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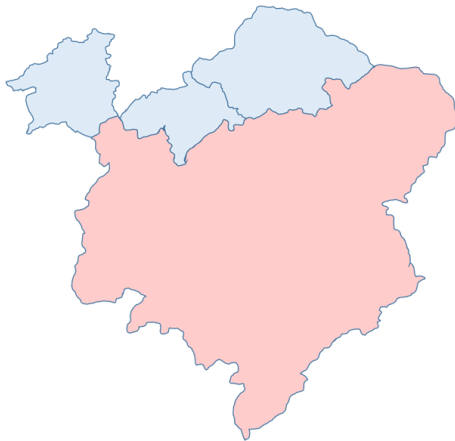


Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Tweeddale East and West Community Councils
Multi Member Ward Report for November 2021

27/10/21 – 25/11/21



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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Figures for the whole Scottish Borders Area

(Data from 01/04/2021 – 28/11/21)

	2020 /2021	2021 /2022	% Change	Local Area Commanders Comment
Total Crimes and Offences (Group 1-5)	2,191	2,545	16.2	The detection rate for Group 1-5 is 50.5% compared to 54.6% at same time last year.
Group 1: Non Sexual Crimes of Violence	86	110	27.9	The detection rate for Group 1 is 62.7% compared to 81.4 % at same time last year.
Serious Assaults	34	39	14.7	The detection rate for Serious Assaults is 69.2% compared to 91.2% at same time last year.
Robberies	12	8	-33.3	The detection rate for Robberies is 100% compared to 66.7% at same time last year.
Common Assaults	530	686	29.4	The detection rate for Common Assaults is 62.1% compared to 71.5% at same time last year.
ASB (Incidents)	5,014	3,853	-23.2	
Hate Crime – All incidents	70	96	37.1	The detection rate for Hate Crimes is 65.2% compared to 80% at the same time last year.
Group 2: Sexual Crimes	181	225	24.3	The detection rate for Group 2 is 55.6% compared to 64.6% at same time last year.
Rape – Recorded Crime	28	37	32.1	The detection rate for Rape is 54.1% compared to 64.3% at same time last year.
Domestic Abuse – All incidents	819	842	2.8	The detection rate for Domestic Abuse Crimes are 80.7% compared to 85.3% at same time last year.
Group 3: Crimes of Dishonesty	806	942	16.9	The detection rate for Group 3 is 28.3% compared to 34.6% at same time last year.
Housebreakings – Domestic	26	55	111.5	The detection rate for Domestic Housebreakings is 30.9% compared to 61.5% at same time last year.
Motor Vehicle Thefts	35	33	-5.7	The detection rate for Motor Vehicle Thefts is 21.2% compared to 60.0% at same time last year.

Community Sergeant Update

PS Stephen Granger



Storm Arwen hit the east Coast of Scotland on Friday afternoon with the MET Office issuing a rare red warning of strong winds and high waves in Coastal areas. This caused extreme damage and travel disruption throughout our communities in the Scottish Borders and indeed affected almost all of the country with trees falling on roads, public transport being brought to a standstill and loss of power to many homes. Police will continue to work with partners to assist the ongoing recovery although in some areas this will take some time. My sympathy goes to everyone who has been and continues to be affected as the impact continues to be felt.

Looking forward, December sees the launch of Police Scotland's Annual Festive Drink/Drug Drive Campaign which will run from Wednesday 1st December to Monday 3rd January. This will involve a media campaign and other measures to increase awareness of the risks associated with drink/drug driving. This will be supported by intelligence led high visibility police patrols to target suspects. **If it is suspected that someone is drink/drug driving then it should be reported to police immediately via 101 or in an emergency 999.**

The 16 days of activism is an annual international campaign aimed at challenging violence against women and girls which this year runs between 25th November and 10th December. This is the 30th year of the campaign and in support local Community Policing Teams in the Borders are engaged in a diary of activity aimed at preventing domestic abuse. This includes social media messaging, pop-up events, distribution of leaflets and posters at supermarkets, sports centres and local events. Please refer to the Police Scotland-Scottish Borders Facebook page for more information:

<https://www.facebook.com/scottishborderspolice/>

Finally local Community Policing teams have been visiting a number of local farms to continue to promote our rural crime campaign and have been able to offer signage and Selecta DNA. This is a key prevention measure to combat acquisitive crime which continues in our area particularly aimed at theft of quad bikes and other farm machinery. If anyone would like further information, please get in touch via the Community Policing Team email address 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 November 2021 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 156 mental health related calls, around 31 missing person enquiries and approximately 101 domestic related incidents.

Tweeddale East and West had 10 mental health related calls and 5 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 ASB

Assaults

13/11/21 report received that a male had been assaulted within a pub in Peebles. Further enquiries being made to identify the person responsible.

Anti-Social Behaviour

31/10/21 report received of 2 females fighting on Peebles High Street. On officers attending it was quickly observed that one of the females was suffering from mental health issues and this was passed to the appropriate service.

