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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 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.

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Figures for the whole Scottish Borders Area

(Data from 01/04/2020 – 30/05/2021)

	2020 /2021	2021 /2022	% Change	Local Area Commanders Comment
Total Crimes and Offences (Group 1-5)	524	695	32.6	The detection rate for Group 1-5 is 50.1% compared to 61.6% at same time last year.
Group 1: Non Sexual Crimes of Violence	30	31	3.3	The detection rate for Group 1 is 77.4% compared to 46.7% at same time last year.
Serious Assaults	11	12	9.1	The detection rate for Serious Assaults is 83.3% compared to 54.5% at same time last year.
Robberies	3	1	-66.7	The detection rate for Robberies is 100% compared to 33.3% at same time last year.
Common Assaults	128	201	57	The detection rate for Common Assaults is 76.1% compared to 74.2% at same time last year.
ASB (Incidents)	1751	1087	-37.9	The 37.9% decrease in ASB incidents can be attributed to the public nuisance calls related to COVID19 last year.
Hate Crime – All incidents	21	21	-	The detection rate for Hate Crimes is 94.1% compared to 70.6% at the same time last year.
Group 2: Sexual Crimes	39	57	46.2	The detection rate for Group 2 is 59.6% compared to 59% at same time last year.
Rape – Recorded Crime	6	10	66.7	The detection rate for Rape is 80% compared to 16.7% at same time last year.
Domestic Abuse – All incidents	218	229	5	The detection rate for Domestic Abuse Crimes are 78.9% compared to 70.6% at same time last year.
Group 3: Crimes of Dishonesty	174	236	35.6	The detection rate for Group 3 is 30.1% compared to 51.7% at same time last year.
Housebreakings – Domestic	4	18	350	The detection rate for Domestic Housebreakings is 16.7% compared to 200% at same time last year.
Motor Vehicle Thefts	10	7	-30	The detection rate for Motor Vehicle Thefts is 57.1% compared to 60% at same time last year.



Community Sergeant Update

PS Stephen Granger

The easing of COVID restrictions continues which will be a relief for the majority of people however the uncertainty over foreign travel remains and it is therefore anticipated that there will be an increase in people holidaying within the UK during the summer months this year and beyond. With this in mind I would like to take this opportunity to encourage people to act and behave responsibly when out and about in the countryside and all other rural locations. Particularly I would ask for dog owners/walkers to be mindful and take suitable precautions to avoid incidents of worrying to sheep and other livestock.

Police Scotland recognises the impact of sheep worrying (and worrying of other livestock) on the animal as well as the emotional and financial impact this can have on the farmer and other witnesses. It is crucial that farmers and members of the public report sheep worrying incidents and other near misses. In particular you should report

- Any stray dog on its own
- A neighbour who lets their dog out to roam on its own
- A dog you know that escapes from its owners garden
- A dog worrying or attacking sheep.

All of the above are potential indicators that a dog isn't being properly looked after and a roaming dog could become injured itself on a road or cause an accident. It is also a dog's natural instinct to chase and livestock worrying attacks can result in serious or fatal injuries to sheep. In some cases a farmer can kill the dog to stop it attacking the sheep.

Please contact the Scottish Borders Council Dog Warden to report a straying dog. This can be done via telephone on 0300-100-1800 or via www.scotborders.gov.uk/info/20013/environment/583/responsible_dog_ownership/5 where there is also further information available.

If you witness a dog attack on an animal contact Police Scotland on 101 for non emergencies, in an emergency contact 999. You can also contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800-555-111 or online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org.

Remaining on a rural theme, I would like to draw attention to a report of a theft of two quad bikes from a farm which occurred in the Innerleithen area on 16th May. On this occasion the quad bikes were recovered by police assisted by trackers that the owner had fitted and allowed the bikes to be returned. Police are following a positive line of enquiry to detect those responsible.

