

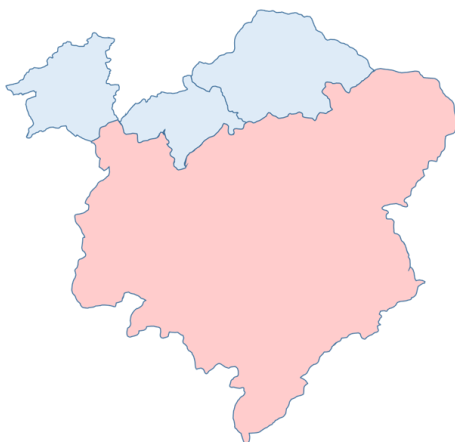
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Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Tweeddale East and West Community Councils
Multi Member Ward Report for June 2021



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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Figures for the whole Scottish Borders Area

(Data from 01/04/2020 – 27/06/2021)

| | 2020 /2021 | 2021 /2022 | % Change | Local Area Commanders Comment |
|--|---------------|---------------|----------|--|
| Total Crimes and Offences (Group 1-5) | 250 | 345 | 38.0 | The detection rate for Group 1-5 is 73.6% compared to 61.8% at same time last year. |
| Group 1: Non Sexual Crimes of Violence | 43 | 43 | - | The detection rate for Group 1 is 65.1% compared to 69.8% at same time last year. |
| Serious Assaults | 13 | 17 | 30.8 | The detection rate for Serious Assaults is 76.9% compared to 58.8% at same time last year. |
| Robberies | 4 | 1 | -75.0 | The detection rate for Robberies is 100% compared to 25% at same time last year. |
| Common Assaults | 190 | 284 | 49.5 | The detection rate for Common Assaults is 70.4% compared to 75.3% at same time last year. |
| ASB (Incidents) | 2396 | 1575 | -34.3 | The 34.3% decrease in ASB incidents can be attributed to the public nuisance calls related to COVID19 last year. |
| Hate Crime – All incidents | 22 | 32 | 45.0 | The detection rate for Hate Crimes is 84.4% compared to 72.7% at the same time last year. |
| Group 2: Sexual Crimes | 60 | 87 | 45.0 | The detection rate for Group 2 is 54% compared to 65% at same time last year. |
| Rape – Recorded Crime | 8 | 17 | 112.5 | The detection rate for Rape is 64.7% compared to 37.5% at same time last year. |
| Domestic Abuse – All incidents | 224 | 199 | -11.2 | The detection rate for Domestic Abuse Crimes are 77.9% compared to 72.8% at same time last year. |
| Group 3: Crimes of Dishonesty | 29 | 53 | 82.7 | The detection rate for Group 3 is 31.2% compared to 53.6% at same time last year. |
| Housebreakings – Domestic | 12 | 28 | 133.3 | The detection rate for Domestic Housebreakings is 14.3% compared to 91.7% at same time last year. |
| Motor Vehicle Thefts | 13 | 11 | -15.4 | The detection rate for Motor Vehicle Thefts is 36.4% compared to 69.2% at same time last year. |



Community Sergeant Update

PS Stephen Granger

It is the start of the school summer holidays which will be a well-earned break for teachers, pupils and their families. COVID-19 has impacted negatively on all areas of our communities and in particular children and young people. Mental and physical wellbeing has been effected and education and learning has been disrupted. Families on lower incomes have experienced particular hardship and placed under significant pressure. Although the situation with the pandemic seems to be improving children and young people will continue to struggle to deal with the after-effects and getting back to normal.

The Police Scotland website has Young Persons Advice pages specifically aimed at young people between five and nineteen years old. These pages give a wealth of advice on everything from personal safety, life at home, children's rights, drugs/alcohol and where to seek help. These pages can be accessed by clicking <https://www.scotland.police.uk/youth-hub/> and I would ask this be shared throughout communities.

The holiday period will also see an increase in children/young people gathering in public places and although those likely to engage in disruptive behaviour are in the minority please can the community remain vigilant to any anti-social behaviour. To allow us to impact more meaningfully matters should be reported to Police **at the time** so we can try to identify those responsible. This should be done via 101 or in an emergency via 999.

