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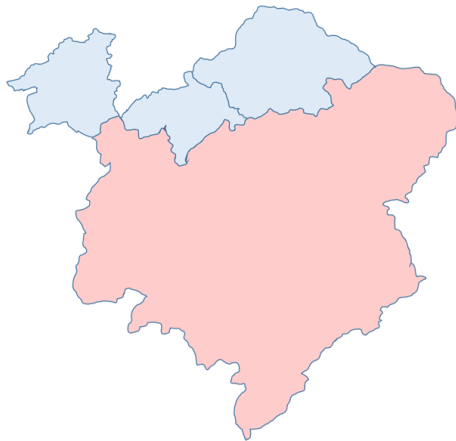


## **Scottish Borders Area Command**

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Hawick and Hermitage Community Councils  
Multi Member Ward Report for January 2023

(24<sup>th</sup> December 2022 – 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023)



**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

There were 19 calls to Newcastleton between 24<sup>th</sup> December and 30<sup>th</sup> January, including noise nuisance, domestic incidents, road traffic matters and concern for persons.

PC Allan Patterson carried out his second surgery in Newcastleton on 10<sup>th</sup> January in conjunction with the community council. This was an invaluable opportunity for local residents to engage with their local community officer and obtain advice and assistance on a variety of issues.

Parking ticking issues in the Hawick area have seen a huge increase in the past two months due to the dedication of local community officers. This has been successful in deterring inconsiderate parking in many areas. This action will continue, in particular at hotspots including bus stops.

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.

[\(Public Pack\)Item No. 5 \(a\) - Police Scotland Agenda Supplement for Police, Fire & Rescue and Safer Communities Board, 14/12/2022 09:30 \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

Once you click into this link, please scroll down to read the full report. It provides 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 January 2023 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 160 mental health related calls, around 26 missing person enquiries and approximately 110 domestic related incidents.*

*Hawick and Hermitage area had 26 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 Anti-Social Behaviour



#### Assaults

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On 02/01/2023 report of a serious assault at High Street. Male charged and reported to the PF

On 08/01/2023 report of an assault at Dovecote Street. Enquiries ongoing

On 15/01/2023 report of an assault at Baker Street. Male charged with urinating in public, police assault and resisting arrest.

On 29/01/2023 report of an assault at High Street, Hawick. Female arrested, charged and report submitted.

### Anti-Social Behaviour

On 27/12/2022 report of a disturbance at Liddesdale Road. Enquiries continuing by CID.

On 30/12/2022 report of a disturbance at Lovel Court. Officer attended, all in order and female moved on.

On 06/01/2023 report of youths with fireworks at Cross Wynd. Officers attended, area searched, no trace.

On 07/01/2023 report of a disturbance at Crumhaugh Road. Enquiries ongoing.

On 07/01/2023 report of a disturbance at High Street. Argument amongst friends, no complaints.

On 15/01/2023 report of a disturbance at Ramsay Road. Ongoing neighbour dispute, no criminality.

On 15/01/2023 report of a disturbance at Baker Street. Accused issued with a Recorded Police Warning.

On 28/01/2023 report of a group of youths riding around the carpark of Morrison's on electric scooters, shouting abuse to customers. On arrival of officers youths had dispersed, area search, no trace.

On 29/01/2023 report of a disturbance at Baker Street. Male issued with a recorded police warning.

### Vandalism

On 26/12/2022 report of damage to a rear passenger window of vehicle at Trevelyan Terrace. Enquiries concluded with no suspect identified.

On 14/01/2023 report that car had been set on fire, SFS attended. Enquires continuing.

On 14/01/2023 report of a fire in a close at a property on the High Street, Hawick. Small fire which was put out, minor damage. Enquires continuing.

On 18/01/2023 report of a car being damaged on Weensland Road, Hawick. Crime report submitted, enquiries ongoing.

On 21/01/2023 report of a tyre being slashed at Longbault Road. Enquiries continuing.

On 30/01/2023 report of damage to telecoms site at Commonbrae Cottage, gate smashed and safety anti-climb barbed wire cut. For further enquiry.



## **Reducing Acquisitive Crime**

### **Theft by Housebreaking**

#### **Theft**

On 03/01/2023 report of theft of medication from Myreslawgreen. Enquiries continuing.

On 12/01/2023 report of theft of fuel from Morrisons, Mart Street. Enquiries continuing.

On 16/01/2023 report of theft of fuel from Morrisons, Mart Street. Enquiries continuing.

On 19/01/2023 report of theft of goods from Morrisons, Mart Street. Enquiries continuing.

On 23/01/2023 report of theft of scrap metal from Trinity Street. Officers attended and statements noted. Relevant paperwork submitted.

On 23/01/2023 report of theft of purse and provisional driving licence from Gladstone Street. Enquiries continuing.



## **Improving Road Safety**

On 08/01/2023 report of a road traffic offence at Oliver Park. Vehicle with no MOT or tax. Recorded on police systems and reported to DVLA.

On 13/01/23 – a driver was issued a fine and penalty points for careless/inconsiderate driving in Hawick.

On 29/01/2023 report of a road traffic offence, no insurance. Vehicle uplifted and driver issued with a conditional offer.

### **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 \(iammesotland.co.uk\)](#)

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 have continued with their winter safety campaign through January, carrying out road checks in various places in the Borders. SBCAT have issued 5 traffic tickets throughout the month. One person was also reported for driving with no insurance or mot and their partner with causing and permitting them to drive the car. Boy Racer problems were also addressed in Galashiels, with one male being given a fixed penalty ticket for careless driving.



PARKING TICKETS – SBCAT have been carrying out high visibility patrols in Peebles, Kelso, Selkirk and Hawick, and addressing parking concerns there. 39 parking tickets were issued in January.

RURAL ACQUISITIVE CRIME – We continue to carry out static road checks in rural areas at all times of day to deter and detect rural acquisitive crime. 65 static checks were carried out throughout the Scottish Borders in January. SBCAT officers are also following up positive lines of enquiry into the theft of a vehicle from Blythe Bridge.

DRUG ENFORCEMENT – 6 drug search warrants were carried out in January in Galashiels and Kelso, with 4 of them providing positive results.

PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE – Part of the SBCAT role is to trace persons wanted on warrant. In January SBCAT traced and arrested one male who had been wanted for some time. We are also proactive in enforcing persons released on bail curfews, with 20 bail curfew checks carried out in January. SBCAT have also assisted with searching for missing persons in January.

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – High visibility patrols have continued in Burnfoot Industrial Estate, Peebles, and at the Galashiels Interchange to address concerns at these locations. Two youths were issued warning letters for throwing snowballs at members of the public at the Interchange.

### 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)

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