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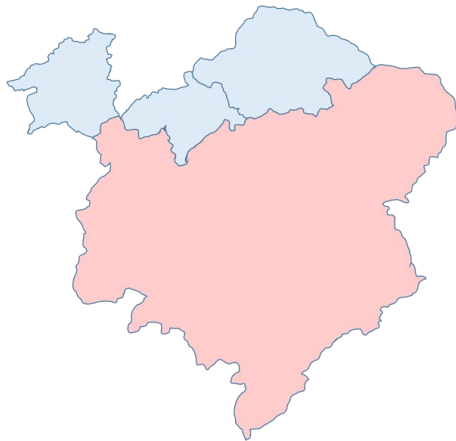


## **Scottish Borders Area Command**

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Hawick and Hermitage Community Councils  
Multi Member Ward Report for February 2022

(29<sup>th</sup> Jan – 28<sup>th</sup> Feb)



**The information provided within this report, is predominately based on the Hawick and Hermitage 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 –28/02/2022)

	2020 /2021	2021 /2022	% Change	Local Area Commanders Comment
Total Crimes and Offences (Group 1-5)	2,992	3,366	12.5	The detection rate for Group 1-5 is 63.6 % compared to 69.8 % at same time last year.
Group 1: Non Sexual Crimes of Violence	122	146	19.7	The detection rate for Group 1 is 61.0 % compared to 77.9 % at same time last year.
Serious Assaults	46	56	21.7	The detection rate for Serious Assaults is 67.9 % compared to 91.3% at same time last year.
Robberies	15	8	-46.7	The detection rate for Robberies is 100 % compared to 66.7 % at same time last year.
Common Assaults	780	1012	29.7	The detection rate for Common Assaults is 69.8 % compared to 74.0 % at same time last year.
ASB (Incidents)	6,739	5,073	-24.7	
Hate Crime – All incidents	98	130	32.7	The detection rate for Hate Crimes is 67.8 % compared to 79.8 % at the same time last year.
Group 2: Sexual Crimes	247	302	22.3	The detection rate for Group 2 is 52.0 % compared to 72.1 % at same time last year.
Rape – Recorded Crime	40	47	17.5	The detection rate for Rape is 51.1 % compared to 57.5 % at same time last year.
Domestic Abuse – All incidents	1,174	1,164	0.9	The detection rate for Domestic Abuse Crimes are 73.3% compared to 76.0% at same time last year.
Group 3: Crimes of Dishonesty	1091	1227	12.5	The detection rate for Group 3 is 29.3 % compared to 35.4 % at same time last year.
Housebreakings – Domestic	43	73	69.8	The detection rate for Domestic Housebreakings is 30.1 % compared to 48.8 % at same time last year.
Motor Vehicle Thefts	49	44	-10.2	The detection rate for Motor Vehicle Thefts is 55.1 % compared to 31.8 % at same time last year.

## **Community Sergeant Update**

### **PS Ali Granger**

Over the past month I have settled into my new role as Community Police Sergeant for the South and East areas of the Scottish Borders including Hawick, Newcastleton, Denholm, Jedburgh, St Boswells, Kelso, Duns and Eyemouth. I have already met with a number of elected members covering these areas and will continue to do so on a regular basis. At present, due to the volume of individual community councils, community policing officers cannot routinely attend their meetings, as this isn't best use of our resources. However if there is a specific need or serious concern in a particular area we would reassess. Obviously we still welcome contact regarding concerns and issues either via elected members, local policing e-mail inboxes or directly to myself.

We are aware that there are ongoing issues surrounding parking in the streets of Hawick and this is something that we are continuing to tackle. The Community Policing Team, alongside the Community Action Team have been issuing tickets to offending vehicles and will continue to do so in the coming weeks, especially around priority locations such as schools. As numbers of vehicles per households increase, parking is extremely limited in some residential roads and we urge residents to park considerately and responsibly. We continue to work in partnership with Scottish Borders Council to improve road safety and enforce legislation where appropriate.