As I referred to in my last report there will be an increase in people holidaying in the UK due to current travel restrictions and as such roads will undoubtedly be busier than normal. With this in mind it is important to:

- Plan extra time for your journey
- Pay attention to speed limits and other road users
- Follow local COVID-19 restrictions

With this increase in travel in mind I wish to highlight the annual Police Scotland Summer Drink Drive Campaign. This is about increasing motorist awareness of the risks associated with drink/drug driving. The campaign will involve a combination of intelligence-led high visibility patrols and static road checks by all operational police officers including Roads Policing Units. The aim is to enforce legislation through detection of offenders, reduce the occurrences of Road Traffic collisions particularly those with alcohol and/or drugs as a causation factor and finally educate drivers and discourage them from drink/drug driving through high profile policing and media campaigns.

Anyone with information related to persons driving whilst intoxicated should report this promptly to police via 101 or 999 if it is ongoing. Alternatively contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800-555-111 or online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org.

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 2021 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 139 mental health related calls, around 42 missing person enquiries and approximately 91 Domestic related incidents.

Tweeddale East & West had 19 mental health related calls and 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 ASB

Assaults

On the 04/06/2021 report of a juvenile being assaulted by another juvenile at Haylodge Park Peebles. Enquires continuing.

On 05/06/2021 female was assaulted by another female known to her in George Place, Peebles. Enquiry ongoing, female to be charged with the offence.

On the 06/06/2021 report of a juvenile being assaulted by another juvenile at the Tweed River Haylodge Park Peebles. Enquires continuing.

On the 07/06/2021 report of a juvenile being assaulted by another juvenile at Kingsmeadows Road Peebles. Juvenile charged and required paperwork submitted.

Anti-Social Behaviour

On 04/06/21, police were called several times regarding youths causing a disturbance/fighting in High Street, School Brae and Tweed Green. Police attended group monitored causing general nuisance but nothing criminal observed.

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On 06/06/21, a male was issued a fixed penalty by police for urinating in High Street, Peebles.

On 05/06/21, report of youths causing near to South Park at the River Tweed. Youths being rowdy and causing a nuisance. Police attended, youths in the area but no criminality.

On 09/06/21, male issued a recorded police warning for being threatening and abusive in High Street, Innerleithen.

On 11/06/21, police were called to Biggiesknowe, Peebles, regarding a youth causing a disturbance. No complaint made on police arrival.

On 11/06/21, police were called to Victoria Park, Peebles regarding drunk youths. One youth was taken home drunk.

On 16/06/21, a male was issued with a recordable police warning, near Dolphinton, after being abusive towards others.

On 19/06/21, police were called to High Street, Peebles after a report of fireworks being set off. No evidence of fireworks being set off on police arrival.

On 19/06/21, a call was made to police of youths congregating in Hay Lodge Park, Peebles. Police attended, youths dispersed.

On 19/06/21, police were called to a public house in Old Town, Peebles after males trying to fight with door staff. Police attended, no complaints.

On 19/06/21, police were called to High Street, Peebles regarding a group fighting. Police attended no trace.

On 25/06/21, alcohol was seized from youths in Tweed Green, Peebles.

On 25/06/21, police were called to High Street, Peebles regarding youths causing a disturbance. No trace on police arrival.

On 26/06/21, a report was made to police of abusive youths at Clelend Avenue, Peebles. Enquiries ongoing.

On 27/06/21, a call was made to police regarding person playing football in High Street, Peebles. No trace on police arrival.

Vandalism

On the 08/06/2021 report of damage to a vehicle in Glensax Road Peebles. Enquires continuing.

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On the 11/06/2021 report of damage to matting in a local park in Innerleithen. Enquires continuing.

On the 13/06/2021 report of damage to vehicle parked outside a property on Edinburgh Road Peebles. Enquires continuing.

On the 13/06/2021 report of damage to vehicle parked outside a property on Cleland Avenue Peebles. Enquires continuing.



