

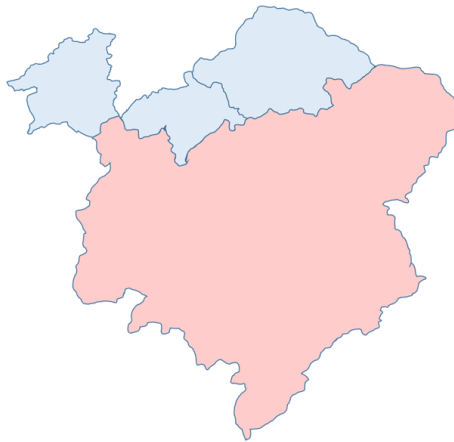
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Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Tweeddale East and West Community Councils Multi Member Ward Report for January 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.

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Community Policing Update

Community officers have been working in close partnership with the local schools, whether it being delivering preventative or educational inputs to children or being present in the schools to provide a familiar face and open channels of communication. Alongside social work, education and local businesses, together we will be introducing a monthly “hub” to Peebles High School, where young people can access a variety of information and services on topics that may be beneficial to them. This early intervention is a key part of community policing as we aim to reduce the likelihood of young people becoming involved in crime, whether as offenders or victims.

Youth Engagement Officer PC Moody, in conjunction with management at Costa, has set up a “Teens Evening” which will be running fortnightly, beginning from Tuesday 28th February, creating a safe space for teens to spend time with friends and socialise.

January provided us with some poor weather which made for difficult driving conditions due to the amount of black ice. This highlights the importance of ensuring vehicles are kept road-worthy and additional care is given when driving to prevent accidents. Officers have been involved in carrying out winter road safety checks where we would provide the following advice in cold weather conditions:

- Check that your tyres, brakes, windscreens, wiper blades and windows are free from defects, clean and clear
- Remove all snow from your vehicle before driving
- Drive to the road conditions; stopping distances will be affected by the weather
- Make sure your entire windscreen is clean, clear and not misted
- When roads are icy, drive at a slow speed in a high gear

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

Between 24th December and end of January 2023 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 160 mental health related calls, around 26 missing person enquiries and approximately 110 domestic related incidents.

Tweeddale East and West had 22 mental health related calls and 2 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

Anti-Social Behaviour

27/12/22 – Report of a disturbance in Eastgate, Peebles. Officers attended timeously and nothing was ongoing on their arrival.

30/12/22 – Report of a disturbance in Innerleithen Road, Peebles. On officers attending a 21 year old male was arrested for Breach of the Peace and Police Assault.

02/01/23 – Report of youths causing a disturbance at a property on School Brae, Peebles. Informant given advice by Control Room.

21/01/23 – Report of youths throwing ice at a property in Walkershaugh, Peebles. No trace on attendance of officers.

27/01/23 – Report of a youth possibly under the influence in School Brae, Peebles. On officers attending the youth ran off. Officers gave the area attention during the evening and there were no further issues.

Vandalism

30/12/22 – About 0130 hours the window within the door at Costa, High Street, Peebles was damaged.

30/12/22 – Report of Tweed Blooms, High Street, Peebles having their window smashed overnight.

Between 2200 hours 07/01/23 and 1000 hours 08/01/23 a vehicle was damaged whilst parked in Caberston Avenue, Walkerburn.

Between 1300 hours 08/01/23 and 1100 hours 09/01/23 the boot of a vehicle was damaged whilst parked in Kingsland Squire, Peebles.

27/01/23 – Report received of youths damaging the electronic bus timetable at Eastgate, Peebles. Further enquiries being made to trace the youths.



Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Theft by Housebreaking

08/01/23 – Report received of attempt made to break into a property in Connor Street, Peebles.

10/01/23 – Report of attempt to break into a garage at Dalatho Street, Peebles.

18/01/23 – Attempt was made to break into Alpine Bikes, Glentress, Peebles.

19/01/23 – Report of an Isuzu pickup was stolen from Blyth Farm, Blyth Bridge

21/01/23 – Report of a garage being broken into at Rock House, Carlops and a quantity of tools and a laptop stolen.

Theft

14/01/23 – Report of shoplifting from Sainsbury, Peebles.

25/01/23 – Male issued with a Recorded Police Warning for shoplifting in Sainsbury, Peebles.

29/01/23 – Reports received of quantities of alcohol being stolen on 27th and 29th January from Sainsbury, Peebles.



Improving Road Safety

Killed or Seriously Injured

There were no accidents where persons were killed or seriously injured.

Road Traffic Offences

01/01/23 – Driver was issued with a fine and penalty points for driving with no insurance in Peebles

27/01/23 – Driver reported to the Procurator Fiscal for having no insurance whilst driving their vehicle in Kingsmeadows Road, Peebles.



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 \(iammesotland.co.uk\)](#)

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.



- 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:



ROAD SAFETY – SBCAT have continued with their winter safety campaign through January, carrying out road checks in various places in the Borders. SBCAT have issued 5 traffic tickets throughout the month. One person was also reported for driving with no insurance or mot and their partner with causing and permitting them to drive the car. Boy Racer problems were also addressed in Galashiels, with one male being given a fixed penalty ticket for careless driving.

PARKING TICKETS – SBCAT have been carrying out high visibility patrols in Peebles, Kelso, Selkirk and Hawick, and addressing parking concerns there. 39 parking tickets were issued in January.

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. 65 static checks were carried out throughout the Scottish Borders in January. SBCAT officers are also following up positive lines of enquiry into the theft of a vehicle from Blythe Bridge.

DRUG ENFORCEMENT – 6 drug search warrants were carried out in January in Galashiels and Kelso, with 4 of them providing positive results.

PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE – Part of the SBCAT role is to trace persons wanted on warrant. In January SBCAT traced and arrested one male who had been wanted for some time. We are also proactive in enforcing persons released on bail curfews, with 20 bail curfew checks carried out in January. SBCAT have also assisted with searching for missing persons in January.

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – High visibility patrols have continued in Burnfoot Industrial Estate, Peebles, and at the Galashiels Interchange to address concerns at these locations. Two youths were issued warning letters for throwing snowballs at members of the public at the Interchange.

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.