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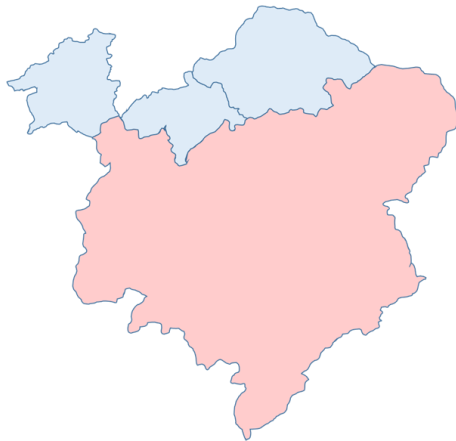


Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

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

(1st – 23rd December 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

We'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year and all the best for 2023.

This report is slightly shorter than usual running from 01/12/2022 until 23/12/2022 – this is due to civilian staff shortages over the festive period. January's report will contain the incidents from the last week in December.

December proved a busy month as usual for officers in the Scottish Borders. This culminated in a busy shift on 30th December where officers worked alongside partner agencies during the heavy rainfall and associated flooding in both Hawick and Peebles, which thankfully ended without the requirement for evacuation. Staff from Hawick Flood Prevention Scheme were extremely helpful throughout.

There were 10 calls to Newcastleton from December 1st-23rd, including noise nuisance, road traffic matters and concern for persons

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 December 2022 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 128 mental health related calls, around 8 missing person enquiries and approximately 72 domestic related incidents.

Hawick and Hermitage area had 15 mental health related calls and 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 09/12/2022 report of a minor assault at Park Terrace. Accused issued with a Recorded Police Warning.

On 10/12/2022 report of an assault at Allars Crescent. Accused arrested, cautioned and charged with assault. Relevant paperwork submitted.

Anti-Social Behaviour

On 04/12/2022 report of a urinator on High Street. Male issued with a fixed penalty notice.

Vandalism

On 02/12/2022 report that a property on Park Terrace had damage to the front door, enquiries are ongoing.

On 02/12/2022 report that a motor vehicle parked on Garfield Street had 2 tyres slashed, no CCTV available. Relevant paperwork submitted.

On 10/12/2022 report of damage to a window at Buccleuch Road. No CCTV. Relevant paperwork submitted.



Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Theft by Housebreaking – no reports

Theft – no reports



Improving Road Safety

On 06/12/2022 report of a male attending Hawick Police Station wishing to report various road traffic offences at various locations in the Scottish Borders. Enquiries ongoing.

On 07/12/2022 report of a road traffic offence at Myreslawgreen. Male charged with no insurance and registered keeper charged with cause and permit. Relevant paperwork submitted.

On 18/12/2022 report of a road traffic offence at Moss Road, Newcastleton. Female cautioned and charged with no licence, no insurance and no MOT. Vehicle uplifted.

Killed or Seriously Injured



Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

Please see CAT update

Campaigns

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](#)

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

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- 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:

ROAD SAFETY

SBCAT were out as part of the Winter Safety Campaign carrying out static checks in Earlston, Duns, Coldstream, Eyemouth, Peebles, Galashiels and Stow. A number of drivers were given advice regarding winter safety and tyre tread.

Speed gun checks were also completed outside Earlston High School with 6 drivers being warned and 1 driver being reported for having no insurance. A further driver was issued with a no MOT ticket in Hawick.



DRUG ENFORCEMENT

Misuse of Drugs warrants have been carried out in Galashiels, Kelso, Hawick and Peebles this month. Proactive stop & searches also resulted in the recovery of cannabis.

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

16 Licensed Premises Checks were carried out in the lead up to Christmas. High Visibility foot patrols were also undertaken to deter antisocial behaviour during the festive period. Boy Racers were engaged with in Galashiels and two ASB driving warnings issued in Peebles.

HOGMANAY

SBCAT officers will be out on Hogmanay for dispersal and antisocial behaviour issues.

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This is a Divisional wide operation to tackle rural crime. The Scottish Borders focus was on off-road biking at Monynut, along with static and mobile checks in Berwickshire to deter acquisitive crime and hare coursing. One vehicle was issued with an ASB driving warning for driving off road.

ACQUISITIVE CRIME

Two males were arrested by SBCAT in Stow after carrying out housebreakings in the area. The stolen items were recovered and both males charged with offences. SBCAT also assisted with the recovery of a quad bike near West Linton following a theft.

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.