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## **Scottish Borders Area Command**

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

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

(1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022)



**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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## **Community Policing News – Hawick & Hermitage**

PC's Ryan Stewart and Crain Tait-Logan accompanied students from Hawick High School on a 1 night residential to Redford Barracks during the school half term, working in Partnership with the British Army Youth Development Team. The trip was a success and was a pilot for more hopefully to take place next year with a larger group of students.



There were 10 calls to Newcastleton in October, including 2 x theft by housebreaking reported on the 10th (see below). Other calls included vandalism, concern for persons, information for police and road traffic matters.

We are continuing our efforts to obtain information regarding drug dealing and antisocial behaviour. We urge members of the community to continue to make police aware of these incidents by contacting 101, providing names and descriptions if possible. Information regarding the perpetrators of antisocial behaviour and drug dealing can also be reported completely anonymously to crime stoppers on 0800 555 111 or using the online reporting tool – <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information/forms/pre-form>

The below link gives access to the latest Police document for the Scrutiny Panel for the Police, Fire and Rescue and Safer Communities Board, which sits every quarter at Scottish Borders Council.

[Item No. 5 a ii - Scottish Borders Scrutiny - Q1 2022-23.pdf \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

This document reports progress and updates on service matters from Police Scotland as presented by the Local Area Commander CI Vinnie Fisher.

## **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.*

*Hawick and Hermitage area had 14 mental health related calls and 9 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 28/10/2022 report of a female youth being assaulted at Sandbed. Enquiries ongoing.

#### **Anti-Social Behaviour**

On 08/10/2022 report of a disturbance at Douglas Haig Court. Officers attended, statements noted and relevant paperwork submitted.

On 09/10/2022 while on patrol officers witnessed a male urinating in a public place off Hawick High Street. Fixed penalty notice was issued.

On 09/10/2022 reports that a bottle had been thrown on Weensland Road by a group of youths. Police attended and spoke to a group of youths, advice given.

On 11/10/2022 report of a male being aggressive and threatening towards staff at Morrisons, Mart Street. Male arrested for assault and threatening and abusive behaviour and report submitted.

On 11/10/2022 report of youths entering unsafe and unsecure building site at Weensland Mill, Weensland Road. Area searched, no trace. Area to be given passing attention.

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On 11/10/2022 report of youths entering occupied properties and causing nuisance in the area of Yarrow Terrace. Enquires ongoing.

On 15/10/2022 report of an abusive customer at Morrisons, Mart Street. Officers attended and male arrested and charged with vandalism, threatening and abusive behaviour, assault, police assault, resisting arrest.

On 16/10/2022 report of a disturbance at Oliver Place. Male cautioned and charged with threatening and abusive behaviour. Relevant paperwork submitted.

On 16/10/2022 report of a disturbance at Buccleuch Street. Two males arrested for culpable and reckless conduct and vandalism.

On 23/10/2022 report of youths causing an issue within store at Morrisons, Mart Street. Officers attended and youths spoken to. No complaints from Morrisons.

On 25/10/2022 report of youths causing ongoing nuisance and throwing eggs at Union Street. Further enquiries ongoing.

On 25/10/2022 report of an aggressive female at High Street. Officers attended, female arrested and report submitted.

On 25/10/2022 report of a disturbance, bottles being thrown from window at Buccleuch Street. Officers attended, male arrested and charged for culpable and reckless behaviour.

On 27/10/2022 report of a group of 8 youths setting of fireworks on Liddlesdale road. Enquiries continuing.

### **Vandalism**

On 02/10/2022 report of damage to a motorhome at South Hermitage Street, Newcastleton. Enquiries continuing.

On 11/10/2022 report of damage to a rear window of vehicle at Crumhaughhill Road. Enquiries continuing.

On 19/10/2022 report that 2 youths had smashed a window of a property on Oliver Park. Enquiries continuing.

On 19/10/2022 report of damage to a window at Bourtree Place. Enquiries continuing.



