

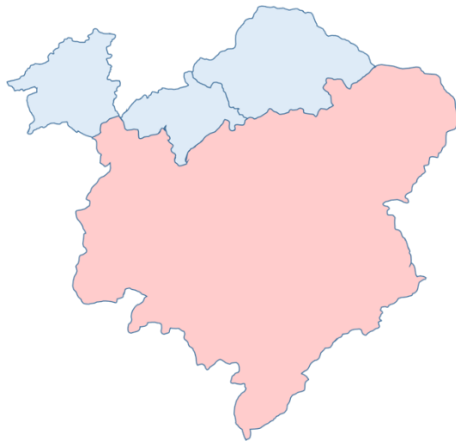
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## **Scottish Borders Area Command**

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

East Berwickshire Community Councils  
Multi Member Ward Report for May 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**

In May School Link Officers - PC's Tait-Logan, Harper, Cameron and Trochimiak attended the Border Union Schools Countryside Day at Springwood Park in Kelso. They were joined by CAT officer PC Francois and Sgt Granger.

With P5's attending from across the Scottish Borders, this provided a great opportunity for the Community Policing Team to engage with children from all schools across the Scottish Borders.



On Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May PC Cameron, accompanied by PC Jacobs and PC MacLeod, held Emergency Services Days for all the P7 pupils in the Eyemouth Schools Cluster.

The children took part in different tasks, which helped them learn how to keep themselves safe in a variety of different situations – including inputs on stranger danger and online safety. They also learnt about the role of police officers in our communities.



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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 \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

## 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 May 2024 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 236 mental health related calls, around 20 missing person enquiries and approximately 100 domestic related incidents.*

*East Berwickshire had 11 mental health related calls and 1 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 25/05/24 report of an altercation at Pease Bay Caravan Park, Cockburnspath. No criminality evident and relevant paperwork to be submitted.

On 26/05/24 report of assault at Pease Bay Caravan Park. Male arrested on suspicion of assault and paperwork submitted.

### Anti-Social Behaviour

On 01/05/24 report of a male causing a disturbance in Bennison Square, Eyemouth. Male had left prior to police arrival. Advice given.

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On 01/05/24 several reports were received of a male causing a disturbance in Hurkur Crescent, Eyemouth. One male arrested and taken to Hawick Police Station where he was cautioned and charged with threatening and abusive behaviour.

On 05/05/24 report of two males in an altercation at the side of the road at the junction for Pease Bay Caravan Park by the A1 at Co'path. Officers attended, no trace of males.

On 19/05/24 report of an ongoing disturbance in Dominies Way, Chirnside. Nothing ongoing on police arrival. All parties spoken with and no complaints being made. Advice given.

### Vandalism

On 11/05/24 report of the living room window of a property in Marine Square, Eyemouth having been smashed. Enquiries ongoing.

On 25/05/24 report of a male climbing on to parked motor vehicles within Barefoots Way, Eyemouth and kicking the windscreens causing significant damage. Male arrested and taken to Hawick Police Station by officers where he was interviewed and charged with five vandalism offences, two assaults, threatening and abusive behaviour and attempt theft of a phone. He was held in custody to appear at court.

## Reducing Acquisitive Crime

### Theft by Housebreaking

On 16/05/24 report of a property in Cheviot Avenue, Chirnside having been broken into, keys stolen and subsequently a campervan and a motorbike taken. Statement noted. Crime report submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

### Theft

On 09/05/24 report of theft of CCTV camera from the front door of a property in Killies Green, Eyemouth. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

On 24/05/24 report of theft shoplifting in the Co-Op, Chirnside. Enquiries ongoing.

On 28/05/24 report of theft of scooter outside the Penny Petroleum, Eyemouth. Scooter has since been recovered. Enquiries ongoing.

## Improving Road Safety

On 30/05/2024 – a driver was issued a fine and penalty points for careless/inconsiderate driving in Cockburnspath



## Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

Serious and organised crime enforcement – May 2024

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The Scottish Borders CID Proactive Unit executed 4 Drug Warrants across the command area during May. This included 2 large Cannabis Cultivations, a quantity of Class A drugs and cash being seized. 4 persons were arrested and charged with drug offences in regard to these warrants.

