

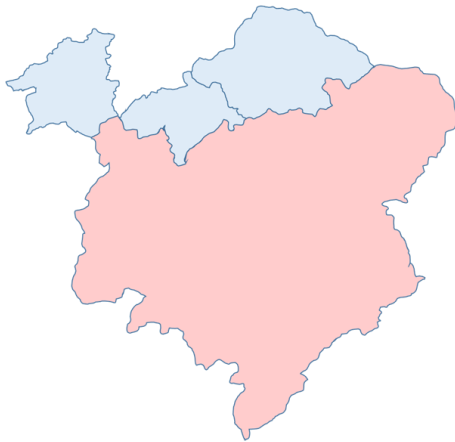
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## **Scottish Borders Area Command**

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

### **Tweeddale East and West Community Councils Multi Member Ward Report for October 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 Sergeant Update

### PS Corrinne Bird

Community Policing have focused on dedicating resources and time to Peebles town in particular over the month of October, to address the concerns and tension being raised within the community regarding the issues of anti-social behaviour.

Surgeries were held over three days at various locations across the town, with the assistance of SBC Anti-Social Behaviour Unit, where members of the public were invited to attend and discuss specific concerns with police directly. We received a steady stream of attendees with a number of useful discussions held, advice given and actions taken for further enquiry.



We have also appointed a Youth Engagement Officer, PC Serena Moody, who will be based at Peebles Police Station and working alongside the schools within the area. This week she has carried out speed checks with Junior Road Safety Officers at Broughton Primary School.

Community police officers are continuing to provide support to the Criminal Investigation Department as they carry out enquiries into the assault on the 13 year old female in West Linton earlier this month.

## 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 October 2022 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 116 mental health related calls, around 27 missing person enquiries and approximately 65 domestic related incidents.*

*Tweeddale East and West had 16 mental health related calls and 1 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

07/10/22 – report of an assault occurring after a road traffic altercation on School Brae, West Linton.

16/10/22 – Report of male being seriously assaulted while playing rugby. Enquiries ongoing.

24/10/22 – Report of a young female being assaulted in West Linton. Enquiries are ongoing.

#### Anti-Social Behaviour

01/10/22 – report of youths causing a nuisance at an event in Hay Lodge Park, Peebles. Officers attended and youths had left.

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02/10/22 – Report received of loud music coming from a property in Traquair Road, Innerleithen. Officers contacted the owner and the music was turned down.

11/10/22 – Report received of a male shouting and swearing in Northgate, Peebles. A 59 year old male has been issued with a Fixed Penalty Ticket.

On 17<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> October 2022 – Reports were received of youths banging on windows and door in Cleland Avenue, Peebles during the day.

On 19<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Reports received of person(s) banging on windows and door at a property in Main Street, West Linton. It would appear that this is members of the public walking home from licensed premises.

22/10/22 – Report of vehicles speeding and playing loud music in Kingsmeadows Car Park and Kingsmeadows Road area. **SEE ROAD TRAFFIC OFFENCES**

23/10/22 – Complaint received regarding a party and lot of noise in Tweed Avenue, Peebles. Officers attended and was persons heading home from party at Bowling Club.

During October there have been a number of calls to a property in Waverley Mills, Innerleithen were person(s) have been knocking on windows and doors. Community Officers are engaging with the occupier.

30/10/22 – Report received of a disturbance within licensed premises in Innerleithen. A male has been reported for assault and Breach of the Peace.

### Vandalism

05/10/22 – Report of damage being caused to a trampoline within Victoria Park Play Park, Peebles

14/10/22 – Between 0915 and 1730 hours on 13/10/22 a report was received that a vehicle was damaged whilst parked in East Station Car Park, Peebles.

17/10/22 – Report of bench being damaged within the grounds of Innerleithen Parish Church, Leithen Road, Innerleithen.

23/10/22 – Between 2115 and 2130 hours 22/10/22 a sign was damaged on a property at Newby Court, School Brae, Peebles.

## Reducing Acquisitive Crime



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### Theft by Housebreaking

02/10/22 – Report of a mountain bike being stolen from a shed in Maxwell Street, Innerleithen.

