

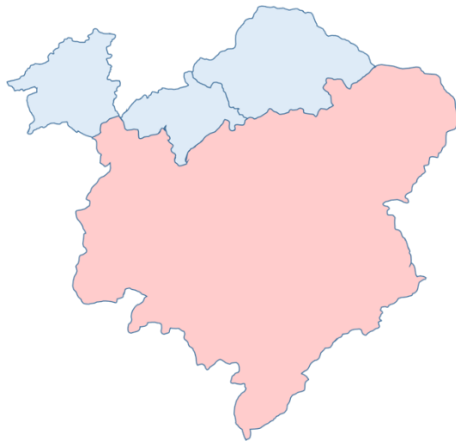
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Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

East Berwickshire Community Councils
Multi Member Ward Report for March 2025



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

During March, Berwickshire Community Beat Officer's PC Jacobs and PC MacLeod, worked together tackling reports of speeding across Berwickshire. (Coldstream, Swinton, Duns, Preston, Reston, and Foulden) This was in response to continued reports of concern around the speed of vehicles in our towns and villages. The majority of drivers adhered to the respective signposted speeds, with only a handful of others having to be warned in line with the lord advocates guidelines. Patrols have also taken place focusing on parking and speeding at Eyemouth Primary and High Schools.

Pc Jacobs has also been carrying out footpatrols within the Eyemouth area following reports of youth anti-social behaviour. If you observe any Anti-social behaviour, please report this via 101, online or in an emergency via 999. Your local Community Officers can also be reached at EastBerwickshireCPT@Scotland.police.uk

PC Cameron attended the Eyemouth High School Careers Fair on 6th March. He has also been giving inputs to classes regarding various subjects - internet safety (P6 & 7, S1's & 2's), People Who Help Us (nursery), Hate Crime and Diversity (P7's) , the Role of the Police (S4's), Antisocial behaviour (S1's & 2's). This is just a sample of the inputs our SLO's give across a broad range of subjects and ages. This area of work is in addition to a vast amount of other support mechanisms PC Cameron provides to Berwickshire schools.

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 twice per year at Scottish Borders Council.

[Item No. 5 a - Scottish Borders Scrutiny Q2 2024.pdf](#)

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

Protecting Vulnerable People in a Physical & Digital World



In March 2025 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 201 mental health related calls, around 23 missing person enquiries and approximately 89 domestic related incidents.

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East Berwickshire had 16 mental health related calls and 2 missing person enquires. 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 14/03/25 report of a female assaulting a male and kicking his dog whilst he was walking along the Bantry, Eyemouth. Crime Reports submitted for assault and animal welfare. Enquiries ongoing.

On 15/03/25 report of a male causing a disturbance within The Waterloo Arms, Chirnside and refusing to leave the premises. Officers attended and noted details. One male arrested and conveyed to Hawick Police Station where he was cautioned and charged with assault, threatening and abusive behaviour, refusing to leave licensed premises and resisting arrest.

On 22/03/25 report of a female having been assaulted by two females whilst walking on Harbour Road, Eyemouth. Both suspects issued with a Recorded Police Warning for assault. Crime Report submitted.

Anti-Social Behaviour

On 05/03/25 report of an altercation having taken place between two males outside Archers Close, Coldingham. Complainer has contacted Police and no criminality established.

On 08/03/25 report of a group of males shouting at each other and causing a disturbance as they were walking along Skeldons Brae, Eyemouth. No further calls received.

On 09/03/25 report of children being on the roof of Eyemouth Primary School. Officers attended and spoke to the youths. They had gone onto the roof to retrieve a football. Informant made aware.

On 11/03/25 report of youths causing a nuisance outside a property in Deanhead Drive, Eyemouth. Informant contacted and advice given.

On 15/03/25 anonymous report of a male shouting out threats to passers-by as he was walking past the Co-Op, High Street, Eyemouth. Officers committed with an ongoing incident. No further calls received.

On 16/03/25 report of ongoing issues with youths causing a nuisance in Deanhead Drive, Eyemouth. Informant did not wish to see police at the time but wanted to make them aware. Community Officers informed.

On 21/03/25 report of a male riding a dirt bike without a helmet on land near to the ambulance station, Chirnside. No further details provided. Area searched, no trace.

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On 30/03/25 report of a male causing a disturbance within a property in Windram Place, Chirnside. Officers attended, male arrested and conveyed to Hawick Custody where he was to be released, once sober. Male issued with a Recorded Police Warning for threatening and abusive behaviour.

On 31/03/25 report of ongoing issues with youths climbing on to the roof of a property in Northburn Road, Eyemouth. Community Officers made aware.

Vandalism/vehicle damage

On 08/03/25 report of the rear windscreen of a vehicle having been smashed whilst it was parked in Croftsfield, Chirnside. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

On 16/03/25 report of a group of youths kicking a football against the wall of a property in Deanhead Drive, Eyemouth and causing damage to the rendering. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries complete.

On 23/03/25 report of a vehicle having been scratched with a sharp implement whilst it was parked on the roadway outside a property in Callercove Crescent, Eyemouth. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

On 24/03/25 report of a vehicle having been scratched with a sharp implement whilst it was parked on the roadway outside a property in St Clairs, Eyemouth. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

On 31/03/25 report of damage to a boiler outside a property at Spital Mains Cottages near Whitsome. Enquiries ongoing.

Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Theft

On 10/03/25 report of theft at Saltgreen Residential Home, Eyemouth.

On 21/03/25 report of theft of hanging baskets from the Co-Op, High Street, Eyemouth. Crime submitted. Enquiries complete.

