

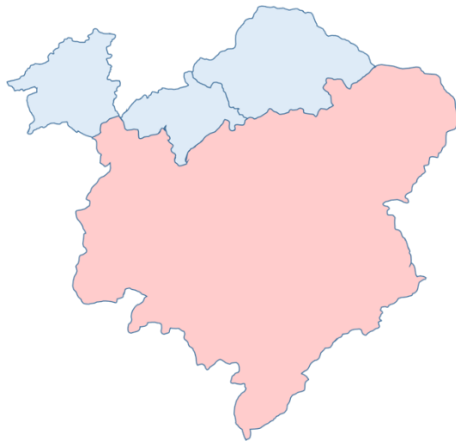
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Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

East Berwickshire Community Councils
Multi Member Ward Report for March 2024



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 – PS Ali Granger

On 24th March, Local Area Commander CI Fletcher attended Killiedraughts Beach for the Sea the Changes community clean up. He joined local community officer's PC's Jacobs and MacLeod and other volunteers including Eyemouth Coastguard, Berwickshire Marine Reserve, Sparta Gym, members of the community and Eyemouth Herring Queen, Holly Blackie. CI Fletcher enjoyed visiting the area and meeting community representatives and hopes to be at the next Berwickshire Area Partnership meeting on 30th May to continue to build on this.



Livestock Worrying

An advertisement for Crime Stoppers Scotland. The top half shows a field of sheep with three sheep in the foreground having the numbers '0800', '555', and '111' written on their backs in red. The bottom half is a purple triangle containing text and logos. The text reads: 'Help protect our livestock in Scotland', 'crimestoppers-uk.org', 'Speak up. Stay safe. Tell our charity what you know.', 'Scotland CrimeStoppers. 0800 555 111 100% anonymous. Always.', and 'CrimeStoppers Trust is a registered charity UK Registration Nos. 1108687/SC037960'. There are also icons for Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.

A Police Scotland campaign is running throughout March with aim of ensuring dog owners understand the distressing nature of livestock attacks, as well as emotional and financial impacts.

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NFU Scotland have stated that from their data, figures show that dog attacks on sheep and cattle in Scotland quadrupled in in the last two years and are running at an all-time high – costing Scottish agriculture over £300,000 a year.

Scottish Borders Police are working with partners to enhance intelligence, prevention and enforcement activity through SBPARC (Scottish Borders Partners Against Rural Crime).

The following advice is given to all dog owners -

- 1 Don't take your dog into fields where there are lambs, calves or other young farm animals.
- 2 If you go into a field with farm animals, keep your dog on a short lead and stay as far away from animals as possible.
- 3 Keep your dog under control at all times and don't allow it to venture into fields unattended.

If you have concerns about a dog not being under control, please call 101 for non-emergencies and in an emergency call 999. More information can be found at [Livestock worrying - Police Scotland](#)

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 - Scottish Borders Scrutiny April - Sept.pdf \(modern.gov.co.uk\)](#)

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 and also contains an input from Local Area Commander, Chief Inspector Stuart Fletcher.

Local Policing Priorities

1. Protecting Vulnerable People in a Physical & Digital World
2. Reducing violence and Anti-Social Behaviour
3. Reducing acquisitive crime
4. Improving road safety
5. Tackling serious and organised crime

Protecting Vulnerable People in a Physical & Digital World



In March 2024 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 215 mental health related calls, around 23 missing person enquiries and approximately 85 domestic related incidents.

East Berwickshire had 30 mental health related calls and 0 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.

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Reducing Violence and Anti-Social Behaviour

Assaults

On 10/03/24 report of assault within a property at Haymons Cove, Eyemouth whereby a female was assaulted, enquiries ongoing.

On 30/03/24 report of an altercation between two males at Scoutscroft Caravan Park, Coldingham resulting in a male being assaulted. No injuries. Crime report submitted.

