

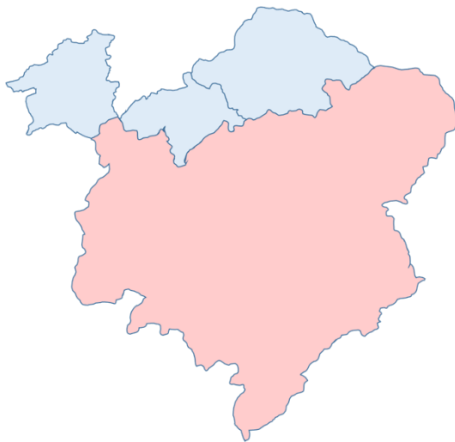
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Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Tweeddale East and West Community Councils Multi Member Ward Report for January 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

January has been a busy month for Police across the Borders with Storm Eowyn probably causing the busiest of days on Friday 24th. We responded to around 50 additional calls on this day with many fallen trees blocking roads, vehicles being blown over and damage being caused to some properties.

I spent the day at the SBC Emergency Control Room along with partner agencies where we were able to coordinate with each other to ensure speedy responses to weather related matters. Being able to speak directly with the Ambulance Service to advise of road closures affecting their crews is a very simple example of how this 'all in one room' arrangement benefits both Police and other agencies during these types of events.

Fortunately, the weather passed the Borders without resulting in serious injuries with the majority of people heeding the advice to stay safe at home.

Tweeddale Community Officer PC Gary Beaumont met with Peeblesshire Young Farmers to talk about substance misuse including drugs and alcohol. The group were very engaged in the discussion. PC Beaumont has been out and about in Tweeddale attending Community Council Meetings, Youth Groups and dealing with local issues.



Please see some links below which will take you to advice in relation to protecting homes and property-

[Your home - Police Scotland](#)

[Your valuables - Police Scotland](#)

[Protecting your bike - Police Scotland](#)

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 January 2025 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 212 mental health related calls, around 10 missing person enquiries and approximately 74 domestic related incidents.

Tweeddale had 27 mental health related calls 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

On 12/01/2025 report of an assault taking place within the Cross Keys Hotel, Peebles. Culprit charged and reported.

On 13/01/2025 report of minor assault following a minor vehicle accident on the A701 near Broughton. Victim did not wish matter pursued by Police.

On 22/01/2025 report of female causing a disturbance and having assaulted a neighbour at Provost Walker Place, Galashiels. Female traced and arrested for Assault, 2x Police Assault and acting in an aggressive manner.

Anti-Social Behaviour

On 04/01/2025 report of a shouting and creaming in street at Eliots Park, Peebles. Male warned.

On 09/01/2025 report of a male causing a disturbance at Peebles Hydro Hotel, Peebles. One male arrested and charged.

On 10/01/2025 report of youths causing a nuisance in Hall Street, Innerleithen. Youths had made off prior to police arrival. No damage to any property.

On 11/01/2025 report of youths causing disturbance on outskirts of Walkerburn. Not traced.

On 12/01/2025 report of youths having placed traffic cones across the road to disrupt traffic in Kingsmeadow Road, Peebles. Cones removed.

On 14/01/2025 threatening behaviour reported within Greggs, High street, Peebles. Crime report created. Enquiry ongoing.

On 15/01/2025 report of screaming /shouting in Dovecot Court, Peebles. Female traced, was trying to get someone's attention. Taken home by police.

On 15/01/2025 report of aggressive male causing bother to staff in a premises in Old Town, Peebles. Crime report submitted. Male charged.

On 18/01/2025 report of neighbour dispute at Broomlee Crescent, West Linton. Advice given to both parties.

On 19/01/2025 report of a disturbance, persons kicking door at an address in Montgomery Street, Innerleithen. Crime report submitted for previous damage to door.

Vandalism

On 09/01/2025 report of damage to a Yurt at Peebles Community Garden, Peebles. Crime report submitted.

On 11/01/2025 report of vehicle vandalised in Wemyss Place, Peebles. Crime report submitted.

On 13/01/2025 report of damage to public toilet in Victoria Park, Innerleithen. Crime report submitted.

On 13/01/2025 report of vandalism in High Street, Innerleithen. Crime report submitted. Damage paid for by youth's parents.

On 19/01/2025 report of damage to a door at Montgomery Street, Innerleithen. Crime report submitted for vandalism.

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On 28/01/2025 report of vandalism to a motor vehicle in Horsburgh Street, Innerleithen. Crime report submitted.

Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Theft by Housebreaking

On 20/01/2025 report of three people seen acting suspiciously around a property at Dryburn Brae, West Linton. They appeared to be in possession of tools. Crime report submitted for being in the curtilage of property with intention to commit theft.