06/10/22 – Between 2200 05/10/22 and 0700 06/10/22 9 **sheds** within Angle Park, Innerleithen were forcibly entered but nothing stolen.

06/10/22 – Shed broken into in Traquair Road, Innerleithen nothing stolen.

20/10/22 – Report of a quad bike and tools being stolen from Caberston Farmhouse, Walkerburn.

21/10/22 – Report of a garage being entered and 3 electric bikes being stolen from a property in Traquair Road, Innerleithen.

### Theft

02/10/22 – Report of theft shoplifting from Tesco, Peebles

03/10/22 – Report of 9 x 2' black and red brackets being stolen from Bowling Club, Tweed Avenue, Peebles.

03/10/22 – Report of theft shoplifting from Tesco, Peebles.

04/10/22 – Report of theft shoplifting from Tesco, Peebles

04/10/22 – Vehicle was stolen from Murray Place, Peebles

05/10/22 – Report received regarding the theft of a school bag from Victoria Park Play Park, Peebles

05/10/22 – Report of theft shoplifting from Sainsbury, Peebles

06/10/22 – Between 1900 05/10/22 and 1100 06/10/22 an electric bike was stolen from the rear of a vehicle at Cardrona Hotel.

10/10/22 – About 2030 hours 09/10/22 a silver Ford Focus was stolen from Harrisons Garage, Edinburgh Road, Peebles.

12/10/22 – Theft of goods from Semi-Chem, Peebles x 2

14/10/22 – Theft of pen from Sainsbury – male

16/10/22 – Report of vapes being stolen from Crossburn Garage, Peebles

17/10/22 – Report of theft of eggs and mile from an address in Wemyss Place, Peebles.

19/10/22 – Report of theft of items from Sainsbury's, Peebles

Between 1230 and 1300 on 21/10/22 three males have stolen a quantity of alcohol from Sainsbury, Peebles.



## **Improving Road Safety**

### **Killed or Seriously Injured**

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

### **Road Traffic Offences**

01/10/22 – A driver failed a breath test after an accident on the A703 near Leadburn.

02/10/22 – A driver was issued a fine for driving with no MOT in Peebles.

04/10/22 – A driver has been reported for dangerous driving and having tyres below the legal limit while driving on the A703 near Millennium Farm.

04/10/22 – A driver was issued with a Fixed Penalty Ticket for careless driving after an accident on the A701 near The Mount, Blyth Bridge.

06/10/22 – A driver was issued with a fine and penalty points for careless/inconsiderate driving on the A72 on the Horsbrugh Straight.

23/10/22 – A driver had his vehicle seized for no insurance after complaints were received of speeding and playing loud music in Peebles.

## **Tackling Serious and Organised Crime**



### **Campaigns**

#### **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:



### ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

After a period with few calls relating to youth disorder, the Galashiels Interchange has experienced a rise in reported incidents. SBCAT and local officers have now increased passing attention, with a number of warning letters being sent to parents of children being identified. We will continue to address any reported issues and support the work being carried out by local CPT and TD7. Bonfire night is approaching and there is likely to be an increase in calls relating to fireworks. Please can I encourage members of the public to report any incidents of youths being supplied fireworks to police or anonymously via Crimestoppers. So far SBCAT have obtained 35 fireworks through information provided by members of the public.

### PARKING

We have carried out parking initiatives in Selkirk and Peebles this month with 12 parking tickets issued. Can I take this opportunity to remind people that a single yellow line has the same restrictions as double yellow lines between certain hours.

### DRUG ENFORCEMENT

During October SBCAT carried out four search warrants in Hawick, Eyemouth and Kelso. At one address a cannabis cultivation was recovered, and at another a supply amount of herbal cannabis was also found.

### ROAD SAFETY

SBCAT have issued the following road traffic tickets this month; 1 x Careless Driving, 2 x No Insurance (with both vehicles being seized), 1 x Antisocial Driving Warning, and 6 other various traffic tickets (e.g. no MOT). We are also continuing to carry out static road checks in rural areas to deter and detect acquisitive crime.



## 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.