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## **Scottish Borders Area Command**

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

East Berwickshire Community Councils  
Multi Member Ward Report for September 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 Sergeant Update

### PS Ali Granger

September in the Borders started with the welcome return of the Tour of Britain, with the second stage starting in Hawick and finishing in Duns, taking in a number of Borders towns in between. This was a really well organised event, and local officers worked closely with organisers and national police units to ensure the event passed safely without incident.



Stage 2 finish at Newtown Street, Duns

September also saw the return of the Ram sales to Kelso which officers attended in order to provide rural crime prevention advice. Thieves have been active in the Scottish Borders again recently targeting quads. We recommend multiple levels of security to deter, delay and detect thieves –

- Install an alarm system where quads are kept
- Consider a robust physical security device such as the SUIP protector and secure the buildings they are stored in
- **DON'T** leave keys in or near your quads
- Install trackers

Local Community officers have begun to re-establish relationships with the town community councils. This will not always involve attendance, but meetings will either be attended or apologies sent. There are a total of 69 community councils in the Scottish Borders and we appreciate your understanding that we are unable to extend direct regular contact to all. That said, all CC's receive this report and should contact the community policing team mailbox if they wish to discuss specific issues or believe there is an urgent and pressing need for police attendance.

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 September 2022 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 124 mental health related calls, around 39 missing person enquiries and approximately 67 domestic related incidents.*

*East Berwickshire had 11 mental health related calls and 4 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 17/09/2022 report of a male assaulted near to Broomdykes Farm, Allanton. Male charged with minor assault.

On 17/09/22 report of a female assaulted within the Cutty Sark, Eyemouth. Enquiries ongoing.

On 24/09/22 report of a large scale disturbance ongoing at Scoutscroft Caravan Park, Coldingham, staff member assaulted. Enquiries ongoing.

#### Anti-Social Behaviour

On 02/09/2022 report of two males causing a disturbance outside the Harbour Masters Office, Eyemouth. Two males were arrested and charged with possession of an offensive weapon and vandalism.

On 03/09/2022 report of a disturbance within the Contented Sole, Harbour Road, Eyemouth whereby an intoxicated male was fighting with patrons.

On 03/09/2022 report of a large fight outside the Tavern Public House, High Street, Eyemouth. One male charged with threatening and abusive behaviour and assault to severe injury.

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On 16/09/2022 report of ongoing issues with youths who were causing a nuisance at Eyemouth Holiday Park and were refusing to leave. No trace of youths on police arrival.

On 18/09/2022 report of a male causing a disturbance outside Co-op, Main Street, Chirnside. Both parties given suitable advice, and no further police action was necessary.

On 18/09/22 report of youths having been causing a nuisance at Eyemouth Holiday Park and had caused damage to a table. Youths had left prior to informant making police aware. Appropriate advice given.

On 21/09/22 report of male causing a disturbance in Marine Square, Eyemouth. Informant refused to provide a statement.

On 24/09/22 report of extremely loud music being played in beer garden of New Inn, Bridge Street, Coldingham and patrons being within the graveyard. Nothing ongoing on police arrival.

### **Vandalism**

On 18/09/22 report of a vehicle being damaged whilst parked outside the Co-op, Main Street, Chirnside. Enquiries ongoing.

On 19/09/22 report of damage to internal fencing at Harehead Farm, Cranshaws. Enquiries ongoing.

## **Reducing Acquisitive Crime**

### **Theft by Housebreaking**

On 26/09/22 report of theft from Post Office, Coldingham, safe containing cash had been stolen CID attended and statements noted. CID carry out enquiry.

### **Theft**

On 03/09/2022 report of youths stealing bottles of alcohol from Eyemouth Petrol Station, Coldingham Road, Eyemouth. Enquiries ongoing.

On 07/09/22 report of theft of trailer from Old Cambus West Mains by means unknown. Enquiries ongoing.

On 08/09/2022 report of theft of food item from the Co-op, High Street, Eyemouth. Enquiries ongoing.

On 22/09/22 report of theft of bicycle whilst left insecure and unattended on Harbour Road, Eyemouth. Statement noted. CCTV checked. Enquiries ongoing.

On 24/09/22 report of male filling up vehicle with fuel and Ad Blue at Penny Petroleum, Eyemouth, entering garage and paying for fuel but failing to pay for Ad Blue. Enquiries ongoing.

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## Improving Road Safety

### Killed or Seriously Injured

No accidents where persons were 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/>

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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 joined with officers from Northumbria police, Dumfries & Galloway and Roads Policing officers to carry out Op Winterberry. This was an overnight initiative to tackle rural crime by conducting a series of checkpoints along the English / Scottish border. In total over 50 vehicles were stopped with a number of driving offences detected. Officer from SBCAT will continue to support such initiatives in the future, and endeavour to tackle rural crime wherever possible.

Two persons were stopped by SBCAT on their way to Moneynut with off road motorbikes in their van. No offences had been committed, but they were warned and instructed not to return.

#### DRUG ENFORCEMENT

During September SBCAT executed five search warrants at premises in Hawick, Jedburgh and Eyemouth. At one address over 4700 white tablets were recovered, along with 685 grams herbal cannabis and £4000 cash.

SBCAT also carried out reassurance patrols in the Wellfield and Burnfoot areas, and conducted a door to door survey with Community Policing Team, Scottish Borders Council and the Scottish Borders Housing Association.

#### PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE

SBCAT officers were dedicated to an investigation team set up to trace a missing person in the Scottish Borders for a number of weeks during September.

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### ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Youth ASB is continuing to be reported in Peebles, and SBCAT are addressing this with their counterparts in Community Policing. We are aware there are some youths who have been causing problems in Peebles, however these have been reported to the relevant agencies and proceedings are ongoing. SBCAT will continue to address any antisocial behaviour reported to police, and we would like to encourage people to report any genuine problems to us. Identification of the culprits, and evidence in the form of witness statements, greatly helps SBCAT to address the issues reported

### **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](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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