On 25/03/25 report of a female filling her vehicle with fuel at the Penny Petroleum Filling Station, Eyemouth and driving away without paying. Enquiries ongoing.

Improving Road Safety

On 06/03/2025 – a driver was issued a fine for driving a motor vehicle without a MOT in Eyemouth.

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On 06/03/2025 – a driver was issued a fine and penalty points for driving with no insurance in Cockburnspath.

On 13/03/2025 – a driver was issued a fine and penalty points for careless/inconsiderate driving in Ayton.

On 20/03/2025 – a driver was issued a fine and penalty points for careless/inconsiderate driving in Cockburnspath.

On 22/03/2025 – a driver was issued a fine for driving with no MOT in Eyemouth.



Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

Serious and organised crime enforcement – March 2025

The Scottish Borders CID Proactive Unit executed 7 Drug Warrant during the month of March which resulted in the seizures of Class A, B and C controlled drugs. Six persons were reported for drug related offences during the month.

The majority of these incidents were within Galashiels, Hawick and Kelso.

Several other searches and disused building checks were conducted over the month, in relation to industrial sized cultivations which have been evident within the local communities of the Scottish Borders over the last two years.

These were all found to be in order however we would like to reinforce the message that assistance from members of the public seeing any unusual activity at such premises should be reported to the Police, anonymously if need be.

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.

Campaigns



The Scottish Partnership Against Rural Crime (SPARC) has identified the worrying of livestock as one of the key issues impacting on rural/agricultural communities in Scotland.

All livestock are valuable assets and any harm to them impacts an owner/farmer's livelihood. It is every dog's instinct to chase, even if they are usually obedient and good with other animals. Consequently, all dogs should be kept under proper control by the owners/handlers whether they are in an urban or rural area.

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In respect of Livestock Worrying, the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953 has been updated from November 2021 to the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (Amendment) (Scotland) Act 2021 and features several key changes:

- Renaming of offence
- Widens categories of livestock
- Increased Penalties
- Additional Police Powers

All of which it is hoped will bring the legislation in line with modern farming practices, act as a clear deterrent. and provide further support to livestock owners.

Chasing by dogs can do serious damage to livestock, even if the dog doesn't catch them. The stress of chasing/attacking/worrying by dogs can cause animals to die and pregnant stock to miscarry. Livestock fleeing from dogs are often killed or seriously injured by their panicked attempts to escape, often causing significant collateral damage to fences and field boundaries in the process. Dogs chasing ewes and lambs can cause them to separate with lambs dying from starvation or hypothermia if they fail to find the mothering ewe again.

CAT Update

ROAD SAFETY & PARKING TICKETS –

Officers have been carrying out high visibility enforcement across the Borders and addressing parking concerns there. Extra attention was given to Kelso Square following complaints.

On the 6th of March SBCAT officers were on mobile patrol in Galashiels when they stopped a vehicle. Within they found 4 males and an overwhelming smell of cannabis. All 4 were detained, searched and they were each found to be in possession of a personal amount of cannabis. The driver also failed the road drugs test and was arrested. All 4 were charged with possession and samples from the driver were sent for analysis. He will likely be reported for drug driving once the analysis is complete.

A few days later there was a call to Galashiels regarding a group of male youths smoking cannabis on a park bench. SBCAT officers attended and found the same youths from the incident on the 6th of March. They were all searched for controlled drugs and more cannabis was recovered.

On the 19th of March SBCAT officers spent a shift doing a dedicated patrol of rural Peebleshire with extra attention being given to West Linton following concerns about parking at the primary school and speeding vehicles.

RURAL ACQUISITIVE CRIME – We carry out high visibility mobile patrols across rural areas at varying times while completing static road checks.

Quad bike patrols have been completed on the Selkirk side of the 3 Brethren following complaints of off-road bikes in the area and in Bannerfield. With officers engaging with local farmers when possible. Similar rural patrols have been completed at Monynut.

On the 29th of March a male was assaulted in Selkirk after trying to stop 3 males who were stealing scrap metal from his garden. SBCAT and Response officers attended at the scene and attempted to find the males who had made off in a vehicle. Initially there was no trace but there was a subsequent report of a vehicle crashing near Midlem. Officers attended and found the 3 males nearby in

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possession of the property stolen from Selkirk. All 3 were arrested and later charged with theft, with the driver also charged with drink driving and other traffic offences.

VIOLENCE AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – High visibility patrols have continued in targeted areas of the Scottish Borders to address concerns highlighted as per our taskings.

During the evening of 19th of March SBCAT officers were conducting a foot patrol of Burnfoot. This was following a small fireraising that had occurred a few days prior. They were informed by a member of staff that youths had started another small fire against the wall of the school. Together they viewed the CCTV and were able to identify the youths.

Following several youths calls to Fairhurst drive in Hawick windows CAT officers conducted extra patrols and enquiries. CCTV was obtained from the Burnfoot Morrisons showing a group of female youths stealing eggs minutes before eggs were thrown at windows in Fairhurst Drive. A 4 youths were subsequently identified.

PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE –

The SBCAT had no involvement with domestic enquiries during March

TACKLING SERIOUS AND ORGANISED CRIME –

In early March the SBCAT executed a search warrant in Selkirk. About £800 of cannabis was recovered along with small amounts of other controlled drugs. A male was arrested and later charged with supplying controlled drugs.

In late March a female wanted for supplying controlled drugs in the Borders was stopped by police trying to leave the country at Manchester Airport. SCBAT officers subsequently attended at Manchester, arrested and interviewed her.

On the 24th of March SBCAT assisted with the execution of a MDA warrant in Kelso. No drugs were found but SBCAT officers found a significant amount of unexplained cash within the property which was seized for further enquiry.

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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