01/11/21 report that a shopping trolley had been thrown at the door of a property in Victoria Park Drive, Peebles. There was no damage to the door and the youths responsible to be traced and warned.

05/11/21 report of youths kicking a door of a property in School Brae. No damage caused. Further enquiry to identify youths.

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06/11/21 report of youths drinking and being loud in School Brae, Peebles. Youths dispersed on police arrival. Passing attention given.

12/11/21 report of youths damaging the toilets in School Brae, Peebles after having broken into them. Officers attended and gained entry and found that they were a bit messy but there was no damage.

20/11/21 report of youths knocking down barriers at road works on Tweed Green/School Brae, Peebles. The youths had left the area on police arrival.

20/11/21 report of youths playing loud music and what appeared to be a Porta Loo had been thrown into Eddleston Water. Officers are continuing to make enquiries with partner agencies.

20/11/21 report of youths throwing food at property in Alice Hamilton Way, West Linton. No damage was caused and there was no trace of the youths on police attendance.

20/11/21 while on foot patrol on Peebles High Street officers confiscated a quantity of alcohol from three youths.

20/11/21 report of youths kicking a door in Northgate and damaging it. For further enquiry.

20/11/21 report of a male causing a disturbance outside a pub in Peebles. On officers attending the male had left the area.

Vandalism

01/11/21 report received of a gate being removed from outside a property in Young Street overnight 30th/31st October. This was later recovered in Old Town and returned to the property. Further enquiry to identify suspects.

Between 1730 01/11/21 and 0830 02/11/21 a wall at Scrogbank, Walkerburn was damaged with spray paint.

06/11/21 report of youths smashing the external door to flats at Provost Walker Court. Further enquiry being made.

07/11/21 report that youths were within the toilets in Hall Street, Innerleithen possibly damaging them. On officers attending it was found that this was not the case and the damage was old damage. However the youths did tidy up the toilet paper that had been scattered.

07/11/21 report of three youths attempting to bring down a lamppost on Venlaw Quarry Road, Peebles. Officers attended and the males have been issued with Recorded Police Warnings. Scottish Borders Council were contacted to make the lamppost safe.

11/11/21 report received that a vehicle parked in Hall Street, Innerleithen had its wing mirror damaged.

05/11/21 staff at the McDonald Cardrona Hotel contacted police to report that guests had been causing a disturbance. Officers attended and a male was charged with vandalism.

20/11/21 report received of a door being spray painted in Marmion Road, Peebles. Enquiries continuing.

Reducing acquisitive crime

Theft

Theft Housebreaking

Between 16th and 17th November a quad bike was stolen from a farm in West Linton. Enquiry ongoing.

17/11/21 a property at Cardrona was broken into and 2 bikes stolen. Officers are following a positive line of enquiry.

27/10/21 report that three quad bikes had been stolen from a farm in Clovenfords. Enquiry ongoing.



Improving road safety

Within the Selkirk Sheriff Court Jurisdiction there were **4** parking tickets issued in November.

30/10/21 a driver who lost control of his vehicle on the B712 has been reported for various road traffic offences including driving whilst under the influence.

04/11/21 a driver was reported to the Procurator Fiscal for driving on the A703 with no insurance and driving licence offences.

18/11/21 a driver was issued with an ASBO by officers on the A72 near Cardrona due to their manner of driving.

19/11/21 a driver who committed various road traffic and drugs offences on A72 between Peebles and Cardrona was kept in custody to appear at court.



Tackling serious and organised crime

On 4th of November 2021 officers from across the Scottish Borders along with Firearms officers from Edinburgh executed a Search Warrant at an address in Galashiels, following a systematic search of the address a harvested cannabis cultivation and 105g of Herbal Cannabis was recovered with a value of approx. £600. A male was arrested and has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

Campaigns

- Support to National "16 Days of Action" Campaign - Violence against Women and Girls in Scotland - 25/11/2021 - 10/12/2021



Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls
in Scotland
25th November - 10th December

Activities include

Community Officers holding pop-up events/distributing leaflets and posters at Libraries, Sports Centres, Supermarkets etc.

Participation in Reclaim the night Candlelit Vigil in Hawick organised by Rape Crisis

Social media campaign.

2. General Crime Prevention Activity

- Highlighting prevention advice re current **Telephone Bank Scams** and working in partnership with SBC Trading Standards to supply telephone call blockers to vulnerable victims. Stay up to date with scam prevention advice at <https://www.tsscot.co.uk/news/scam-share/>



- Firework Safety
Joint visits with Trading Standards carried out at all fireworks retailers highlighting recent changes in legislation

Social media posts re legislation and safety



- **No Cold Calling Zones**

A survey of the area around Traquair Road, Innerleithen is being carried out in partnership with the Community Council re setting up a new zone.

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/>



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.

