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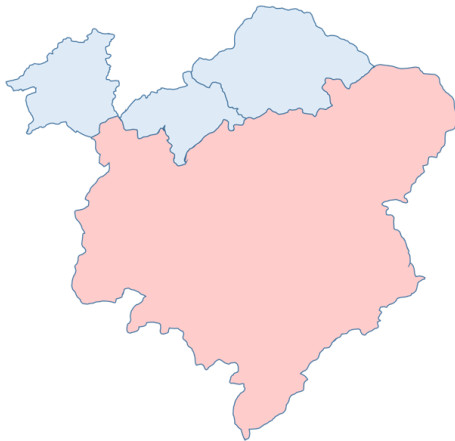


## **Scottish Borders Area Command**

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Tweeddale East and West Community Councils  
Multi Member Ward Report for December 2022

(1<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2022)



**The information provided within this report, is predominately based on the Tweeddale East & West 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 Policing News – Tweeddale East & West

Community Officers have spent time in December carrying out foot patrols and retail crime prevention within local shops, offering additional security advice and communications as we entered the busy Christmas period.

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.

[Item No. 5 a ii - Scottish Borders Scrutiny - Q1 2022-23.pdf \(modern.gov.co.uk\)](#)

This document reports progress and updates on service matters from Police Scotland as presented by the Local Area Commander CI Vinnie Fisher.

### Local Policing Priorities

1. Protecting most vulnerable
2. Reducing violence and Anti-Social Behaviour
3. Reducing acquisitive crime
4. Improving road safety
5. Tackling serious and organised crime

### Protecting most vulnerable



*In December 2022 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 128 mental health related calls, around 8 missing person enquiries and approximately 72 domestic related incidents.*

*Tweeddale East and West had 16 mental health related calls and 0 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

### Anti-Social Behaviour

17/12/22 – report of youths damaging the toilets in School Brae, Peebles. Officers attended and no damage had been caused.

19/12/22 – report of persons throwing items at a window in Northgate, Peebles

22/12/22 – report of youths within the toilets in Kingsmeadows Road, Peebles – officers attended and found youths within but there was no new damage.

### Vandalism

02/12/22 – report of graffiti on the walls of Broughton Primary School.

02/12/22 – Windows were damaged at a property in Stobo.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> December damage was caused to the toilets in East Station Car Park, Peebles.

05/12/22 – report of a bin being damaged in Victoria Park, Peebles

09/12/22 – report of a window being smashed at licensed premises on High Street, Peebles.

15/12/22 – report received that on 14<sup>th</sup> December the toilets in Hall Street, Innerleithen were damaged.

20/12/22 – report of a panel being damaged at the play park in Victoria Park, Peebles.



## Reducing Acquisitive Crime

### Theft by Housebreaking

09/12/22 – report of quad bikes being stolen from Baddingsgill Farm, West Linton

### Theft

22/12/22 – report that the cash box at the toilets in Kingsmeadows Road, Peebles had been damaged and cash stolen.



## **Improving Road Safety**

### **Road Traffic Offences**

09/12/22 – a driver was issued with an Anti-Social Behaviour Order due to the manner of driving on the A703 near Millennium Farm.

17/12/22 – a driver was issued a fine and penalty points for careless and inconsiderate driving in Peebles.

### **Killed or Seriously Injured**

There were no accidents where persons were killed or seriously injured.

## Tackling Serious and Organised Crime



### Campaigns

#### Divisional Domestic Abuse campaign

Regular social media posts highlighting local (DAAS) and national helpline contact details and reporting mechanisms.

Ongoing engagement with main local employers to share campaign messages, information in relation to local support services and charities and prevention messages targeting perpetrators directly.

#### Rural

Scottish Borders Partnership against Rural Crime (SBPARC) the partnership continues to meet regularly to address local priority rural crime throughout the year.



- We continued to distribute free Selecta DNA forensic marking kits & signs and crime prevention advice to farmers and rural business. These can be requested by Farmers / Rural businesses using the [Contact Us Form](#) on the Police Scotland Website.



### No Cold Calling Zones

- Any community organisation wishing to refresh their zone (those with the old Lothian and Borders Police signs) or interested in setting up a new zone should contact their local community policing team.

<https://www.scotland.police.uk/secureforms/contact/>



## CAT Update:



### ROAD SAFETY

SBCAT were out as part of the Winter Safety Campaign carrying out static checks in Earlston, Duns, Coldstream, Eyemouth, Peebles, Galashiels and Stow. A number of drivers were given advice regarding winter safety and tyre tread.

Speed gun checks were also completed outside Earlston High School with 6 drivers being warned and 1 driver being reported for having no insurance. A further driver was issued with a no MOT ticket in Hawick.

### DRUG ENFORCEMENT

Misuse of Drugs warrants have been carried out in Galashiels, Kelso, Hawick and Peebles this month. Proactive stop & searches also resulted in the recovery of cannabis.

### ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

16 Licensed Premises Checks were carried out in the lead up to Christmas. High Visibility foot patrols were also undertaken to deter antisocial behaviour during the festive period. Boy Racers were engaged with in Galashiels and two ASB driving warnings issued in Peebles.

### HOGMANAY

SBCAT officers will be out on Hogmanay for dispersal and antisocial behaviour issues.

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This is a Divisional wide operation to tackle rural crime. The Scottish Borders focus was on off-road biking at Monynut, along with static and mobile checks in Berwickshire to deter acquisitive crime and hare coursing. One vehicle was issued with an ASB driving warning for driving off road.

### ACQUISITIVE CRIME

Two males were arrested by SBCAT in Stow after carrying out housebreakings in the area. The stolen items were recovered and both males charged with offences. SBCAT also assisted with the recovery of a quad bike near West Linton following a theft.

[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:

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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.