

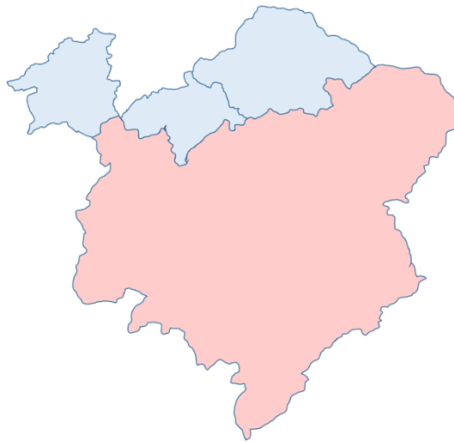
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Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Mid Berwickshire Community Councils
Multi Member Ward Report for May 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 – PC MacLeod

May is the beginning of events season for officers in the Mid Berwickshire and surrounding Scottish Borders. Most notably with the Jim Clark Rally returning to the Duns area. This event is always well attended and brings with it the highs and lows of policing these events. Thankfully this year there were no incidents of note other than one male member of the public being reported for driving with a revoked licence and no insurance during the podium award ceremony. The high from this event was the opportunity to support our colleague PC Tait Logan who was taking part in the rally itself!



Other than working events, PC MacLeod was busy attending an array of incidents including a flat fire and arresting the person responsible, conducting mobile patrols in the Duns park area in relation to calls of e-scooters being used, and attending meetings with Community Councils, retailers and Housing Associations to discuss local issues and general crime prevention advice.

The focus of May for SLO PC Luke Cameron was the implementation of Imagine A Man at Berwickshire High School. Imagine A Man is a toolkit and programme designed by charity No Knives, Better Lives, to tackle the rise in negative masculinity amongst young men and promote positive, more progressive masculinity. This is accomplished by completing activities centred around prompting discussion and reflection on what it means to be a man, challenging stereotypes and negative influences, promoting resilience and problem solving and challenging misogyny. The first 4 weeks of the programme have been a great success, with some fantastic discussions taking place and some very poignant reflections by the young men.

As always, PC Cameron has been busy delivering early intervention with young people who have come into conflict with the law across all schools and has supported with exclusion meetings, assaults, hate crimes and providing general advice and support to the schools.

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 2026 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 236 mental health related calls, around 20 missing person enquiries and approximately 108 domestic related incidents.

Mid Berwickshire had 12 mental health related calls and 1 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 07/05/2026 report of a assault and racial comments, Duns public park. School Liaison Officer dealing with. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

Anti-Social Behaviour

On 03/05/2026 report of two youths setting fire to toys in the public park in Duns. Police and Fire Brigade attended. No damage was caused to the playpark equipment. Youths spoken to in front of parents. Fire safety advice to be given from Fire Service.

On 04/05/2026 report of a resident in Longfield Crescent, Duns causing a disturbance and making verbal threats. Officers attended and statements noted. One male arrested and cautioned and charged with threatening and abusive behaviour.

On 15/05/2026 report of a male deliberately setting fire, The Mount, Duns. Officers attended and male arrested. Male conveyed to Hawick and remained in custody until he appeared at court.

On 16/05/2026 report of a male shouting, swearing and making threats towards a member of staff within retail premises, Newtown Street, Duns. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

On 18/05/2026 report of youths causing a nuisance and riding e-scooters in Duns Park. Local Community Officers made aware.

Vandalism

On 10/05/2026 report of a male entering a garden and causing damage to ornaments in The Mount, Duns. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

On 17/05/2026 report of a disturbance ongoing within a property in Market Square, Duns and significant damage having been caused within. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing.



Reducing acquisitive crime

Theft by Housebreaking

On 21/05/2026 report of persons gaining entry to a property at Market Square, Duns and taking items from within. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

On 22/05/2026 report of persons forcing entry to a shed at Edgar Road, Westruther, and stealing items from within. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

Theft

On 04/05/2026 report of theft of farm gates from Cockburnspath. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

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On 17/05/2026 report of theft of items from the rear of an insecure van at The Row, Westruther. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

On 18/05/2026 report of theft from the courtyard of a property in Edinburgh Road, Greenlaw. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing.



Improving road safety

On 02/05/2026 – a driver was issued a fine and penalty points for careless/inconsiderate driving in Gordon.

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On 23/05/2026 – A driver was cautioned and charged at the roadside for driving whilst licence revoked and no insurance. Reported to PF and vehicle seized.



Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

Serious and organised crime enforcement – May 2026

The Scottish Borders CID Proactive Unit executed 10 x Drug & General Evidence Warrants during the month of May within the towns of Galashiels, Hawick and Jedburgh.

Quantities of Class A and B drugs were recovered as well as cash. 5 males have been reported for supply offences and 1 male reported for possession of class A drugs.

1 x male reported for disqualified driving and driving while under the influence of drugs in Kelso.

In addition to drug enforcement, enquiries are continuing into theft of a number of motor vehicles, high value bikes and equipment from various rural locations across the Borders region including Newcastleton, Peebles and Clovenfords.

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

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Motorcycles make up around 1% of traffic on Scotland's roads but account for 18% of fatalities. This highlights the disproportionate vulnerability of motorcyclists on our roads.

Our national [#MotorcycleSafetyCampaign](#) aims to

- Promote safe and responsible motorcycling/driving.
- Address the behaviours that could contribute to the risk of road traffic collisions through engagement and enforcement where necessary.
- Reduce the number of casualties and improve driver/rider behaviour.

If you're a rider looking to refresh your skills, Rider Refinement courses for 2026 are ongoing. These one-day sessions run across the country between April and October and are delivered by Police Scotland's Road Policing Unit, supported by IAM RoadSmart.

Details can be found here <https://orlo.uk/IOFjo>



E-BIKES – KNOW THE LAW

Many riders may not realise that some bikes being used on our roads and public spaces are illegal under UK law.

To be classed as a legal Electrically Assisted Pedal Cycle (EAPC), an e-bike will normally need to meet the following requirements

- ✓ Electric assistance must cut out at 15.5mph (25kph)
- ✓ The motor must not exceed 250 watts continuous power

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- ✓ Must have pedals that can be used to propel it
- ✓ Riders must be aged 14 or over

These regulations are in place to protect all road users and pedestrians.

⚠️ YOUR E-BIKE MAY BE ILLEGAL IF:

- ✗ It has a throttle capable of propelling the bike above 3.7mph without pedalling
- ✗ It can exceed 15.5mph using motor power alone
- ✗ The motor continues to assist when the rider is not pedalling

If an e-bike does not comply with EAPC regulations, it is classed in law as a moped or motorcycle.

This means riders may legally require:

- A valid driving licence with the correct entitlement
- Insurance
- An approved helmet
- Vehicle registration and road legality compliance

🚗 Riders using illegal e-bikes or off-road bikes risk:

- The bike being seized
- Penalty points on their driving licence (or any future one!)
- Driving disqualification 🧑🧑

PARENTS / GUARDIANS

If you purchase or allow the unlawful use of an e-bike by a child or young person, you could potentially be charged with “causing or permitting” various road traffic offences.

For example, knowingly allowing a child to ride an illegal e-bike on roads, parks or other public spaces may result in action being taken against you. Parents and guardians have a responsibility to ensure bikes are legal and used appropriately. This could result in fines and penalty points on YOUR driving licence!

Please help us keep our communities safe by ensuring e-bikes are legal, safe and used responsibly.

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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:

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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