Thefts of farm vehicles, in particular quad bikes, have increased in recent months across the whole of the Scottish Borders. We are aware of the huge impact this can have on farmers, made worse by the difficulties in sourcing new vehicles to replace those stolen. Due to the widespread nature of these incidents, it is difficult to predict which farms will be targeted. There are a number of departments within Police Scotland and neighbouring forces who are working together to trace those responsible, including community officers, response, CID and intelligence officers. Officers from the Community Action Team have been carrying out regular patrols and wireless perimeter security alarm kits have been offered to members of the public.

Security of vehicles is key, and we would urge the following

- Install an alarm where quads are kept
- Don't leave keys in or near quads
- Secure the building they are stored in
- Install trackers a huge deterrent is to fit a Secured By Design tracking system, look out for the SBD mark when purchasing crime prevention equipment.

Community Policing Teams plan to attend upcoming Cashback Community Rugby events planned for every Wednesday night in March at Hawick Rugby Club to engage with youngsters aged between 10 and 18. This will be a great opportunity for us to build relationships within the community.

Finally as Scotland rebuilds after the impact of the pandemic it is vital that we listen and respond to the views of the people in our communities. The #YourPolice survey is one of the ways that some meaningful views and opinions can be captured from the public. We know particularly that there may be areas in your community that you feel less safe and to address this there is a mapping tool in the survey to enable you to tell us more about them. This will allow us to work with partners to consider addressing such areas.

The survey has been open since 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021 but closes on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 and can be found clicking the following link <https://consult.scotland.police.uk/surveys/your-police-2021-2022/>

## 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 2022 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 169 mental health related calls, around 23 missing person enquiries and approximately 72 domestic related incidents.*

*Hawick and Hermitage area had 22 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

On 09/02/2022 report of an assault at Hawick High School, Buccleuch Road. Officers attended, statements noted. Male cautioned and charged.

On 12/02/2022 report of assault at Newcastleton. Police attended, CR submitted for assault. Enquiries continuing

On 18/02/2022 report of an assault, High Street, Hawick. CR submitted for assault. Enquiries continuing

**Anti-Social Behaviour**

On 01/02/2022 report of a disturbance at Duke Street. Officers attended, youths involved. No injuries, no criminality.

On 06/02/2022 report of a disturbance at Twirlees Terrace. Officers attended, CR submitted, enquiries continuing.

On 06/02/2022 report of a disturbance at Oliver Park. Enquiries continuing.

On 07/02/2022 report of a disturbance at Weensland Road. Police attended one male arrested.

On 09/02/2022 report of a disturbance at Drumlanrig Square involving youths. Officers attended, youths spoken to in presence of their parents. Relevant paperwork submitted.

On 10/02/2022 report of public nuisance youths entering building yard in Hawick. Youths seen leaving before police attendance.

On 13/02/2022 report of youths setting fire to wheelie bin at Garfield street. SFRS attended. Crime report submitted.

On 19/02/2022 report of urinating in public at Baker Street. Fixed penalty issued.

On 19/02/2022 report of a disturbance at Loan. Officers attended and statements noted. Recorded police warning issued to accused.

On 20/02/2022 report of a disturbance at Gladstone Street. Female arrested.

On 25/02/2022 report of public nuisance at Drumlanrig Square. Youths being verbally abusive to female. Police attended. No youths in area.

On 26/02/2022 report of public nuisance youths causing problems at Drumlanrig Square. Police attended. Advice given.

**Vandalism**

On 12/02/2022 report of up to 18 cars vandalised at Union Street. Police attended and suspect arrested, interviewed and charged.

On 14/02/2022 report of damage to a car bonnet at Kings Mews, Union Street. Believed to be linked with call on 12/02/22. Enquiries continuing.



**Reducing Acquisitive Crime**

**Theft by Housebreaking**

On 30/01/2022 a report of housebreaking at Weensland Road. Allotment broken into and tools stolen. Enquiries continuing. Crime report for theft submitted.

