

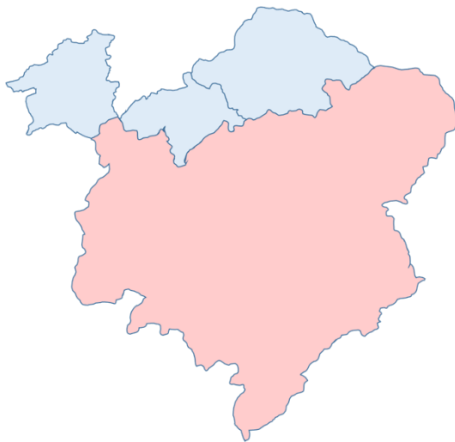
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Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Tweeddale East and West Community Councils Multi Member Ward Report for February 2025



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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North Area Community Policing News – PS Crawford Laing



Tweeddale School Link Officer PC Carsley attended at Rosetta Nursery where they listened intently to a story about how the Police can help. PC Carsley attends schools across Tweeddale providing inputs in relation to Road Safety, Online Safety, Substance misuse and many other topics.

Speeding

Complaints were received in relation to speeding on Caberston Road in Walkerburn close to the Primary School. PC's Beaumont and Carsley attended along with Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSO) from the Primary School and conducted a speed check. The JRSO scheme has been adopted by many schools across the Borders and encourages peer led learning with regards to Road Safety.

Anti-social Behaviour

There has been an issue for some time with anti-social behaviour (ASB) in public spaces in Peebles and Innerleithen. Damage caused to public toilets, graffiti in public spaces, kicking of doors, vandalism at playparks etc. Whilst these individual acts are considered to be at the lower end of criminality, it is recognised that the effect of having your door repeatedly banged or suffering some other form of ASB will be worrying to those experiencing this type of behaviour. I am doing what I can to maximise visibility in these towns however with limited resources and competing demands this can be challenging. Please continue to report instances of ASB and you will hopefully notice an increase in Police patrols over the coming months.

Peebles Beavers



Tweeddale Community Officer PC Beaumont welcomed Peebles Beaver Unit to the Police Station where they looked around the Police Station and were shown the cells and one of the marked vehicles. I have been assured that they were a well behaved group and are unlikely to end up in the back of a Police van in the future.

Fraud

Fraud is a crime type that effects only a small number of people in the Borders however can often be easily prevented.

Most frauds happen remotely by telephone or through the internet and below are some hints to help reduce your chances of becoming a victim.

Online –

- When buying or selling items, always use a reputable platform such as Ebay which will offer some buyer and seller protection.
- Platforms such as Marketplace or Gumtree are better for local buying and selling where you can meet the buyer /seller in person and goods can be exchanged for payment however always ensure you consider your own safety when you meet someone who is effectively a stranger.
- Carry out appropriate checks before investing online.

Telephone –

- Always be wary of cold callers and don't be afraid to end the call.
- Banks generally don't call customers without prior appointment and you will never be criticised for ending a call.
- Never pass bank or other personal details over the phone to someone you do not know or trust.

In person –

-Always be wary of cold callers to your home or business. Do not be afraid to politely ask them to leave.

-It is always best to arrange your own contractor for work that you require than to engage the services of someone that has come to your door without appointment.

If you are suspicious of something, then consider seeking advice from family members or friends before proceeding.

Further advice can be found on the following links.

[Internet safety - Police Scotland](#)

[Scams and frauds - Police Scotland](#)

[Protect yourself from fraud and cyber crime | Action Fraud](#)

The Your Police Survey for 2024/25 is still open (closes 31/03/2025), the link below gives access. We value your input and would appreciate your time in completing the survey.

<https://consult.scotland.police.uk/strategy-insight-and-innovation/your-police-2024-2025/>

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 February 2025 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 163 mental health related calls, around 29 missing person enquiries and approximately 76 domestic related incidents.

Tweeddale East and West had 22 mental health related calls 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 Anti-Social Behaviour

Assaults

On 09/02/2025 report of serious assault at a licensed premises in Peebles. Male charged and reported.

On 19/02/2025 report of an assault at Dovecot Lade, Peebles. Male issued with a Recorded Police Warning.

On 22/02/2025 report of an assault within a Peebles hotel following a disturbance call. One female traced and cautioned and charged with assault to injury.

On 23/02/2025 report of a robbery within a property at Cuddyside, Peebles. Enquiry ongoing.

Anti-Social Behaviour

On 01/02/2025 report of neighbour dispute in Northgate, Peebles. No criminality detected.

