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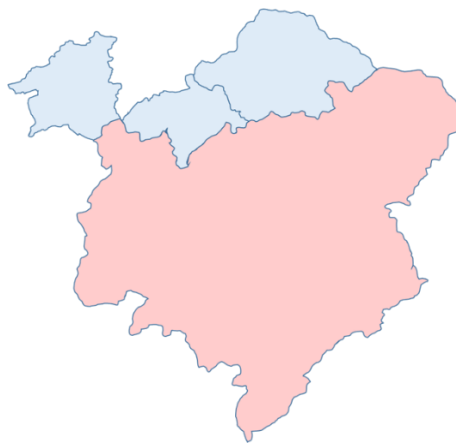


Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Tweeddale East and West Community Councils

Multi Member Ward Report for May 2025



The information provided within this report, is predominately based on the Galashiels and District 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 – PS Crawford Laing

Countryside Day – The Scottish Borders School Link Officers attended the Border Union Schools Countryside Education Day on 20th May at Springwood Showground, Kelso. All Primary 5 pupils from across the Borders were invited to the event which promotes food, farming, the rural sector and the countryside. In addition Police and other Emergency Services attend to speak with the children.

The Children were able to fingerprint themselves, sit on the Quad bikes, speak with and learn about the Police. The highlight though was the Police Dogs who demonstrated how valuable they are in finding missing people, lost or stolen property and tackling violent individuals.



The School Link Officers are attached to the High Schools and regularly visit these as well as the Primary Schools in that cluster giving inputs into a range of topics across all year groups.

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 2025 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 192 mental health related calls, around 30 missing person enquiries and 90 domestic related incidents.

Tweeddale East and West had 17 mental health related calls 6 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 02/05/2025 report of an assault Springwood Road, Peebles. Enquiries complete, youth justice disposal.
- On 02/05/2025 report of an assault in Tweedholm Avenue East, Walkerburn. Enquiries ongoing.
- On 04/05/2025 report of a male being assaulted outside his home in Leithen Crescent, Innerleithen. Two people arrested, charged and held for court.
- On 05/05/2025 report of an assault within premises, High Street, Peebles. Enquiries ongoing to trace suspect.
- On 15/05/2025 report of a minor assault at George Terrace, Peebles. Enquiries complete.
- On 29/05/2025 report of an assault at Connor Street, Peebles. Enquiries ongoing.

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Anti-Social Behaviour

- On 02/05/2025 report of youths throwing stones at house window in March Street, Peebles. Advice given to homeowner.
- On 03/05/2025 report of ongoing noise complaint at George Street, Peebles. No noise on Police arrival, no further action was taken.
- On 07/05/2025 report of neighbour dispute at Damside, Innerleithen. Advice given to complainer, no further police action.
- On 07/05/2025 report of youths inside parked Borders Bus, Edinburgh Road, Peebles. Youths dispersed on Police arrival. No criminality.
- On 08/05/2025 report of young adult males engaging in horseplay within unstaffed business premises in Innerleithen. They have since apologised to owner. No crimes.
- On 09/05/2025 report of three people causing disturbance, Aitken Bank Innerleithen. Police attended and nothing untoward ongoing.
- On 10/05/2025 report of youths shouting at Tweed Green, Peebles. Youths fled on police arrival.
- On 10/05/2025 report of two males acting in an aggressive manner at Waverley Road, Innerleithen. Enquiry ongoing - Awaiting CCTV of suspects.
- On 12/05/2025 report of neighbour dispute Station Court, Peebles. Enquiries carried out and no criminality detected.
- On 16/05/2025 report of two males causing a disturbance in Old Town, Peebles. Area searched, no trace of males.
- On 22/05/2025 report of items being thrown into garden at Bonnington Road, Peebles. Enquiry ongoing.
- On 25/05/2025 report of intoxicated males shouting at Kingsland Square, Peebles. Left prior to Police arrival.

Vandalism

- On 01/05/2025 report of vandalism in Old Town, Peebles. Enquiry conducted and culprit not yet identified.
- On 07/05/2025 report of a commercial freezer unit being turned off causing food contents to be wasted. Enquiries ongoing, awaiting CCTV.
- On 19/05/2025 report of damage caused to a bus parked at Edinburgh Road Carpark. Enquiries continue.
- On 19/05/2025 report of two youths kicking a wall on Tweed Brae causing damage to render. Suspects now identified and to be traced.