This was a really positive result and demonstrates the importance of taking appropriate security measures to secure quad bikes and other farm machinery particularly at remote locations. Information packs remain available and have been compiled specifically for Farmers which contains a wide range of information on measures to help deter and prevent theft.

These can be requested via emailing the community mailbox at the end of this report.

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 2021 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 153 mental health related calls, around 31 missing person enquiries and approximately 105 Domestic related incidents.

Tweeddale East & West had 23 mental health related calls and 1 missing person enquiry. 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

No reports of assaults.

Anti-Social Behaviour

On 27/04/2021 a report of noise and a Covid breach in Peebles. Police attended, property in darkness no noise.

On 29/04/2021 a report of noise and a Covid breach in Peebles. Police attended, persons dispersed and warned regarding guidelines.

On 29/04/2021 a report of a disturbance in Innerleithen. Family disagreement no crime.

On 30/04/2021 a report of breach of Covid quarantine regulations in Peebles. Police attended, no breach detected.

On 30/04/2021 report of youths gathering and causing ASB in Haylodge Park. Police attended no youths present.

On 30/04/2021 a report of cars being driven at speed in Peebles. Police attended no trace of speeding vehicles.

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On 01/05/2021 a report of persons camping in a livestock field, making a mess and lighting fires in Walkerburn. Police attended but no trace of persons camping.

On 01/05/2021 a report of off road bikes and quad bikes in the forest west of Shiplaw Peebles. Location marked for passing police attention.

On 01/05/2021 report of a male being abusive to bar staff in Peebles. Male left prior to police attendance staff provided with suitable advice.

On 01/05/2021 a report of youths setting up a wild campsite near to livestock in Peebles. Police attended and found six tents and large group of youths most who fled on police arrival. Seven were spoken to by police and dispersed one became unruly and was issued with a Recorded Police Warning regarding due to his conduct. Further call regarding youths causing a disturbance and drinking between the wishing well and the bridge at Tweedgreen in Peebles. Police attended and groups of youths were detected, none of which were intoxicated or matched descriptions passed. No offences.

On 01/05/2021 report of group of intoxicated youths causing a disturbance in Peebles. Police attended and found a group of persons making their way home after socialising at a local public House. No crimes committed.

On 07/05/2021 report by police of males urinating in public in Peebles. Both males issued with Police Recorded Warnings.

On 08/05/2021 a report of youths playing loud music and damaging equipment in a park in West Linton. Police attended, no damage found, no trace of youths.

On 08/05/2021 a report of a large disturbance in Peebles. Police attended and found a group of persons making their way home after socialising at a local public House. No crimes committed.

On 08/05/2021 a report of a large party in breach of Covid regulations in Peebles. Two organisers charged with breaching Covid regulations. A further twelve names were taken before being dispersed and reminded about Covid guidelines.

On 14/05/2021 report of an ongoing disturbance between youths in Peebles. Police attended no crimes detected one youth taken home.

On 14/05/2021 report of youths on roof of local nursery in Peebles. Police attended no youths found.

On 14/05/2021 a report of youths making noise in the grounds of West Linton Primary School. No youths on Police arrival.

On 15/05/2021 report of intoxicated male causing a disturbance in Peebles. Police attended no crimes committed left in care of family.

On 15/05/2021 a report of motor cross bikes in the forest near to Innerleithen. No trace.

On 15/05/2021 a report of breach of Covid regulations at the bowling club in Peebles. Police attended, club secure and in darkness.

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On 15/05/2021 report of youths gathering and causing ASB in High Street Peebles. Police attended no youths present.

On 15/05/2021 report of flags being carried by four males believed to be stolen from the Cardrona golf course. Police attended and carried out search of the area no males or flags located.

On 22/05/2021 a report of a threatening behaviour in Innerleithen. A report of this has been created and enquiries are ongoing.

On 24/05/2021 a report of youth antisocial behaviour in Innerleithen. Community Action Team and Community Teams made aware.

