of off-road bikes in the area and in Bannerfield. With officers engaging with local farmers when possible. Similar rural patrols have been completed at Monynut.

On the 29th of March a male was assaulted in Selkirk after trying to stop 3 males who were stealing scrap metal from his garden. SBCAT and Response officers attended at the scene and attempted to find the males who had made off in a vehicle. Initially there was no trace but there was a subsequent report of a vehicle crashing near Midlem. Officers attended and found the 3 males nearby in possession of the property stolen from Selkirk. All 3 were arrested and later charged with theft, with the driver also charged with drink driving and other traffic offences.

VIOLENCE AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – High visibility patrols have continued in targeted areas of the Scottish Borders to address concerns highlighted as per our taskings.

During the evening of 19th of March SBCAT officers were conducting a foot patrol of Burnfoot. This was following a small fireraising that had occurred a few days prior. They were informed by a member of staff that youths had started another small fire against the wall of the school. Together they viewed the CCTV and were able to identify the youths.

Following several youths calls to Fairhurst drive in Hawick windows CAT officers conducted extra patrols and enquiries. CCTV was obtained from the Burnfoot Morrisons showing a group of female youths stealing eggs minutes before eggs were thrown at windows in Fairhurst Drive. A 4 youths were subsequently identified.

PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE –

The SBCAT had no involvement with domestic enquiries during March.

TACKLING SERIOUS AND ORGANISED CRIME –

In early March the SBCAT executed a search warrant in Selkirk. About £800 of cannabis was recovered along with small amounts of other controlled drugs. A male was arrested and later charged with supplying controlled drugs.

In late March a female wanted for supplying controlled drugs in the Borders was stopped by police trying to leave the country at Manchester Airport. SCBAT officers subsequently attended at Manchester, arrested and interviewed her.

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On the 24th of March SBCAT assisted with the execution of a MDA warrant in Kelso. No drugs were found but SBCAT officers found a significant amount of unexplained cash within the property which was seized for further enquiry.

[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 -

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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.

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