

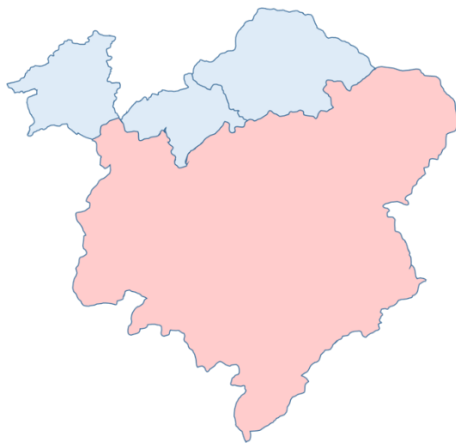
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Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Mid Berwickshire Community Councils
Multi Member Ward Report for April 2026



The information provided within this report, is predominately based on the Mid 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 – Mid Berwickshire



During April, Mid Berwickshire Community officer PC MacLeod has been carrying out speed checks in hotspot areas identified by local Community Councils and dealing with Shopliftings in Duns and Coldstream noted below. He has stopped and moved on males suspected to be driving off road bikes in the Monynut area as well as helping his response colleagues with their enquiries.

However the most prominent issue he dealt with was youths raising fires in the Duns area. Local intelligence identified that fires were made in the area to the rear of Berwickshire High School on the board walk and the wooded area at Nisbet Rhodes. (Albeit, no reports were made to police regarding this)

Further on 27/04/2026. Scottish Fire and Rescue contacted Police to report of a fire in the Duns Castle estate and 4 youths had made off from the area. Two fires were found, and due to the surrounding area being tinder dry from the recent weather, this had the potential to cause real danger to the surrounding area. All four youths were identified and have been reported to the relevant agencies. The SFRS Community Action Team have been contacted to provide fire safety inputs with the children involved.

For further information on fire safety please visit the below link

[Outdoors | Scottish Fire and Rescue Service](#)

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Also, PC MacLeod and PC Jacobs saved wee Larry the lamb and reunited him with his owner near Burnhouses!



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 April 2026 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 160 mental health related calls, around 14 missing person enquiries and approximately 106 domestic related incidents.

Mid Berwickshire had 2 mental health related calls and 17 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 types of calls 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



Assault

On 08/04/2026 report of a female having been assaulted, Millar Court, Duns. Report submitted to Procurator Fiscal.

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On 21/04/2026 report of police assault in Duns. Crime Reports submitted for assault.

Anti-Social Behaviour

On 05/04/2026 report of youths riding on scrambler bikes in Upper Monynut. No further calls received.

On 24/04/2026 report of youths drinking alcohol in Market Square, Duns. Officers attended. No trace of youths. No further calls received.

On 29/04/2026 report of youths being verbally abusive to a male in Templar Court, Greenlaw. Enquiries ongoing.

Vandalism

On 06/04/2026 report of a male smashing the payment terminal with a hammer on the forecourt of Dalgleish Garage, High Street, Coldstream. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

On 13/04/2026 report of unknown persons having gained entry to the Hirsell Golf Clubhouse, Coldstream. They thereafter smashed windows whilst within the premises and caused damage to ceiling tiles and furniture. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

On 18/04/2026 report of a male causing a disturbance and making threats in Longfield Crescent, Duns. Male given access to partner agency support and relevant reports submitted.

On 20/04/2026 report of an office window having been smashed at 36 Market Square, Duns. Enquiries ongoing



Reducing acquisitive crime

Theft by Housebreaking

On 30/04/2026 report of unknown persons entering an industrial unit that is under construction on Station Road, Duns and stealing tools from within. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

Theft

On 01/04/2026 report of male theft shoplifting in the Co-Op, High Street, Coldstream. Crime Report submitted. Positive lines of enquiry ongoing.

On 03/04/2026 report of a male theft shoplifting in the Co-Op, Newtown Street, Duns. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

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On 07/04/2026 report of theft of oil from an oil tank within the garden of Gordon House, Polworth, Greenlaw. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

On 07/04/2026 report of theft of items from the yard at Cairn Bield, Eden Yard, Gordon. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

On 10/04/2026 report of a male theft shoplifting in the Co-Op, Newtown Street, Duns. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

On 17/04/2026 report of attempt theft shoplifting of sweets from the front counter area at Dalgleish Garage, High Street, Coldstream. Crime Report submitted.

On 20/04/2026 report of male theft shoplifting on two separate occasions from the Co-Op, High Street, Coldstream. Positive lines of enquiry ongoing.

On 25/04/2026 report of male filling up his vehicle with fuel at Dalgleish Garage, High Street, Coldstream and driving away without paying. Enquiries ongoing.

On 27/04/2026 report of theft of five farm gates leading up to Luckieshiel Farmhouse, Burnhouses, Duns. Crime report noted. Enquiries ongoing.

On 30/04/2026 report of theft of Toyota Hilux Cherry Picker which had been parked securely in the yard at the Industrial Estate, Station Road, Duns. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing by CID officers



Improving road safety

On 09/04/2026 – a driver was issued a fine for registration mark (size, shape, or character of letters) in Duns



Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

Serious and organised crime enforcement – April 2026

The Scottish Borders CID Proactive Unit executed 5 x Drug & General Evidence Warrants during the month of April within the towns of Galashiels, Peebles and Hawick.

In addition to this, proactive vehicle stops have been undertaken. Quantities of Class A, B and C drugs were recovered as well as proceeds of crime.

1 male was reported for proceeds of crime seizure following a cash seizure in Hawick.

1 male has been reported for supply of class B drugs with a quantity of cash also seized.

1 x male found to be in the UK illegally has been arrested for supply of class A drugs seized during a vehicle stop and search in Galashiels.

1 x female has been reported for driving whilst disqualified and no insurance in Hawick.

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In addition to drug enforcement, enquiries are being conducted into stolen vehicles from the Berwickshire area that are at this time all believed to be linked.

Serious and organised crime is commonly associated with drug supply; however, it should be highlighted that vehicle crime including thefts, housebreakings and plant theft are all other forms of organised crime often conducted by groups looking to profit from these activities.

Campaigns

Looking for event tickets?

Criminals create fake posts or pages on social media and search engines to scam people looking for tickets or travel deals.

Follow [#TakeFive](#)'s top tips to avoid ticket fraud:

- Stick to official ticketing sites and official resale – avoid buying tickets on social media
 - Double check there are no small changes or errors in the web address
 - Look for the padlock symbol and 'https' in the web address: 's' stands for secure
 - Use secure payment methods and avoid paying by bank transfer
- Contact your bank immediately if you think you've been scammed and report it to Action Fraud.

Find more advice at this link <https://orlo.uk/hPQ80>



Sexual Extortion or Sextortion is where criminals manipulate victims into sharing explicit images or believing they have nude images, using them as leverage for extortion.

Online sextortion is a form of sexual blackmail. It involves criminals targeting you through dating apps, social media, text or email and manipulate you into sharing sexual images/videos that they later use to demand payments under threats of public exposure.

Criminals may use a false identity to befriend you online and then threaten to send images to your family and friends.

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Sextortion is Blackmail!

If you are a victim of Sextortion:

- * Don't Panic
- * Don't Pay
- * Tell a trusted person
- * Report to Police



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:

MidBerwickshireCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk

We will endeavour to provide you with this information, however some information is sensitive and as an organisation we must ensure compliance with GDPR.

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