Vandalism

On the 02/05/202 report of a gate being damaged at an address in Caberston Road, Walkerburn. Police attended and male perpetrator Issued with Recorded Police Warning.

On the 03/05/2021 report of a council sign being damaged whilst on display in the Old Town Peebles. Enquires continuing.

On the 07/05/2021 report of damage to vehicle parked outside a property in Tweedholm Avenue East, Walkerburn. Enquires continuing.

On the 08/05/2021 report of damage to a gate at the Allotments on Walkershaugh, Peebles. Enquires continuing.

On the 15/05/2021 report of glass being smashed and stands and fencing being damaged at the Victoria Park Football stands, Innerleithen. Enquires continuing.

On the 17/05/2021 report of damage within Cross Kirk, Cross Road, Peebles. Enquiries ongoing.

On 17/05/2021 report of damage to a memorial bench in Dalatho Street, Peebles. Enquiries ongoing.

On the 19/05/2021 report of damage to a shed in Leithen Road, Innerleithen. Enquires continuing.

On 22/05/2021 report of damage to a window of a retail premises on High Street, Peebles. Enquiries ongoing.

Between 21/05/2021 and 22/05/2021 a vehicle was scratched whilst parked in St.Ronans Terrace, Innerleithen. Enquiries ongoing.

On 22/05/2021 at Traquair House, Innerleithen gates were damaged. Enquires ongoing.

Reducing acquisitive crime

Theft Housebreaking

No reports of housebreakings.

Theft

On the 02/05/2021 report of picnic benches being stolen from outside Social Club, Caberston Road Walkerburn. Enquires continuing.

On the 08/05/2021 report of items being stolen from a local supermarket at Peebles Road Innerleithen. Male juvenile traced and charged with theft and reported for prosecution.

On 15/05/2021 report of theft of a power tool from outside a property in West Linton. Enquiries ongoing.

On 16/05/2021 report of theft of quad bikes from a property outside Innerleithen. Quad bikes recovered for forensic exam and enquiry ongoing to identify those responsible.

On the 22/05/2021 report of items being stolen from a local supermarket in Peebles. Enquires ongoing.

On the 26/05/2021 report of items being stolen from a local supermarket in Peebles. Enquires ongoing.



Improving road safety

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

On 30/04/2021 motorist arrested for drink driving, no insurance and careless driving after a road traffic collision on Kingsmeadow Road, Peebles.

On 07/05/2021 motorist charged with careless driving in Eddleston.

On 14/05/2021 motorist fined for having no MOT in Kittegary view Peebles.

On 15/05/2021 motorist arrested for drink driving on Dolphinton Road, West Linton.

On 16/05/2021 male charged with careless driving after a road traffic collision on A703 between Leadburn and Peebles.

On 24/05/2021 a driver was reported to the procurator fiscal for careless driving at the A703 at Leadburn.



Tackling serious and organised crime

On the 9th of May 2021 officers from Hawick Police Station executed a drugs search warrant at two addresses in the Burnfoot area of Hawick. A search of the properties resulted in 60g of Crack Cocaine, Herbal Cannabis, and £555 cash being recovered, the total value of drugs recovered was £6000. A report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal regarding the occupants of the addresses.

On 12th of May 2021 officers in Galashiels stopped a motor vehicle due to recent intelligence. The vehicle was subsequently searched and within the vehicle 4 oz of Herbal Cannabis were found. A

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warrant was executed at an address as a result and in total 385g of herbal cannabis was recovered. The driver was arrested and reported for drug and driving offences.

On 14th of May 2021 a drugs search warrant was executed at an address in Langlee, Galashiels, following a search of the address an amount of non-prescribed medication along with evidence of drug supply. A report will be submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

On 19th of May 2021 a drugs search warrant was executed at an address in Innerleithen. A search of the address found 9g of Cannabis. A male was arrested and reported for possession of these drugs.

On 21st of May 2021 a drugs search warrant was executed at an address in Galashiels by officers based at Galashiels. Following the search of the property a quantity of Cannabis based Sweet products were recovered. A report will be sent to the procurator fiscal following their analysis.