On 04/02/2025 report of a disturbance in Old Town, Peebles. Male reported to be in possession of a knife. Enquiry conducted, male traced and no knife in his possession.

On 05/02/2025 report of neighbour dispute at Leeburn View, Cardrona. Crime report submitted. Male charged and reported.

On 07/02/2025 report of neighbour issues in Kirkhouse Cottages, Innerleithen. No criminality.

On 08/02/2025 report of youths kicking doors in Northgate, Peebles. Youths had been kicking doors and running off, no descriptions and no further calls received.

On 14/02/2025 report of disturbance taking place at Kingsland Square, Peebles. Nothing ongoing on police arrival, no complaints made.

On 23/02/2025 report of youths causing a nuisance in High Street, Peebles.

On 27/02/2025 report of a fight at a property at Provost Walker Court, Peebles. Injured female taken to hospital. Culprit arrested, charged with serious assault and released on Police Undertaking (Bail)

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On 27/02/2025 report of neighbour issues at Hillhouse Cottage, Innerleithen. No criminality, advice given.

On 28/02/2025 report of a disturbance at Haylodge Hospital Car Park, Peebles. Advice given, no crime reported.

Vandalism

On 07/02/2025 report of damage to property within a factory site in Caberston Road, Walkerburn. Crime report created.

On 10/02/2025 report of a bin at Victoria Park, Peebles having been set on fire the previous night. Crime report created.

On 14/02/2025 report of damage to public toilets in Hall Street, Innerleithen. Crime report created.

On 17/02/2025 report of a group of youths banging on a house door at Northgate, Peebles and thereafter running away. No criminality.

On 17/02/2025 report of vandalism to playpark at Victoria Playpark, Kingsmeadow Road. Crime report created.

On 17/02/2025 report of damage caused public toilets at Hall Street, Innerleithen and Kingsmeadow Road Car Park toilets. Damage caused to items within and toilet rolls set on fire. Crime report created.

On 17/02/2025 report of vehicle rear window been smashed at Northgate, Peebles. Crime report created.

On 18/02/2025 report of front door being kicked at Kingsland Square, Peebles. No criminality.

On 18/02/2025 report of graffiti on a vennel wall at High Street, School Brae and Port Brae, Peebles. Crime report created.

On 22/02/2025 report of damage to a lock on front door at Eastgate, Peebles. Crime report created.

Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Theft by Housebreaking

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On 09/02/2025 report of males acting in a suspicious manner on CCTV in Dryburn Brae, West Linton. Would appear to focus on one property prior to leaving. Crime report created.

On 16/02/2025 report of shed door, lock been cut at Gladstone Place, Peebles. Crime report submitted.

Theft

On 03/02/2025 report of a theft of bike left insecure at Dalatho Crescent, Peebles. Crime report created. Bike recovered.

On 04/02/2025 report of attempt theft from Sainsburys store, Northgate, Peebles. Crime report created.

On 05/02/2025 report of theft of tools from an insecure shed at Wemyss Place, Peebles. Crime report created.

On 06/02/2025 report of online fraud from an address in Northgate, Peebles. Crime report created.

On 07/02/2025 report of a theft from a yard near Stirkfield Farm, Broughton. Crime report submitted for theft.

On 10/02/2025 report of theft from a garden at Tweedbank Court, Walkerburn. Crime report created. Some property recovered.

On 16/02/2025 report of theft from Sainsburys Northgate, Peebles. Crime report created.

On 21/02/2025 report of a theft from an address in Tweedbank Court, Walkerburn. Crime report created.



Improving Road Safety

No reports

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Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

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Serious and organised crime enforcement – February 2025

The Scottish Borders CID Proactive Unit executed 2 Drug Warrant during the month of February which resulted in the significant seizures of Class B and C Drugs. 2 persons were reported for drug related offences.