## **Reducing Acquisitive Crime**

### **Theft by Housebreaking**

On 10/10/2022 report of theft by housebreaking at Moss Road, Newcastleton. Statements noted and Scenes of Crime Officers attended, relevant paperwork submitted and enquiries ongoing.

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On 10/10/2020 report of theft by housebreaking and damage at Moss Road, Newcastleton. As above, no CCTV or alarm systems in operation. Statements noted and Scenes of Crime Officers attended, relevant paperwork submitted and enquiries ongoing.

On 10/10/2022 report of bin shed being broken into at Oliver Park and tools stolen from within. Enquiries continuing.

### Theft

On 03/10/2022 report of theft by finding of a wallet, bankcard used, male arrested and charged.

On 11/10/2022 report of a vehicle being broken into and items stolen from within at Orchard Terrace. Enquiries continuing.

On 15/10/2022 report of shoplifter Oliver Place. Statement noted, accused cautioned and charged with theft. Relevant paperwork submitted.

On 15/10/2022 report of damage to rear windscreen of vehicle and items stolen from within at O'Connell Street. Statement noted and CCTV checked. Enquiries continuing.



### Improving Road Safety

On 17/10/2022 report of careless driving at Beaconsfield Terrace. Driver was charged and report submitted

On 20/10/2022 officers stopped a vehicle on Branxholme Road after checks showed the vehicle had no MOT, driver charged.

On 27/10/22 – a driver was issued penalty points and a fine for stopping in an area of Pelican Crossing in Hawick

On 29/09/2022 – a driver was issued a fine for not wearing in a seatbelt in Hawick.

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### Killed or Seriously Injured



### Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

Please see CAT update

## Campaigns

### Scams

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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](#)

### High Value Bike Thefts from Vehicles

Following a spate of bike thefts from visitors vehicles in the Peebles area, work is ongoing to place warning signage at hotspot areas in Peebles, Innerleithen and Glentress. Prevention advice leaflets are also to be distributed to local businesses such as cafes, hotels etc.

### Keep Safe Initiative

Primarily aimed at disabled members of the community helping to tackle disability hate crime, Keep Safe is a national network of over 800 safe places (including shops, libraries, pubs etc.) for anyone who may feel lost, scared or vulnerable when out in the community. [About Keep Safe \(iammescotland.co.uk\)](#)

All Scottish Borders Co-ops have signed up to the scheme with staff training, business packs and store signage being provided.

### No Cold Calling Zones

- A new Zone has been set up in Eddleston covering 120 Houses – Road signs and house-packs have been provided.
- Implementation work is ongoing with Bowden and Newtown St Boswells community councils for zones in these areas.
- Any community organisation interested in setting up a new zone or wishing to refresh an existing zone (those with the old Lothian and Borders Police signs) or should contact their local community policing team <https://www.scotland.police.uk/secureforms/contact/>

### Rural Crime

- Scottish Borders Partnership against Rural Crime (SBPARC) exhibited at the Border Union Show highlighting the latest rural crime prevention advice. The partnership continues to meet regularly to address local priority rural crime throughout the year.
- We continued to distribute free wireless perimeter security alarms 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.

### CAT Update:

#### ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Targeted patrols continue to be carried out in identified hotspots, including Hawick, Peebles, Newtown St Boswells, Galashiels and Kelso. The CAT have also been utilised at events such as Melrose and Earlston 7's to address after hours ASB issues.



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### ROAD SAFETY

Road checks were carried out throughout the Scottish Borders, with hand held radar speed checks also being completed near to various schools. Vehicle checks have also been carried out throughout the Borders to provide education and enforcement where required. A parking initiative was undertaken in Peebles, with multiple parking tickets issued, and a letter drop carried out to local businesses in relation to vehicles being parked in restricted bays.

### DRUGS

Throughout April the CAT utilised stop and search powers to deter and disrupt drug misuse. In addition three house searches were carried out, with personal amounts of drugs being seized.

### RURAL CRIME

Rural acquisitive crime patrols continued throughout the month, with a focus on criminals travelling to the Borders to commit crime. One person was apprehended following a pursuit after attempting to break into a shop in Innerleithen.

## 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.