

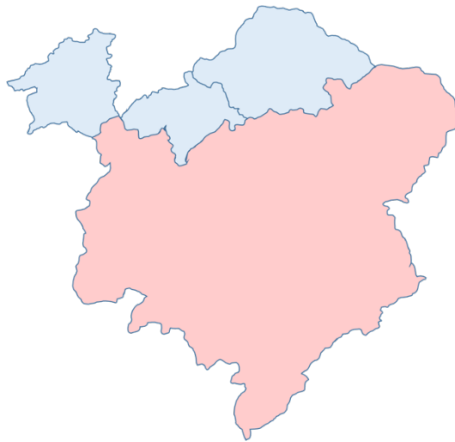
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Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

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



Community Policing is very much centred around working with young people and children, and assisting organisations that promote positive values and role models.

TD1 Youth Hub, a youth work organisation based in Galashiels, recently held its Annual General Meeting (AGM), where they celebrated the accomplishments of young people in the community.

This year saw the presentation of the inaugural PC Sean Wright Memorial Award by Chief Inspector Fletcher. Three outstanding young people, Reece Wyllie, Jessica Little, and Ethan Painter, were nominated for the award. All three demonstrated the qualities embodied by the award, but Ethan Painter was ultimately chosen as the first recipient.



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The above image shows School Link Officer PC Harper at the Earlston Primary School Careers event. During the event, pupils had the opportunity to learn about local and national organisations; while being given the opportunity to complete tasks and ask questions from the staff in attendance.

We hope to develop and maintain strong links with our Schools and Youth Hubs throughout the North Community Policing Area of the Scottish Borders, and to provide guidance and advice where necessary. By developing our presence within schools we intend to positively influence the behaviour of young people out with the School.

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 May 2024 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 236 mental health related calls, around 20 missing person enquiries and approximately 100 domestic related incidents.

Tweeddale East and West had 22 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

11/05/24 – report of a male being assaulted in Traquair Road, Innerleithen. The male wasn't injured.

13/05/24 – Report of a male being assaulted and damaged caused to a property at Violet Bank, Peebles. A female has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

Anti-Social Behaviour

03/05/24 – report of youths kicking a door of a property in Victoria Park Drive, Peebles.

05/05/24 – report of males banging on a door of property in Peebles Road, Innerleithen. No trace of youths on police attendance.

09/05/24 – report of food being thrown at properties in High Street, Innerleithen.

10/05/24 – report of youths causing nuisance on Tweed Green, Peebles by shouting and swearing. No trace of youths on police attendance.

11/05/24 – report of large group of male and females fighting on Northgate/High Street. On arrival of officers there were no fights ongoing but there was a large amount of people on the street.

11/05/24 – Report of youths opening a door at Waverley Road, Innerleithen then running away.

14/05/24 – report of youths causing a nuisance at Broomlee Centre, West Linton.

17/05/24 – Several incidents were reported during the evening of 17th May, including.

- Youths causing a nuisance within Hay Lodge Park where they had left rubbish and broken glass.
- Theft of Alcohol from Morrison's and Keystore
- Causing problems on High Street, Peebles including a female urinating in the bus stop

Officers were in attendance during the evening and spoke to several youths. Further enquiries being made into the thefts to identify the youths responsible.

18/05/24 – report of youths playing loud music in Buchan Place, Innerleithen. No trace on attendance by officers.

19/05/24 – report of loud music coming from a property in Old Town, Peebles.

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25/05/24 – report of large group of youths on Tweed Green, Peebles drinking and playing loud music. Officers attended and engaged with 20 – 25 youths who were in good spirits. No offences detected asked to turn music down. Street Pastors were also engaging with the youths. A further report was received later but there was no trace of any youths on officers attending.

26/05/24 – report of youths on off-road bikes within Deep Syke Forest, West Linton. No further calls received therefore no officers attended.

28/05/24 – report of disturbance ongoing at a property in Kingsland Square, Peebles. Nothing ongoing on officers attending.

Vandalism

02/05/24 – report of a Larsen Trap being damaged in land near Tweedsmuir.

03/05/24 – report of damage to a lock at Peebles High School.

08/05/24 – report of graffiti on pavement High Street, Innerleithen.

08/05/24 – report of damage to a wall at a property in Princes Street, Innerleithen.

11/05/24 – report of window being smashed at a property in Hall Street, Innerleithen.

25/05/24 – report of a fence being damaged at a property in Pirn Road, Innerleithen.



Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Theft by Housebreaking

27/05/24 – report of machinery broken into, and tools/cans of red diesel stolen from forest within Hearthstanes Estate, Tweedsmuir.

27/05/24 – report of containers broken into at forest belonging to Border Forest Trust, at Tweedsmuir.

Theft

30/05/24 – report of a car being broken into, and property stolen whilst it was parked within Cardrona Forest Car Park.

30/05/24 – report of a car being broken into, and items stolen whilst it was parked without car park at Glentress.



Improving Road Safety



Selkirkshire Community Beat Officer PC Murray carrying out a handheld speed gun check over May Bank holiday weekend.

Road Traffic Offences

08/05/24 – a driver has been reported for road traffic offences after being stopped by officers in Caberston Road, Walkerburn.

06/05/24 – a driver has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal for road traffic offences after being involved in an accident on the B7062 Peebles to Traquair road.

25/05/24 – a motor cyclist has been reported for various road traffic offences after being involved in road accident on the A701 near Stanhope.

28/05/24 – a driver was issued a Fixed Penalty Ticket and had their vehicle seized for no insurance when stopped by offices on Innerleithen Road, Peebles.

30/05/24 – report received that a vehicle had come off the road at the junction of A72/B7059 Romanno Bridge Road. Officers attended and the driver has been reported for road traffic offences.

Tackling Serious and Organised Crime



The Scottish Borders CID Proactive Unit executed 4 Drug Warrants across the command area during May. This included 2 large Cannabis Cultivations, a quantity of Class A drugs and cash being seized. 4 persons were arrested and charged with drug offences in regards to these warrants.

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



Tweeddale Community Officer PC Carsley at the Caregiver's Connected Fun Day at West Linton. Caregiver's Connected is a support group for parents / caregivers of children with neurodiverse needs in any form.

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.



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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 9 traffic tickets for various offences throughout the month.

Throughout May numerous hi- vis speed and static road checks along with foot patrols have been carried out at schools throughout the Scottish Borders at dropping off and picking up times. Including primary schools in Stow, Selkirk and Earlston

On 1st May SBCAT with took part in Operation Checkpoint on the A7 and the A1. This was in partnerships with Police in the North of England doing similar checks. The SBCAT issued 6 traffic tickets and give 8 warnings for speeding and vehicle condition.

On 18th May, during checks of young drivers under Tesco's in Galashiels one was found to not have vehicle insurance and was charged and reported. Another was searched and found to be in possession of cannabis.

PARKING TICKETS – Officers have been carrying out high visibility across the Borders and addressing parking concerns there. Advice has been given to drivers and 24 tickets have been issued.

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Passing attention was given to The War Memorial in Coldstream, Galashiels Town Centre and Bridge Street in Kelso were also regularly checked by officers along with Duns Industrial Estate (no issues)

We still have a lack of parking ticket books, but new books have been sourced and are expected to arrive in early June.

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

At Monynut vehicle patrols were completed on weekends 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.

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. Following previous issues at the abandoned Teviot Windows building in Hawick, the SBCAT got the building resecured. The building remains secure and youths are no longer congregating there. 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 give a lot of attention. Lots of youth engagement but no real issues identified.

No youth warning letters were issued during the month of May in relation to youths.

[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

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