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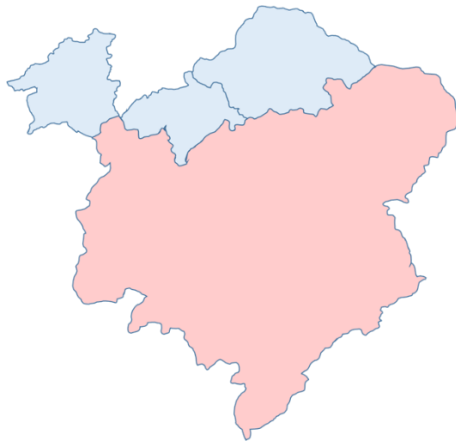


## **Scottish Borders Area Command**

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

East Berwickshire Community Councils  
Multi Member Ward Report for June 2024

(Up to 30/06)



**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.**

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### Community Update – East Berwickshire – PS Ali Granger

The beginning of June was busy for all community officers, with Hawick Common Riding Ceremonial events - officers from across the Scottish Borders were assisting on the main weekend. Planning is well underway for Eyemouth Herring Queen events, with community officer PC Jacobs assisting organisers. The rest of June was spent helping other towns with their events, including those in Peebles, Melrose and Galashiels.

PC Jacobs has also been involved in helping colleagues in response with a number of different incidents.

Hi-Vis patrols were carried out in St abbs and Coldingham due to recurring issues around camping and vehicle access and speed checks were carried out in Eyemouth, Chirnside and Allanton.

PC Cameron attended the Eyemouth Primary P7 school trip to Fox Lake as an adult helper. This enabled him to build on positive relationships with young people just as they transition into High School. This was reinforced by attending P7 to S1 transition day. He also carried out internet safety & 'people who help us' inputs and attended Eyemouth High School's Health and Wellbeing day.

Both PC Jacobs and Cameron helped at Eyemouth Primary's CPR day alongside partners including RNLI, SFRS, Splash, Coastguard, SAS and First Responders. This was delivered to approximately 250 pupils.

PC Jacobs attended a drop-in session at Tides where they were involved in a range of activities with young people, and she will continue to engage with young people over the summer holidays, alongside PC Cameron.

A reminder that the Your Police Survey for 2024/25 has launched, the link below gives access. We value your input and would appreciate your time in completing the survey.

<https://consult.scotland.police.uk/strategy-insight-and-innovation/your-police-2024-2025/>

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, 13/12/2023 09:30 \(modern.gov.co.uk\)](#)

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 as presented by the Local Area Commander CI 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

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## Protecting Vulnerable People in a Physical & Digital World

*In June 2024 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 72 mental health related calls, around 39 missing person enquiries and approximately 86 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 19/06/24 report of an altercation in Hurkur Crescent, Eyemouth and a male having been assaulted. Nothing ongoing on police arrival. Statement noted. Enquiries ongoing. Crime Report submitted.

On 19/06/24 a report of a disturbance and a male having been assaulted in Church Street, Eyemouth. Statement noted. Enquiries ongoing. Crime Report submitted.

On 22/06/24 report of female being assaulted outside a property in Deanhead Drive, Eyemouth. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

### **Anti-Social Behaviour**

On 06/06/24 report of two males being abusive to passers by on Coldingham Road, Eyemouth. Males traced and thereafter returned to their home address, no criminality established.

On 06/06/24 report of an intoxicated male being within the Co-Op, High Street, Eyemouth and intimidating customers. Officers attended. Details noted from witnesses. One male cautioned and charged with threatening and abusive behaviour.

On 16/06/24 report of a youth being sworn at by a female whilst he was riding his bike on a track near The Orchard, Reston. Enquiries ongoing.

On 22/06/24 report of youths causing a nuisance whilst playing football and kicking the ball off cars in the Harbour Road car park. Area searched, no trace of youths on police arrival.

On 24/06/24 report of female verbally threatening at St Ellas Court, Eyemouth. Statement noted and one female issued with a Recorded Police Warning for threatening and abusive behaviour.

On 25/06/24 report of male being verbally abusive and making threats towards another male whilst on Marine Parade, Eyemouth. Details noted. One male issued with a Recorded Police Warning for behaving in a threatening and abusive manner.

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On 30/06/24 report of an intoxicated male causing a nuisance outside The Tavern Public House, Eyemouth. Officers attended. No complaints made.

### **Vandalism**

On 08/06/24 report of a vehicle being scratched along the passenger side whilst parked on Beach Avenue, Eyemouth. Crime Report submitted.

On 15/06/24 report of vandalism to a vehicle whilst it was parked on a driveway in Whitehall Close, Chirnside. Crime Report submitted.

On 21/06/24 report of vandalism to two fence panels at Horndean, Berwick Upon Tweed. Statement noted. Enquiries made. One male issued with a Recorded Police Warning for vandalism.

On 22/06/24 report of vandalism to a JCB and possible theft of materials from a site at Bridge House, Victoria Road, Eyemouth. Enquiries ongoing.

On 26/06/24 report of a wall having been knocked down at the SEPA Gauging site off the B6355 in Eyemouth and boulders having fallen onto the access route making it unsafe. Enquiries ongoing

On 29/06/24 report of a vehicle having been vandalised whilst parked on Beach Avenue, Eyemouth. Statement noted. Crime Report submitted.

## **Reducing Acquisitive Crime**

### **Theft by Housebreaking**

#### **Theft**

On 02/06/24 report of female shoplifting in the Co-Op, High Street, Eyemouth on two separate occasions on the same day. Crime Report submitted, enquiries ongoing.