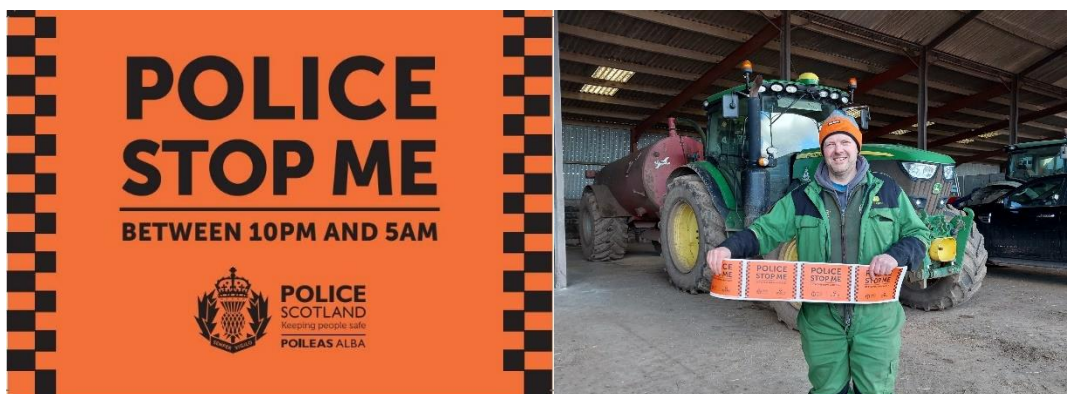
A male was stopped and searched under the Misuse of Drugs Act which resulted in the seizure of a quantity of Class A drugs from within a vehicle. Following assistance from our Road policing colleagues several road traffic offences were identified. A report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

Another industrial sized cannabis cultivation was also discovered at a business premises within Hawick. This had a value of approximately £300,000 with enquires still ongoing in relation to this. This was widely reported in local and national news outlets.

Serious and organised crime impacts local communities across the Borders and anyone with information on criminal activity are asked to contact Police Scotland on 101, report it at any Police Station or report it anonymously via the Crime Stoppers Charity.

Campaigns

Launch of the Stop Me Sticker Campaign to help tackle rural crime. Police Scotland is providing farming communities with a specially designed, waterproof sticker than can be displayed on tractors, excavators, and other rural machinery, encouraging police to stop them to verify ownership and permitted use during set hours where the machinery is not routinely used by the owners.



Sextortion is blackmail. Criminals target people through dating apps, social media, text or email and manipulate them into sharing sexual content that they later use to demand money. Don't panic, don't pay, report it to police.

Read more at <https://orlo.uk/UPF97>



CAT Update

ROAD SAFETY & PARKING TICKETS –

Officers have been carrying out high visibility enforcement across the Borders and addressing parking concerns there. Extra attention was given to Galashiels, Selkirk, Duns and Chirnside following complaints.

On the 5th February SBCAT were on mobile patrol in Burnfoot when there was a report of a no injury collision between an electric off road motorbike and a car. The bike was seized, and the rider was charged with several offences under the Road Traffic Act.

On the 15th February SBCAT officers came across a van in Galashiels that appeared to be abandoned with it's lights on. Upon inspection a driver was found to be in the drivers seat but heavily intoxicated with alcohol. He failed the breath test and was later charged with drink driving.

RURAL ACQUISITIVE CRIME – We carry out high visibility mobile patrols across rural areas at varying times while completing static road checks.

On the 26th of February a rural patrol of farms was completed using the quad bikes in the area around Galashiels. Numerous farmers were spoken to and anti-theft farm vehicle stickers were handed out.

VIOLENCE AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – High visibility patrols have continued in targeted areas of the Scottish Borders to address concerns highlighted as per our taskings.

On the 9th February 2025 there was a serious incident in Chirnside and SBCAT assisted with the enquiry. A male was arrested and later appeared at Jedburgh Sheriff Court for murder.

On the 13th February 2025 the SBCAT were first to attend an immediate call to a pub in Galashiels following an assault whereby a male was left unconscious. The CAT assisted with the arrest of the suspect and took the injured male to the BGH.

PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE –

Since late December the SBCAT has been making attempts to trace a male who was wanted for a domestic related serious assault in Hawick. This continued into early February but by working with intelligence analysts in Edinburgh we were able to narrow down his location and he was subsequently arrested in Cheshire.

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On the 10th of February a priority warrant was issued for a registered sex offender in Selkirk. The SBCAT were on duty and immediately attended at his address and arrested him.

Also, on the 10th of February SBCAT officers were in Selkirk when reports came in regarding a male approaching teenage females in a concerning manner in the town centre. The male was traced and issued with a recorded police warning.

TACKLING SERIOUS AND ORGANISED CRIME –

In early February the SBCAT assisted the Proactive Crime Team as they executed a drugs search warrant in Hawick. Cannabis plants worth an estimated £290,000 were seized from the property.

OTHER ISSUES OF NOTE-

SBCAT officers now have access to Selecta DNA tagging Spray. This can be sprayed on suspects making off from us, such as those using off road bikes and failing to stop. It leaves an invisible residue behind which shows up under a UV light, allowing us to identify offenders.

[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.