Reducing acquisitive crime

Theft Housebreaking

On the 08/06/2021 report of a Work shed at the Stobo sawmill being broken into and fencing equipment being stolen. Enquires continuing.

On the 09/06/2021 report of attempts to force a front and rear window at a property in Kings Meadows Peebles. Attempt failed no entry gained.

On the 09/06/2021 report of a property in Carlops Road West Linton being broken into and Jewellery and money stolen. Enquires continuing.

On the 18/06/2021 report of a garage on Edinburgh Road being entered by force and a vehicle being stolen. Enquires continuing.

Theft

On the 01/06/2021 report of a mobile phone being stolen from an address in Bogsbank Road, West Linton. Enquires continuing.

On the 12/06/2021 report of items being stolen from a local shop located in the Old Town Peebles. Enquires continuing.

On the 14/06/2021 report of a parcel being stolen from outside a property in Mountaincross West Linton. Enquires continuing.



Improving road safety

Within the Selkirk Sheriff Court Jurisdiction there were 16 parking tickets issued in June.

On 01/06/2021 motorist/vehicle issued an ASBO related to poor manner of driving on A703 at Leadburn.

On 04/06/2021 motorist arrested for drunk driving on A702, West Linton.

On 11/06/21, a driver was issued with a vehicle ASBO on the A702 near Carlops after driving at speed.

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On 20/06/21, a driver was found to be driving with an expired driving licence. Charged and reported for summons.

On 21/06/21, a driver was stopped on A703 and found to have no insurance. Reported for summons.



Tackling serious and organised crime

On 3rd of June 2021 officers executed a search warrant at an address in Hawick, following a search of two properties £200 of Diamorphine and Approx £2000 worth of Cannabis Plants were recovered. A male and female were arrested and a report will be submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

On 4th of June 2021 Scottish Borders Community Action Team executed a search warrant at an address in Peebles. After a search of the property Cocaine and Cannabis were recovered. A report will be submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

On 8th of June 2021 whilst on patrol in Kelso officers stopped a female and conducted a search for drugs, the female was found in possession of pills that are suspected to be harmful Roche 10 pills. A report will be submitted to the Procurator Fiscal

On 13th of June 2021 officers executed a Stolen Property search warrant at an address in Kelso, the male occupant was arrested on outstanding arrest warrants and numerous items from Theft Housebreakings from the local area were recovered. The male has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal for multiple offences.

On 16th of June 2021 a search warrant was executed at an address in Hawick and following a search of the property Cocaine to the value of £6000 was recovered. The two occupants of the property were arrested and a report submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

On 26th of June 2021 officers on patrol in Galashiels came across three males from Midlothian fishing on the river, all three males were found in possession of cannabis. A report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal regarding this.

Campaigns

- National Water Safety Campaign
- In partnership with Scottish Water / RLSS



<https://youtu.be/upeL9yogTAg>

- Ongoing 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

- 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/>



Redeployable CCTV

Cameras have been deployed in Eyemouth town centre at the request of the Community Action Team in response to ongoing youth-related ASB.

CAT Update:

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – During June the CAT have completed targeted mobile and foot patrols, paying attention to youth hotspot areas including Peebles, Kelso and Eyemouth. They have attended calls in relation to youth ASB, seizing alcohol, with letters being issued as appropriate.



DRUGS – CAT have searched 3 properties, and 30 individuals, during June, with Class A and B drugs being recovered with a potential value of £4192. Officers continue to carry out patrols to deter and detect the misuse of drugs.

ROAD SAFETY – Antisocial driving continues to be reported as an issue, and the CAT have carried out patrols of areas of concern. As a result, CAT have carried out numerous static road checks, issuing 21 fixed penalty notices to drivers for a variety of offences. Antisocial Driving warning notices have been given to 8 drivers in relation to their driving behaviour. Parking patrols have been completed with numerous penalty notices issued.

RURAL CRIME – CAT carried out rural crime patrols alongside Northumbria Police, in relation to the theft of farm equipment and machinery in both areas.

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.