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

### Motorcycle Safety

Our annual motorcycle safety campaign urges drivers to look out for motorcyclists as riders take to the road this summer. In 2023/24, there were 151 road deaths and 27 were motorcyclists. Motorcyclists make up around one per cent of all road users yet account for 14 per cent of deaths. Engagement and enforcement activity will take place throughout the spring and summer months using both marked and unmarked police vehicles. Police Scotland officers, including those from the national motorcycle unit, will be carrying out intelligence led patrols to engage with all drivers and riders.

### 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.

### Special Constables – Recruiting

With a long and impressive history, the Special Constabulary is a part-time, volunteer body consisting of voluntary officers with identical powers to that of police officers. As a special constable, you'll work alongside our police officers in your spare time – forging strong partnerships in the community, patrolling our streets, preventing crime, and interacting with all kinds of people to give back, keep your local community safe and make a real difference.

You can work full time and be a Special Constable in just 96 hours per year or a few hours a week. The role is diverse, demanding, and rewarding. You could be doing anything from policing a football match to assisting at a road accident. Special constables also police major sporting and public events and provide an excellent bridge between the Police Service and the public, representing both the community within the police service and the police service within local communities.

Special Constables can act as a positive force for change - bringing with them an extensive pool of skills, talents, experience, local knowledge, and diverse backgrounds - as well as enhancing the overall level of service provided by the police. So, whatever your walk of life, step forward now and find out how being a police volunteer could be the perfect fit to suit your lifestyle.

[Police Scotland Special Constable Recruitment - Police Scotland](#)

### CAT Update:

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**ROAD SAFETY** – SBCAT have continued carrying out road checks in numerous locations in the Scottish Borders and have issued 9 traffic tickets for various offences throughout the month.

Numerous hi- vis speed and static road checks along with foot patrols have been carried out at schools throughout the Scottish Borders at dropping off and picking up times, including primary schools in Stow, Selkirk and Earlston

On 1<sup>st</sup> May SBCAT with took part in Operation Checkpoint on the A7 and the A1. This was in partnerships with Police in the North of England doing similar checks. The SBCAT issued 6 traffic tickets and give 8 warnings for speeding and vehicle condition.

On 18th May, during checks of young drivers under Tesco's in Galashiels one was found to not have vehicle insurance and was charged and reported. Another was searched and found to be in possession of cannabis.

**PARKING TICKETS** – Officers have been carrying out high visibility across the Borders and addressing parking concerns there. Advice has been given to drivers and 24 tickets have been issued. Passing attention was given to The War Memorial in Coldstream, Galashiels Town Centre and Bridge Street in Kelso were also regularly checked by officers along with Duns Industrial Estate (no issues)

**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. 13 static checks were carried out throughout the Scottish Borders this month along with numerous hi-visibility patrols of rural areas. At Monynut vehicle patrols 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. 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. Following previous issues at the abandoned Teviot Windows building in Hawick, the SBCAT got the building resecured. The building remains secure and youths are no longer congregating there. 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. Lots of youth engagement but no real issues identified.

No youth warning letters were issued during the month of May in relation to youths.

**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 9 people were arrested on warrant.

**DRUG ENFORCEMENT** – SBCAT officers have taken part in 2 drugs search warrants in the Scottish Borders.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> May SBCAT and the Proactive Crime Team executed a search warrant together in Stow. A small amount of cannabis was recovered.

On 27<sup>th</sup> May the SBCAT lead a drugs search in Hawick with assistance from public order and a dog handler. A personal amount of cannabis and some tablets were recovered.

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### **OTHER ISSUES OF NOTE-**

On 20<sup>th</sup> May the SBCAT was reduced to a Sergeant and 6 Constables. With PS Hope at Selkirk and Officers based in pairs at Galashiels, Hawick and Duns.

### **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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