Anti-Social Behaviour

On 11/03/24 report of complainer being verbally threatened in Nisbet Avenue, Eyemouth. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

On 15/03/24 report of youths throwing stones and kicking the door of a property in Erskine Place, Chirnside. No youths on police arrival. Confirmed no damage to property. Area searched, no trace of youths in area.

On 19/03/24 report of youths throwing stones at door and banging on the windows of a property in Erskine Place, Chirnside. Enquiries ongoing

On 21/03/24 report of a possible disturbance ongoing in Callercove Crescent, Eyemouth. Nothing ongoing on police arrival and no report of criminality.

On 30/03/24 report of four intoxicated youths causing a nuisance at Eyemouth Holiday Park. Youths had been moved on prior to police arrival. No reports of criminality.

Vandalism

On 28/03/24 report of damage being caused to the rear tyre of a motor vehicle whilst it was parked in a parking area on the A1107, Coldingham Road, Eyemouth. Crime report submitted.

On 31/03/24 report of another two vehicles each having a tyre punctured whilst parked in the parking bay on the A1107, Coldingham Road, Eyemouth. Crime report submitted.

Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Theft

On 04/03/24 report of a theft from a property in Haymons Cove, Eyemouth and items being taken. Crime Report submitted, enquiries ongoing.

On 05/03/24 report of theft of items from a vehicle whilst it had been parked in the Monynut area. The vehicle was insecure at the time and no damage had been caused to it. Crime Report submitted, enquiries ongoing.

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On 18/03/24 report of persons filling their vehicle with diesel at the Penny Petroleum, Eyemouth but having insufficient funds to pay for it, enquiries ongoing.

On 19/03/24 report of a CCTV camera being having been removed from the front door of a property in Hurkur Crescent, Eyemouth. Crime report submitted, enquiries ongoing.

On 31/03/24 report of garden statue having been damaged and another one having been taken from a garden in Fort Road, Eyemouth. Enquiries ongoing.

Improving Road Safety

On 09/03/2024 at Whiteadder Way, Chirnside, driver stopped for defective headlamp. Two bald tires also found, driver cautioned and charged and fixed penalty ticket issued.

On 14/03/2024 – a driver was issued a fine and penalty points for careless/inconsiderate driving in Houndwood

On 22/03/24 at Swan Avenue, Chirnside, driver arrested for failing roadside breath test also found to have no insurance. Relevant reports submitted.



Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

Serious and organised crime enforcement – March 2024

The Scottish Borders CID Proactive Unit executed 9 Drug Warrants across the command area during March, all were positive and 12 persons were charged with drug related offences. This included another two large / industrial scale Cannabis cultivations which had a potential street value of £2.3 million.

They would also like to highlight that the local communities across the Borders may have information which they deem insignificant in relation to people being seen at disused large premises over a period of time. Any suspicious activity will be followed up by this team but it is important that the public know they can report such matters in person at any Police Station, by use of 101 or anonymously via the Crime Stoppers charity

Campaigns

Doorstep Crime – Shutout Scammers

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](#)

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

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may feel lost, scared or vulnerable when out in the community. [About Keep Safe \(iammescotland.co.uk\)](http://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

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

We continue to provide security, crime prevention and livestock worrying advice to farmers and rural business. This can be requested by Farmers / Rural businesses using the [Contact Us Form](#) on the Police Scotland Website.

CAT Update:

ROAD SAFETY – SBCAT have continued carrying out road checks in numerous locations in the Scottish Borders and have issued 10 traffic tickets for various offences throughout the month.

Throughout March numerous hi- vis speed and static road checks have been carried out a schools throughout the Scottish Borders at dropping off and picking up times. Speed checks were completed at the Primary Schools at Langlee, Melrose, Lauder and Earlston. Several drivers were warned regarding driving slightly over the speed limit.

On 13th March SBCAT took part in Operation Janaca at Leadburn, near Peebles along with the Mid Lothian CAT, Roads Policing, Trading Standards and the DVSA. 2 males were arrested, 18 minor offences were detected and 1 vehicle was seized. These figures have not been included in the SBCAT figures.