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On 01/02/2022 report of an outbuilding door having been forced at Saughtree House, Newcastleton. Nothing stolen, relevant paperwork submitted.

On 25/02/2022 a report of housebreaking at Leaburn Drive. Enquiries continuing. Crime report submitted.

### Theft

On 02/02/2022 report of theft of digger from Wellogate Cemetery. Digger has been located. Enquiries Continuing.

On 06/02/2022 report of theft of an Ipad and money from Cheviot Road. Enquiries ongoing.

On 09/02/2022 report of theft from property at Leyden Bank. Enquiries continuing.

On 12/02/2022 report of theft from Renwick Terrace. Enquiries continuing.

On 15/02/2022 report of theft of a mobility scooter from Loan. Enquiries continuing.

On 22/02/2022 report small amount of fuel stolen at Common Haugh. Enquiries continuing.

On 23/02/2022 report of theft from flat in Trinity Street. Crime report raised for theft.

On 26/02/2022 report of theft of heating oil from Hermitage Farm House. Enquiries continue. Crime report submitted



### Improving Road Safety

Within the Jedburgh Sheriff Court Jurisdiction there were 23 parking tickets issued in February.

On 05/02/2022 a driver was fined for having no MOT in Hawick.

On 11/02/2022 a driver was issued a fine for driving a motor vehicle without a current MOT certificate in Hawick.

On 15/02/2022 a driver was issued penalty points and a fine for having no insurance in Hawick.

On 21/02/2022 a driver was issued a fine for driving without a current MOT in Hawick.

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On 26/02/2022 a driver was issued a fine for having no MOT in Hawick.

### Killed or Seriously Injured

No accidents where persons were killed or seriously injured.

## Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

On the 2nd of February officers from across Police Scotland executed search warrants at multiple addresses across Hawick. During the enforcement £300 worth of Cannabis was recovered. Two males were arrested, one was reported in regards to the recovery of the drugs and another was reported for trading standards related offences.

On 4th of February officers attended an address in Hawick in relation to an outstanding arrest warrant. Circumstances developed at the address and officers subsequently search the address under search warrant, within the address was found £16,500 worth of Diamorphine. 5 persons were arrested and are to be reported for the offences identified.

On 8th of February officers executed a search warrant at an address in Kelso. Following a search of the address £3,500 worth of Cannabis was recovered. A male was arrested and reported for the offence.

On 17th of February officers from Police Scotland's Proactive Crime Team executed a drugs search warrant at an address in Kelso. Officers arrested a male within the property and following a search of the property found £420 worth of Diamorphine. The male has been reported for the offences.

## 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:**

DRUGS: 4 warrants executed; cannabis recovered from an address in Kelso resulting in a male charged with being concerned in supply, two warrants at addresses in Hawick recovered significant amounts of heroin with a male and female being charged with being concerned in supply. A further warrant in Hawick resulted in personal amounts of heroin, cannabis and valium being recovered.

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR: ASB patrols carried out in hotspots, including School Brae in Peebles where 3 children were warned regarding behaviour, attention given to boy racers in Duns, and youth patrols in Burnfoot, Hawick.

PARKING: A further parking initiatives were carried out in Selkirk and Galashiels, again focusing on dangerous and inconsiderate parking such as double yellows, loading bays, taxi ranks etc, along with a letter drop to local businesses. Numerous tickets were issued. Further random checks will be carried out, and the initiative will be repeated in other towns in the future.

QUAD BIKE THEFTS: SBCAT are working closely with MCAT and Northumbria Police with regards quad bike thefts. Warrants were executed at three premises in Midlothian with stolen goods being recovered and one person charged. Two stashed quad bikes were recovered following a theft near Morebattle. Please can quad bike owners take precautions by storing in locked buildings where possible and not leaving keys in or near the quad. Report any suspicious vehicles to police immediately using 101, and where possible provide details of the vehicles.

**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:

[LothianScotBordersCPTHawickHermitage@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:LothianScotBordersCPTHawickHermitage@scotland.pnn.police.uk)

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.