Campaigns

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National Shut Out Scammers Campaign

In partnership with Trading Standards, Scotland Police Scotland has showcased the issue with Scammers with extensive Social Media posts:

The poster features a purple header with the 'Scam Share Signposts' logo and the website 'www.tsscot.co.uk'. The main title 'Doorstep Scams' is in a large white font on a purple arrow-shaped background. Below this, five purple arrows point to the right, each containing a step and its corresponding advice:

- 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 which are only available today. Don't let an uninvited trader start work straight away.
- Research** → Get at least 3 quotes from trusted companies before having any work done in or around your property. 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 and take a note of the company's details. 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** → any suspicious behaviour to Police Scotland on 101, or 999 in an emergency. Sign up to the Neighbourhood Watch Scotland Alert system to receive timely alerts about local crime prevention and safety issues from partners such as Police Scotland.

At the bottom, a red banner contains the text: 'Don't let a rogue trader on your roof'. Below this, it says: 'Always get a second opinion and at least 3 quotes before having any work carried out'. The background of the bottom section shows a ginger cat sitting on a roof.

Rogue traders are visiting properties across Scotland offering to do maintenance or gardening work

Don't deal with cold callers - find council-approved local traders at approvedtrader.scot

#ShutOutScammers



Rogue traders may have uniforms, liveried vans and glossy leaflets

Do plenty of research into cold calling companies - never agree to a deal on the spot



Divisional Domestic Abuse campaign

Ongoing regular social media posts highlighting the local Domestic Abuse Advocacy Service(DAAS) and national helpline contact details and reporting mechanisms.

Further engagement with main local employers to share campaign messages, information in relation to local support services and charities and prevention messages targeting perpetrators directly.

General Crime Prevention Activity

Rural

Scottish Borders Partnership against Rural Crime (SBPARC) the partnership continues to meet regularly to address local priority rural crime throughout the year.



Police Scotland continued to post advice on social media and SBAlert regarding theft prevention.

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Police Scotland continued to distribute free SelectaDNA forensic marking kits & signs to farmers and rural business. These can be requested by Farmers / Rural businesses using the [Contact Us Form](#) on the Police Scotland Website.

Scams

Scams prevention advice has continued to be distributed via SBAlert and Social Media platforms.

No Cold Calling Zones

A new zone at Fisher Avenue, Hawick is underway.

A refresh of the existing zone (new road signs and house packs) in Swinton village is ongoing.

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:

Throughout May SBCAT have continued to focus on issues highlighted by the public through the SBCAT tasking process. This has included

Youth ASB – SBCAT have continued to deploy around Tweeddale and Eyemouth in relation to Youth ASB whilst being flexible, deploying to other towns as matters arise such as in Jedburgh during May. SBCAT have undertaken a number of alcohol seizures across the Borders along with charging an individual for supplying alcohol to children under the age of 18. Those identified as being present during any reported ASB have subsequently had a letter sent home advising their parents of their involvement with the Police.



Drugs – SBCAT continue to tackle the sale of harmful substances in our communities across the region by executing a number of MDA warrants and undertaking intelligence led searches of those known to be involved in the supply of drugs. Of note during an execution of a MDA warrant in Hawick Class A drugs with a potential street value of £6,000 was seized in an operation whereby a vulnerable person was being used for the illicit gain of others.

Road Safety – As lockdown restrictions are eased SBCAT have been undertaking high visibility patrols of local town centres and issuing Fixed Penalty Notices where appropriate to cars parked dangerously or inconsiderately. SBCAT have also undertaken action in relation to timed parking in an effort to allow a flow of customers returning to business as they begin to open. Further SBCAT officers have been undertaking Road Checks across the region resulting in cars being seized where no appropriate insurance has been in place and issuing ASBO warning to those driving carelessly or inconsiderately to other road users.

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:

TweeddaleEastCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk

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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.