On 22/01/2025 report of a housebreaking to a shed at a property on Edinburgh Road, Peebles. Nothing taken. Crime report created.

On 23/01/2025 report of housebreaking to a garage on Springhill Road, Peebles and a bike and wheels were stolen. Crime report created.

Theft

On 08/01/2025 report of theft shoplifting on 30/12/24 at Sainsbury's, Peebles. Crime report created.

On 16/01/2025 report of a theft of motor home from School Brae, West Linton. Crime report submitted and enquiry ongoing

On 25/01/2025 report of a theft of two e-bikes from shop at Glentress having not returned after hire. Enquiry ongoing.

On 26/01/2025 report received of theft of bike from shed on Kirkland Street, Peebles. Crime report created.

On 27/01/2025 report of fraudulent activity on bank account at an address in Rosetta Road, Peebles. Enquiry ongoing.



Improving Road Safety

Road Traffic Offences

Tackling Serious and Organised Crime



Serious and organised crime enforcement

Campaigns

Fraud

January saw a national campaign throughout Police Scotland focusing on Fraud. Online sales and romance frauds and the links they have to gift card Scams.

A comprehensive list of the main fraud types can be accessed on the Police Scotland website at

www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/advice-for-victims-of-crime/fraud/main-electronic-fraud-types

Scams

Victims of Phone / Internet / Doorstep Scams continue to be provided with an incident follow-up information pack containing advice intended to prevent repeat victimisation. This pack now includes a copy of the latest “Little Book of Big Scams” which covers a huge variety of common scams. [Little Book of Big Scams – Cyber Scotland](#)

CAT Update:

[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.

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From: **Laing, Crawford**

Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2025 at 14:48

Subject: Police Pro-Active and Community Action Team updates - January 2025 [OFFICIAL]

To:

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Good afternoon,

Following on from the MMW Reports being circulated on 2nd February, please see the Pro-active Team and CAT updates listed below.

Kind regards,

Crawford

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Pro- Active Team

Serious and organised crime enforcement – January 2025

The Scottish Borders CID Proactive Unit executed 4 Drug Warrants across the command area during January, all were positive and 2 persons were charged with drug related offences.

They would also like to highlight that the local communities across the Borders may have information which they deem insignificant in relation to people being seen at disused large premises over a period of time. Any suspicious activity will be followed up by this team but it is important that the public know they can report such matters in person at any Police Station, by use of 101 or anonymously via the Crime Stoppers charity.

Community Action Team

ROAD SAFETY & PARKING TICKETS –

On 13th January the CAT conducted speed checks at multiple locations across the Borders following complaints. This includes Stow, where 2 speeding tickets were issued. Parking checks have also been completed outside schools including St Ronan's in Innerleithen, Knowepark in Selkirk and Peebles High School, following complaints

Officers have been carrying out high visibility enforcement across the Borders and addressing parking concerns there. Advice has been given to drivers and 53 parking tickets have been issued. Extra attention was given to Galashiels, Selkirk, Kelso, Eyemouth, Chinside and Peebles following complaints.

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

A total of 17 static road checks were completed with 16 traffic offences detected.

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.

This includes the Transport Interchange in Galashiels. On 22nd January SBCAT were conducting one of these patrols of the interchange when they found a bus driver had just been assaulted by a group of youths. Following enquiries 2 youths have been identified and will be reported for minor assault.

On 3rd January SBCAT officers responded to a call in Peebles regarding a male being threatened with a knife. The male had ran off from other officers but was quickly found by the CAT and arrested.

PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE –

The SBCAT has assisted with several domestic abuse enquiries during January along with several arrests on non-domestic warrants. Considerable efforts have been made to trace a male in Hawick following a domestic related serious assault. The male has fled to England and we have been liaising with Cheshire Police to make attempts to trace him.

On 14th January SBCAT officers were first to arrive at a head on vehicle collision on the A7 near Selkirk. They assisted with first aid for one driver. The other driver was missing and was reported as a missing person. SBCAT then coordinated the police dog handler, police helicopter and Mountain Rescue to search the nearby areas and ensure the other driver wasn't injured nearby.

TACKLING SERIOUS AND ORGANISED CRIME –

On 29th January SBCAT officers were tasked with trying to trace a male in Duns who was wanted for exploiting money out of youths and young adults, along with domestic abuse offences. All of the CAT attended, 2 went to his front door while the rest contained the area. He subsequently exited his home peacefully and was arrested.

SBCAT officers were at Selkirk Sheriff Court when they were passed a bag of cocaine which had been found. Following enquiries a male has been identified as having it in his possession and he will be reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

OTHER ISSUES OF NOTE-

On 24th January, SBCAT were backshift and were involved with Storm Eowyn with one of us assisting the Council's response from the Council HQ and the rest assisting with the blocked roads.