

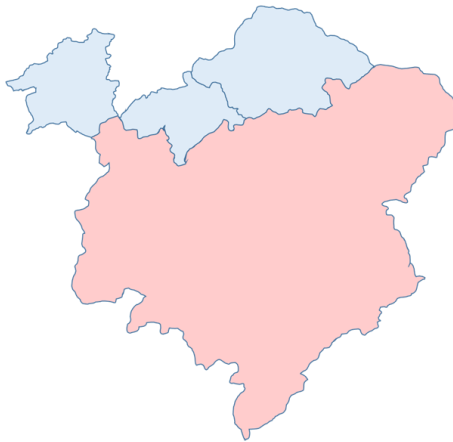
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Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Tweeddale East and West Community Councils Multi Member Ward Report for November 2022



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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Community Policing News – Tweeddale East and West

Following on from the work carried out by Community Policing through Operation Torsion, as described in October's report, by visiting premises, checking licences and carrying out mobile and foot patrols in relation to the use of fireworks and any associated anti-social behaviour, I am pleased to report there were no incidents of such behaviour in Tweeddale that were reported to the police.

We provided a presence at the recent Careers Fair at Peebles High School, to provide advice and encouragement to any pupils that may be considering a career within the police service. We are continuing to work closely with schools and other partners to look at a more pro-active preventative approach to divert youths from offending behaviours.

Looking forward, Community Policing will begin to work on Operation Jardinière, the aim being to offer support and guidance to those living, working and visiting our rural communities and providing a focus on preventing and raising awareness of rural crime. This will be carried out by engagement, social media messaging and local events. Please refer to the Scottish Borders Police Facebook page for further information.

The below link gives access to the latest Scrutiny panel document for the Police, Fire and Rescue and Safer Communities Board, which sits every quarter at Scottish Borders Council.

[Item No. 5 a ii - Scottish Borders Scrutiny - Q1 2022-23.pdf \(modern.gov.co.uk\)](#)

This document reporting on progress reports and updates on service matters from Police Scotland as presented by the Local Area Commander CI Vinnie Fisher.

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 November 2022 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 158 mental health related calls, around 39 missing person enquiries and approximately 67 domestic related incidents.

Tweeddale East and West had 16 mental health related calls and 4 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

08/11/22 report of a minor assault taking place in Carlops Road, West Linton.

05/11/22 two males have been reported for assault on High Street, Peebles.

26/11/22 a male attending a function at Peebles Hydro has been charged with assault, breach of the peace and resisting arrest.

27/11/22 a male was assaulted outside licensed premises on High Street, Peebles

Anti-Social Behaviour

01/11/22 report of a shop assistant shouting and swearing at a customer within a shop in West Linton.

04/11/22 report of youths banging on windows at a property in Northgate, Peebles.

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05/11/22 a male was issued with a Recorded Police Warning after smashing a glass on High Street, Peebles.

08/11/22 a report was received regarding youths throwing items and shouting abuse on Tweed Bridge, Peebles.

11/11/22 a female was issued with a Recorded Police Warning for a breach of the peace at a property in North Street, Peebles.

19/11/22 report was received of fly tipping within fields at Cambuswell Farm, Skirling.

19/11/22 report of a youth making threats to staff within licensed premises.in Peebles.

Vandalism

01/11/22 report received of a vehicle windscreen being damaged whilst in parked in Montgomery Square, Innerleithen.

11/11/22 a youth visiting family in George Street, Peebles smashed windows of a vehicle.

20/11/22 a rear light on a vehicle was damaged whilst parked in Horsburgh Street, Innerleithen.

22/11/22 a vehicle was damaged whilst parked in Tweedholm Avenue East, Walkerburn.



Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Theft by Housebreaking

Between 20th November and 22nd November a property at Whytbank Row, Clovenfords was broken into and a quantity of jewellery stolen.

28/11/22 a male was charged with theft housebreaking and various road traffic offences after a report was received of males acting suspiciously outside a property in Innerleithen.

Theft

02/11/22 a 68 year old male was issued with a Recorded Police Warning for shoplifting from Sainsbury, Peebles.

04/11/22 a quantity of alcohol was stolen from Sainsbury, Peebles.

Between 03/11/22 and 04/11/22 a quantity of heating oil was stolen a tank at Cromar Cottage, Lamancha

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07/11/22 a quantity of champagne was stolen from Sainsbury, Peebles.

21/11/22 in an effort to reduce speeding on the A702 at Carlops officers deployed 'Pop up Bob.' Unfortunately an unhappy driver has stopped and stolen the bottom half of him.

22/11/22 report of a Christmas Wreath being stolen from Tesco.



Improving Road Safety

Killed or Seriously Injured

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

Road Traffic Offences

On 4th November 2022 a multi-agency road check took place on the A72 at the Nutwood Layby involving Road Policing and VOSA.

- 59 cars were stopped and 4 vehicle defect tickets and 14 warnings issued.
- 23 vans were stopped - 5 immediate prohibition notices were issued for various faults, 2 £300 Fixed Penalty Tickets and 8 warnings were issued.
- 3 Lorries were stopped and found to be all in order.

06/11/22 a driver was issued with an Anti-Social Behaviour order for careless driving on Kingsmeadows Road, Peebles.

08/11/22 a road accident between a car and cyclist saw the driver issued with a Fixed Penalty Ticket for careless driving.

16/11/22 a driver was issued a fine for having no MOT in Peebles.

19/11/22 a driver was detained for road traffic offences after failing to stop for officers in Peebles.

27/11/22 a driver was issued with an Anti-Social Behaviour Order for careless driving in Peebles and A72.

Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

See CAT update

Campaigns

Festive Drink / Drug Drive Campaign 2022

This campaign will run from 1st December to 2nd January 2023 and will include high visibility patrols and road checks with the main aim of reducing casualties and increasing the awareness of the risks associated with drink / drug driving.

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/>



CAT Update:

ROAD SAFETY, RURAL ACQUISITIVE CRIME

Officers from SBCAT again joined with officers from Northumbria police, Dumfries & Galloway and Roads Policing officers in November to carry out a second Op Checkpoint, the overnight initiative to tackle rural crime by conducting a series of checkpoints along the English / Scottish border. Officer from SBCAT will continue to support such initiatives in the future, and endeavour to tackle rural crime wherever possible.

DRUG ENFORCEMENT

SBCAT have assisted with the execution of six drugs warrants in Galashiels and Hawick during November. During these over £5000 cash has been recovered, along with cannabis, heroin and diazepam.

IMPROVING ROAD SAFETY

Throughout November SBCAT have been out conducting static road checks for the Winter Safety Campaign, checking vehicles and in particular tyre tread depth. Advice was given to a number of drivers. We were also involved in a vehicle pursuit after which the driver was charged with a number of offences including drink driving. Parking issues in Berwickshire have also been addressed.

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

SBCAT have carried out high visibility patrols in identified youth hotspots in Peebles, Galashiels and Hawick. We are working with our counterparts in Community Policing to address any identified antisocial behaviour issues. We were also deployed over the bonfire night weekend to address any reports of ASB.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

SBCAT assisted colleagues in ensuring that Remembrance Sunday passed safely and without incident, with SBCAT Sgt PS Harrison laying the wreath on behalf of Police Scotland at the Galashiels service.



[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.