PARKING TICKETS – Officers have been carrying out high visibility patrols in Peebles, Kelso, Eyemouth, Duns, Selkirk, Galashiels, and Hawick, and addressing parking concerns there. Advice has been given to drivers and 91 tickets have been issued.

Passing attention was given to Traquair Road, Innerleithen (no issues) The War Memorial in Coldstream (no issues) Galashiels Town Centre and Bridge Street in Kelso were also regularly checked by officers along with Duns Industrial Estate (no issues), Duns town centre (tickets issued) ambulance parking bays at the health centres in Hawick (tickets issued)

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. 18 static checks were carried out throughout the Scottish Borders in this month along with numerous hi-visibility patrols of rural areas. While doing these patrols SBCAT have been stopping to speak to local farmers and residents to gain an insight into any ongoing issues and to give advice.

At Monynut vehicle patrols and a quad bike patrol were completed on weekends with nothing to report.

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – High visibility patrols have continued in targeted areas of the Scottish Borders to address concerns highlighted at these locations.

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9 youth warning letters were issued during the month of March in relation to youths.

On 11th March 2023, SBCAT officers traced a group of girls causing issues in Morrisons at Hawick. They escorted them outside and they were given a warning.

On 19th March SBCAT found a group of youths on the roof of WH Smith in Kelso. They were conveyed home to their parents.

Similar high visibility foot patrols are being completed around Burnfoot Primary School, Melrose Primary School and outside Jedburgh Sheriff Court on court days due to previous reported issues with members of the public.

During the evening of Saturday 16th March. The Special Initiatives Team joined SBCAT officers in carrying out hi-visibility foot and mobile patrols in Kelso, Innerleithen and Peebles, in response to reported ASB. During their patrols alcohol was seized from 5 youths in Peebles (Youth warning letters to follow), 14 LP's checks carried out and as a result 1 ILP was submitted for Peebles. 1 male youth was arrested and C/C'd for a S38 offence in Peebles and was taken home and left with his parents, a male youth wanted for a Serious Assault in Peebles was also traced by CAT officers at which time he was arrested and subsequently charged for 3 offences. Mobile patrols carried out on A68, A699, A698 and A72 where 70 vehicle checks were also carried out.

PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE – Part of the SBCAT role is to trace persons wanted on warrant/missing person/and bail curfew checks. SBCAT have carried out regular checks on multiple individuals who are wanted on warrant. During the past month a total of 3 people were arrested on warrant.

On the 4th of March the County Lines Intensification Week started. This was a week of action targeting the use of vulnerable youths and adults to store controlled drugs or transport them across the UK. The SBCAT conducted additional foot patrols in the affected areas and along with a letter drops for Crimestoppers. We also spoke with our housing associations and public transport companies and provided them with posters and information for their staff.

DRUG ENFORCEMENT – SBCAT officers have taken part in 1 drugs search warrant in the Scottish Borders.

On 15/3/24- Acting on intelligence CAT officers executed a MDA warrant at an address in Selkirk, however the search proved negative.

Following on from an incident where CAT officers carried out a drug search on a male found in a car in the Selkirk area and he subsequently failed a roadside drug wipe and was arrested in January 2024. On 14/3/24 following analysis of samples obtained from the male he was reported for drug driving.

On 26/03/2024 SBCAT assisted the PCT and other officers in the execution of numerous search warrants in Galashiels which resulted in the seizure of approximately £2.5m worth of cannabis

OTHER ISSUES OF NOTE-

On 3rd March a community police officer was bitten on the hand by a dog suspected of being an XL Bully. Following enquiries the dog was identified, searched warrants obtained and the dog was seized. The owner was charged under the Dangerous Dogs Act.

Throughout March SBCAT have been carrying out extensive enquiries with regards to the graffiti which has been spray painted around several locations in Hawick, including the flood defences. At this time enquiries are continuing.

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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

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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