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## **Scottish Borders Area Command**

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

East Berwickshire Community Councils  
Multi Member Ward Report for November 2022



**The information provided within this report, is predominately based on the East Berwickshire 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 Update – East Berwickshire**

Community Officers have been busy throughout December with both local Bonfire events and the Remembrance Day services and parades.

In addition they have continued their partnership working with local schools where they give prevention inputs and engage with the children at schools across the ward areas. The work of the school link community officers is more important now than ever before. Early engagement doesn't just reduce the likelihood of offending - educational inputs by our officers also reduce the likelihood they will become victims of crime.

Officers are aware of complaints regarding speeding and parking and numerous locations throughout the Borders. We are consistent in our approach to enforcement – where there is a history of collisions or a school then we can ask for the assistance of Roads Policing or the CAT officers. Community Officers are being trained up in the use of the speed guns, but again these officers must be deployed in the areas where the risk of accidents is at its greatest, so that we are using our resources efficiently and effectively.

Parking is similar – where there is dangerous or obstructive parking we must prioritise our resources to tackle these issues first and foremost.

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 November 2022 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 158 mental health related calls, around 39 missing person enquiries and approximately 67 domestic related incidents.*

*East Berwickshire had 13 mental health related calls and 2 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.*

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*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 03/11/22 report of robbery and assault in Marine Square, Eyemouth. Mobile phone taken. Male charged and report submitted

On 06/11/2022 report of assault on a male in High Street, Eyemouth. One male has been charged with serious assault.

On 10/11/2022 report of assault in Erskine Place, Chirnside. Male charged and reports submitted

On 20/11/2022 report of a male and female being assaulted by an unknown female outside Cutty Sark, Eyemouth. Enquiries ongoing.

### Anti-Social Behaviour

On 01/11/2022 two reports of disturbance in Marine Square, Eyemouth involving males fighting. Officers attended, no criminality and advice given.

On 06/11/2022 report of a noise within a property in Marine Square, Eyemouth involving several persons screaming and banging. Officers attended, no disturbance, occupant advised

On 10/11/2022 report of a hate crime against a Polish male at St Ellas Wynd, Eyemouth. Male suspect shouted, made reference to his nationality, and made threats in an unprovoked incident. Enquiries ongoing.

On 25/11/22 report of a female causing a disturbance within the Co-Op, High Street, Eyemouth. Enquiries ongoing.

On 25/11/22 report of a female causing a disturbance at Marine Square, Eyemouth. Female issued with a Recorded Police Warning.

### Vandalism

On 01/11/2022 report of vandalism to a motor vehicle whilst parked in Marine Square, Eyemouth. Enquiries ongoing.

On 03/11/2022 report of vandalism to a window of a property in Manse Road, Eyemouth. Enquiries ongoing.

On 03/11/2022 report of damage to a window and frame of a property in High Street, Eyemouth. Enquiries ongoing.

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On 03/11/2022 report of a BT cable being deliberately cut to a property at Press Castle, Eyemouth. Enquiries ongoing.

On 09/11/2022 report of damage to a motor vehicle whilst parked in Church Street, Eyemouth, Enquiries ongoing.

On 14/11/2022 report of outdoor lights being damaged to a property in South Crofts, Chirnside by unknown persons. Enquiries ongoing.

On 19/11/2022 report of damage to a motor vehicle whilst parked in Hurkur Crescent, Eyemouth. Enquiries ongoing.

On 21/11/2022 report of damage to fuel cap of motor vehicle whilst parked at either Farmfoods in Berwick or Hoprig Road, Cockburnspath. Enquiries ongoing.

On 22/11/2022 report of a window being damaged to a property in Hurkur Crescent, Eyemouth. Enquiries ongoing.

## Reducing Acquisitive Crime

### Theft by Housebreaking

#### Theft

On 12/11/2022, theft of quadbike from Howpark Farmhouse, Grantshouse, Quad recovered close by. Enquiries ongoing.

On 13/11/2022, theft of quadbike from Blackburn Rig Farmhouse, Grantshouse. Quad recovered near to Broxburn and two males arrested and charged with theft, report submitted to PF.

On 21/11/2022 report of theft of two conifer trees from land at Houndwood, Eyemouth. Enquiries ongoing.

On 22/11/2022 report of theft of 3 horses and a horsebox from Heughhead Farm, Eyemouth. The horses were later traced, however, the horsebox is still outstanding. Enquiries ongoing.

## Improving Road Safety

On 09/11/22 a driver was issued a fine for driving with no MOT in Ayton.

On 30/11/22 a driver was issued a fine for driving with no MOT in Houndwood.

### Killed or Seriously Injured

No accidents where persons were killed or seriously injured.



## Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

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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/>



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### 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:

#### ROAD SAFETY, RURAL ACQUISITIVE CRIME

Officers from SBCAT again joined with officers from Northumbria police, Dumfries & Galloway and Roads Policing officers in November to carry out a second Op Checkpoint, the overnight initiative to tackle rural crime by conducting a series of checkpoints along the English / Scottish border. Officer from SBCAT will continue to support such initiatives in the future, and endeavour to tackle rural crime wherever possible.

#### DRUG ENFORCEMENT

SBCAT have assisted with the execution of six drugs warrants in Galashiels and Hawick during November. During these over £5000 cash has been recovered, along with cannabis, heroin and diazepam.

#### IMPROVING ROAD SAFETY

Throughout November SBCAT have been out conducting static road checks for the Winter Safety Campaign, checking vehicles and in particular tyre tread depth. Advice was given to a number of drivers. We were also involved in a vehicle pursuit after which the driver was charged with a number of offences including drink driving. Parking issues in Berwickshire have also been addressed.

#### ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

SBCAT have carried out high visibility patrols in identified youth hotspots in Peebles, Galashiels and Hawick. We are working with our counterparts in Community Policing to address any identified antisocial behaviour issues. We were also deployed over the bonfire night weekend to address any reports of ASB.

#### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

SBCAT assisted colleagues in ensuring that Remembrance Sunday passed safely and without incident, with SBCAT Sgt PS Harrison laying the wreath on behalf of Police Scotland at the Galashiels service.

### 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**.

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Should the Community Council wish to discuss any matters highlighted in the report, please contact:

[EastBerwickshireCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:EastBerwickshireCPT@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.

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