On 21/06/24 report of male shoplifting in the Co-Op, High Street, Eyemouth. CR submitted, enquiries ongoing.

On 29/06/24 report of theft of a garden chair from the garden of a property in Haymons Cove, Eyemouth. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

## **Improving Road Safety**

On 01/06/2024 – a driver was issued a fine and penalty points for not obeying white lines in Eyemouth.

On 07/06/2024 – a driver was issued a fine and penalty points for driving with no MOT in Eyemouth.

On 08/06/2024 – a driver was issued a fine and penalty points for careless/inconsiderate driving in Grantshouse.

On 23/06/2024 – a driver was issued a fine for driving with no MOT in Eyemouth.

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## Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

### Serious and organised crime enforcement – June 2024

The Scottish Borders CID Proactive Unit executed 4 Drug Warrants across the command area during April, three were positive and 4 persons were charged with drug related offences. A number of stop and searches were also conducted in identified hotspot area where drugs misuse was prevalent across the Scottish Borders.

Serious and organised crime impacts local communities across the Borders and anyone with information on criminal activity are asked to contact Police Scotland on 101, report it at any Police Station or report it anonymously via the Crime Stoppers Charity. This information can be on any criminal matter but includes an individuals unexplained financial gain or wealth or persons who are vulnerable in our communities and being targeted or exploited by others for any reason.

## Campaigns



Pride is celebrated during June as that was the month when the Stonewall riots took place, which were important protests that took place in the US in 1969 and changed gay rights for a lot of people around the world.

Pride is about acceptance, equality and celebrating the achievements of LGBTQI+ people. It also promotes education in LGBTQI+ history and raises awareness of issues affecting the LGBTQI+ community.

### Carers week

Carers Week is an annual event, which highlights the important work done by carers around the world, their often unrecognised contributions and the support available to them.

The aim of Carers Week is to raise awareness of caring, highlight the challenges unpaid carers face and recognise the contribution they make to families and communities throughout the UK. It also helps people who do not think of themselves as having caring responsibilities to identify as carers and access much-needed support.

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### **Drowning Prevention Week (DPW)**

DPW is one of the largest summer water safety campaigns across the UK and Ireland.

The DPW campaign will run from 15 – 22 June and is targeting families, carers, teachers and instructors of children aged five to fifteen years old with the aim of educating them about water safety.

No child should drown, and with the right water safety education – such as knowledge of the Water Safety Code – accidental drownings are preventable. Drowning Prevention Week is deliberately timed ahead of the school summer holidays when children spend more time outdoors and when vital water safety skills can help keep children safe.

Please help us to spread the word this year and encourage everyone to have the water safety conversation with children. DPW is critical in raising awareness and encouraging the public to enjoy water safely.

### **CAT Update:**

#### **MMW REPORT:**

**ROAD SAFETY** – SBCAT have continued carrying out road checks in numerous locations in the Scottish Borders and have issued 2 traffic tickets for various offences throughout the month.

Throughout June a total of 6 hi-vis speed checks and foot patrols were carried out at schools throughout the Scottish Borders at dropping off and picking up times. Including schools in Selkirk, Duns and Kelso.

**PARKING TICKETS** – Officers have been carrying out high visibility enforcement across the Borders and addressing parking concerns there. Advice has been given to drivers and 16 tickets have been issued.

Passing attention was given to Galashiels, Selkirk and Hawick Town Centres and Bridge Street in Kelso were also regularly checked by officers along with other areas.

**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. 5 static checks were carried out throughout the Scottish Borders this month along with numerous hi-visibility patrols of rural areas.

On Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June the quad bikes were deployed Monynut. Several other patrols were made in a 4x4 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. The SBCAT has also been heavily involved in Community events throughout the month. Much of this has involved foot patrols targeting anti-social behaviour.

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> of June 2024, SBCAT assisted at the Hawick Mair as part of Hawick Common Riding. The Specials Initiative Team also joined them. Over the 2 days, 1 recorded police warning was issued and 4 people were escorted out of the area due to their behaviour or alcohol intake. 1 male was arrested for domestic assault and 10 fake driving licenses held by youths were also seized and destroyed. There was a significant amount of friendly engagement with the public and several minor issues resolved before they could escalate.

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On 29<sup>th</sup> June 2024 the SBCAT were tasked with patrols of Galashiels town centre for the Braw Lads Gathering. The Specials Initiative Team also joined us. During the evening several minor issues were dealt with before they could escalate. Later in the night we arrested a male and charged him with assaulting door staff.

Similar high visibility foot patrols are being completed across the Borders with a focus on, Burnfoot and Mansfield in Hawick following reports of Off-Road motorcycles being used and general ASB. When possible, foot patrols are being completed at Jedburgh Sheriff Court on court days due to previous reported issues with members of the public. Innerleithen and Peebles have also been given a lot of attention during the evenings.

**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 6 people were arrested with 3 of them being wanted for domestic offences.

On 9<sup>th</sup> June SBCAT officers were on mobile patrol in Hawick when they responded to a call regarding youths stealing vapes from Morrison's. The officers attended immediately and stopped the youths at the door of the supermarket. Following a review of the CCTV one of them was reported to the social work for youth offending.

**DRUG ENFORCEMENT** – SBCAT officers have not taken part in any drugs search warrants in the Scottish Borders. 2 males were searched under the Misuse of Drugs Act with 1 of them being found in possession of a personal amount of cocaine

### **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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