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- On 22/05/2025 report of youths causing disturbance at Hall Street, Innerleithen. Police fully committed and unable to attend. No further calls.

Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Theft by Housebreaking

- On 21/05/2025 report of break in and theft from The CO OP, Main Street, West Linton. Enquiries ongoing.

Theft

- On 01/05/2025 report of theft of razors from Sainsburys, Peebles. Culprit not identified. Enquiries now complete.
- On 01/05/2025 report of theft of ladders from a yard at Northgate, Peebles. Ladders returned later same date.
- On 02/05/2025 report of theft of items from stables at Bonnington Road, Peebles. Enquiry complete.
- On 17/05/2025 two reports of thefts from Sainsburys, Peebles. Alcohol and makeup stolen. Enquiries ongoing.
- On 18/05/2025 report of theft of alcohol and makeup from Sainsburys, Peebles. CR/0209511/25. Enquiry ongoing.
- On 23/05/2025 report of bike been stolen from common stair in Caddon Court, Innerleithen. Bike has been returned, enquiry complete.
- On 28/05/2025 report of a theft from Sainsbury's Peebles. Alcohol and makeup taken. Enquiry ongoing to identify culprits.

Improving Road Safety

- On 11/05/2025 – a driver was issued a fine and penalty points for speeding in Peebles.
- On 13/05/2025 – a driver was issued a fine and penalty points for driving with no insurance in Peebles.
- On 13/05/2025 – a driver was issued a fine for driving with no MOT in Peebles.

Killed or Seriously Injured

None

Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

Serious and organised crime enforcement – May 2025

The Scottish Borders CID Proactive Unit executed eight Drug & General Evidence Warrants during the month of May which resulted in the seizures of quantities of Class A & B controlled drugs and five figure sums of cash. Eight people were reported for drug related offences during the month. These incidents were within Galashiels, Kelso Duns and Hawick.

They also assisted Reactive CID in the Scottish Borders with stolen property warrants for housebreakings within Eyemouth.

They would like to re-enforce the message to all wards that any drug related crime or organised criminality in the Scottish Borders can be anonymously reported via CrimeStoppers, who are an independent charity not connected to the Police. The public can of course still use 101 for this purpose too.

Campaigns

What is Doorstep Crime?

Doorstep crime is principally committed against the elderly and vulnerable in their own homes by individuals or organised groups. These criminals systematically target their victims and adapt their criminal method to exploit their victim's individual vulnerabilities. The impact of this type of crime has devastating effects on victims and our communities. Please remain vigilant of doorstep scams.

Trusted Sources of Information

- Approved Traders**
Find local traders who have been vetted by Trading Standards
www.tsscot.co.uk/consumer-advice/approved-trader-schemes
- Neighbourhood Watch Scotland**
Sign up to receive localised safety alerts from partners such as Police Scotland
www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk/sign-up-for-alerts
- Police Scotland**
Call 101 if you see someone suspicious in your local area or call 999 in an emergency
- Advice Direct Scotland**
Report all scams and get free consumer advice online or over the phone
www.consumeradvice.scot
0808 164 6000

Trading Standards Scotland
www.tsscot.co.uk

Scam Share Signposts
www.tsscot.co.uk

Doorstep Scams

- Close the Door** on uninvited callers. Don't feel obliged to answer the door to a cold caller - it is your home and you should not let anyone in unless you feel comfortable.
- Take Time** to think before making a decision. Rogue traders may try to pressure you by saying that they have special deals only available today. Don't let a cold caller start work straight away.
- Research** Get at least 3 quotes before having any work done. Rogue traders go to great lengths to appear legitimate - check at least 3 review sites to make sure you are getting genuine feedback. Find traders who have been vetted by Trading Standards through a local approved trader scheme.
- Verify** that the person is genuine. ID cards can be faked - close the door and, rather than phoning the number on the trader's ID card, look up the company's number on their official website or in an official phone directory to check their identity. Legitimate traders will be happy to wait while you perform these checks.
- Report** suspicious behaviour to Police Scotland on 101, or 999 in an emergency. Sign up to the Neighbourhood Watch Scotland Alert system to receive localised alerts about crime prevention and safety issues

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.