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Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

East Berwickshire Community Councils
Multi Member Ward Report for October 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 Policing News – East Berwickshire

PC Suzanne Jacobs attended the Scottish Borders Partnership Approach to Water Safety group meeting alongside our partners this month, which we are keen to be involved in and will continue to work with in future. The focus is prevention of accidental drowning and suicide and is not confined to our coastal waters – it covers any body of water where risk is identified.

Concerns were raised last month regarding females being followed by a driver on roads between Chirside and Foulden. There had been no reports of this nature to Police Scotland. Initial information suggested this had happened several times, however we are only aware of one occasion reported to Northumbria Police in Berwick, who recorded the incident as suspicious activity. The following is advice for any persons driving in winter months

- All drivers should be prepared for the unexpected, particularly in the dark and we advise people to make sure that before leaving you tell the person you are planning to meet your estimated time of arrival and your planned route, especially if it is a longer journey
- Make sure your mobile phone is charged and you can speed dial emergency numbers if needed. Keep any valuables out of sight and never give lifts to strangers.
- If a car driver flashes their headlights from behind or you think you are being followed, do not pull over or stop. Carry on to a police station if there is one nearby, or a well lit area where there are other people, such as a supermarket car park or a petrol station. Park where people are around and if concerned call police.
- If a car follows you when you have parked in a safe place, stay in your car with the doors locked. If someone approaches you can talk to them through the window, they might just have a legitimate reason to speak to you or alert you about something in connection with your vehicle.
- Anyone with concerns should report any incidents to police. You can call us on 101 or 999 if it is an emergency. You can also speak direct to an officer on patrol

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 \(modern.gov.co.uk\)](#)

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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 72 mental health related calls, around 25 missing person enquiries and approximately 40 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.

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 02/10/22 report of male being assaulted whilst within the Penny Petroleum Garage, Eyemouth. Male issued with a Recorded Police Warning for assault.

On 26/10/2022 report of a male being assaulted within Heathers Restaurant, Eyemouth. Enquiries ongoing.

Anti-Social Behaviour

On 12/10/22 report of a disturbance in Erskine Road, Chirnside. One female issued with a Recorded Police Warning.

On 19/10/22 report of a disturbance outside an address at Callercove Crescent, Eyemouth. A male was removed and taken to his home address.

On 29/10/2022 report of a disturbance at Pease Bay Caravan Park, Eyemouth. A male was charged with threatening and abusive behaviour.

Vandalism

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On 04/10/22 report of a vehicle being damaged whilst parked outside a property in South Crofts, Chirnside. Enquiries ongoing.

On 13/10/22 report of vehicle being damaged whilst parked outside a property in Hallydown Crescent, Eyemouth. Enquiries ongoing.

On 30/10/2022 report of a window being damaged to the rear of a property at Coldingham Road, Eyemouth. Enquiries ongoing.

Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Theft

On 04/10/22 report of two youths stealing from the Co-Op, High Street, Eyemouth. Enquiries ongoing.

On 06/10/22 report of theft at the Cedar Café, Grantshouse. Enquiries ongoing.

On 07/10/22 report of theft of diesel from farm at Butterdean, Grantshouse. Enquiries ongoing.

On 07/10/22 report of theft of child's bike from Skeldons Brae, Eyemouth. Enquiries ongoing.

On 09/10/22 report of male filling up vehicle with fuel at Penny Petroleum, Eyemouth, entering garage to buy other items but failing to pay for fuel. Enquiries ongoing.

On 24/10/2022 report of theft of a Valais Blacknose sheep from field at Lamberton Shiels. Enquiries ongoing.

Improving Road Safety

On 01/10/22 a driver was issued a fine for driving with no MOT on A1107.

On 16/10/22 a driver was issued penalty points and a fine for speeding in Ayton.

On 23/10/22 a driver was issued penalty points and a fine for careless/inconsiderate driving in Burnmouth.

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.

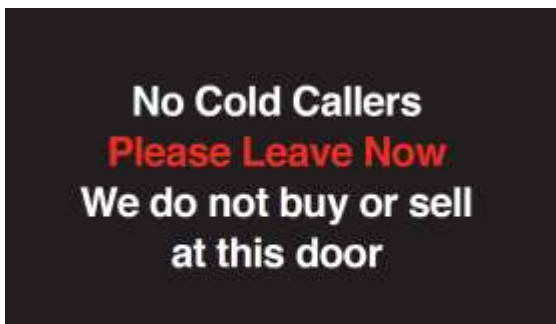
Keep Safe Initiative

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/>



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:

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

After a period with few calls relating to youth disorder, the Galashiels Interchange has experienced a rise in reported incidents. SBCAT and local officers have now increased passing attention, with a number of warning letters being sent to parents of children being identified. We will continue to address any reported issues and support the work being carried out by local CPT and TD7. Bonfire night is approaching and there is likely to be an increase in calls relating to fireworks. Please can I encourage members of the public to report any incidents of youths being supplied fireworks to police or anonymously via Crimestoppers. So far SBCAT have obtained 35 fireworks through information provided by members of the public.

PARKING

We have carried out parking initiatives in Selkirk and Peebles this month with 12 parking tickets issued. Can I take this opportunity to remind people that a single yellow line has the same restrictions as double yellow lines between certain hours.

DRUG ENFORCEMENT

During October SBCAT carried out four search warrants in Hawick, Eyemouth and Kelso. At one address a cannabis cultivation was recovered, and at another a supply amount of herbal cannabis was also found.

ROAD SAFETY

SBCAT have issued the following road traffic tickets this month; 1 x Careless Driving, 2 x No Insurance (with both vehicles being seized), 1 x Antisocial Driving Warning, and 6 other various traffic tickets (e.g. no MOT). We are also continuing to carry out static road checks in rural areas to deter and detect acquisitive crime.

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:

EastBerwickshireCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk

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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.

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