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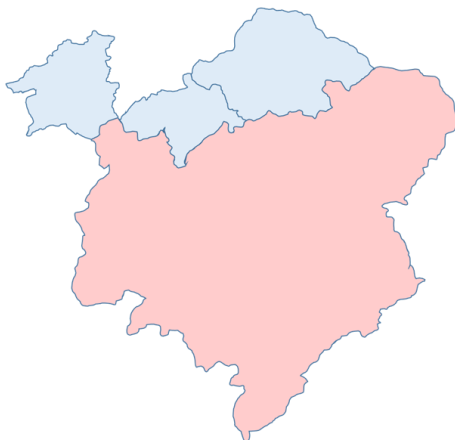


Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Leaderdale and Melrose Community Councils
Multi Member Ward Report for November 2021

(28/10/21 – 26/11/21)



The information provided within this report, is predominately based on the Leaderdale & Melrose 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 Crime, 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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OFFICIAL**Figures for the whole Scottish Borders Area**

(Data from 01/04/2021 –28/11/21)

	2020 /2021	2021 /2022	% Change	Local Area Commanders Comment
Total Crimes and Offences (Group 1-5)	2,191	2,545	16.2	The detection rate for Group 1-5 is 50.5% compared to 54.6% at same time last year.
Group 1: Non Sexual Crimes of Violence	86	110	27.9	The detection rate for Group 1 is 62.7% compared to 81.4 % at same time last year.
Serious Assaults	34	39	14.7	The detection rate for Serious Assaults is 69.2% compared to 91.2% at same time last year.
Robberies	12	8	-33.3	The detection rate for Robberies is 100% compared to 66.7% at same time last year.
Common Assaults	530	686	29.4	The detection rate for Common Assaults is 62.1% compared to 71.5% at same time last year.
ASB (Incidents)	5,014	3,853	-23.2	
Hate Crime – All incidents	70	96	37.1	The detection rate for Hate Crimes is 65.2% compared to 80% at the same time last year.
Group 2: Sexual Crimes	181	225	24.3	The detection rate for Group 2 is 55.6% compared to 64.6% at same time last year.
Rape – Recorded Crime	28	37	32.1	The detection rate for Rape is 54.1% compared to 64.3% at same time last year.
Domestic Abuse – All incidents	819	842	2.8	The detection rate for Domestic Abuse Crimes are 80.7% compared to 85.3% at same time last year.
Group 3: Crimes of Dishonesty	806	942	16.9	The detection rate for Group 3 is 28.3% compared to 34.6% at same time last year.
Housebreakings – Domestic	26	55	111.5	The detection rate for Domestic Housebreakings is 30.9% compared to 61.5% at same time last year.
Motor Vehicle Thefts	35	33	-5.7	The detection rate for Motor Vehicle Thefts is 21.2% compared to 60.0% at same time last year.

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Community Sergeant Update

PS Stephen Granger



Storm Arwen hit the east Coast of Scotland on Friday afternoon with the MET Office issuing a rare red warning of strong winds and high waves in Coastal areas. This caused extreme damage and travel disruption throughout our communities in the Scottish Borders and indeed affected almost all of the country with trees falling on roads, public transport being brought to a standstill and loss of power to many homes. Police will continue to work with partners to assist the ongoing recovery although in some areas this will take some time. My sympathy goes to everyone who has been and continues to be affected as the impact continues to be felt.

Looking forward, December sees the launch of Police Scotland's Annual Festive Drink/Drug Drive Campaign which will run from Wednesday 1st December to Monday 3rd January. This will involve a media campaign and other measures to increase awareness of the risks associated with drink/drug driving. This will be supported by intelligence led high visibility police patrols to target suspects. **If it is suspected that someone is drink/drug driving then it should be reported to police immediately via 101 or in an emergency 999.**

The 16 days of activism is an annual international campaign aimed at challenging violence against women and girls which this year runs between 25th November and 10th December. This is the 30th year of the campaign and in support local Community Policing Teams in the Borders are engaged in a diary of activity aimed at preventing domestic abuse. This includes social media messaging, pop-up events, distribution of leaflets and posters at supermarkets, sports centres and local events. Please refer to the Police Scotland-Scottish Borders Facebook page for more information:

<https://www.facebook.com/scottishborderspolice/>

Finally local Community Policing teams have been visiting a number of local farms to continue to promote our rural crime campaign and have been able to offer signage and Selecta DNA. This is a key prevention measure to combat acquisitive crime which continues in our area particularly aimed at theft of quad bikes and other farm machinery. If anyone would like further information, please get in touch via the Community Policing Team email address at the end of this report.

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 November 2021 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 156 mental health related calls, around 31 missing person enquiries and approximately 101 domestic related incidents.

Leaderdale and Melrose district had 7 mental health related calls and 5 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 ASB

Assault

Nil

Anti-Social Behaviour

On 01/11/21 two reports received of 2 intoxicated males causing a nuisance in Waverley Road, Melrose. Males traced and dispersed.

On 01/11/21 report of a disturbance within Borders General, officers attended but male had calmed down prior to their arrival. No complaints.

On 04/11/21 report of a male causing a disturbance within a shop, Market Square, Melrose. Enquiries ongoing to trace male.

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On 16/11/21 report of males going round doors trying to selling goods, had been aggressive to complainer on refusal to buy. Street to street carried out for male in the area and no trace.

On 19/11/21 report of male being abusive to neighbour in Earlston. Male charged and report submitted.

On 21/11/21 report of disturbance in public house, Melrose. Male arrested and report submitted.

On 25/11/21 report of loud music coming from an address in Craw Wood, Tweedbank. Police attended and all quiet on their arrival.

Vandalism

On 19/11/21 report of damage to property in Scotts Place, Melrose. Crime report submitted, enquiries ongoing.

Reducing acquisitive crime

Theft

On 03/11/21 report of fraudulent transaction at local hotel in Lauder. Enquiries ongoing.

On 16/11/21 report of a substantial Fraud incident in Melrose. Enquiries ongoing.

On 24/11/21 report of theft from Borders General Hospital, Melrose. Enquiries ongoing.

Theft by Housebreaking

None reported

Improving road safety

Within the Selkirk Sheriff Court Jurisdiction there were 4 parking tickets issued in November.

On 29/10/21 – a driver was issued penalty points and a fine for speeding in Leaderdale.

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On 04/11/21 two separate drivers issued a fine and penalty points for speeding on Soutra.

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On 7/11/21 a driver was issued a fine and penalty points for speeding on South Soutra Hill.

On 15/11/21 four separate drivers issued a fines and penalty points for speeding on South Soutra Hill.

On 18/11/21 a driver was issued a fine and penalty points for speeding on A6091 Melrose Bypass.



Tackling serious and organised Crime

On 4th of November 2021 officers from across the Scottish Borders along with Firearms officers from Edinburgh executed a Search Warrant at an address in Galashiels, following a systematic search of the address a harvested cannabis cultivation and 105g of Herbal Cannabis was recovered with a value of approx. £600. A male was arrested and has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

Campaigns

November Activity: You can keep up to date with the latest from [Scottish Borders Police](#) by following their Facebook page.

- **Support to National "16 Days of Action" Campaign - Violence against Women and Girls in Scotland - 25/11/2021 - 10/12/2021**



Activities include

- Community Officers holding pop-up events / distributing leaflets and posters at Libraries, Sports Centres, Supermarkets etc.

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- Participation in Reclaim the night Candlelit Vigil in Hawick organised by Rape Crisis
- Social media campaign

2. General Crime Prevention Activity

- Highlighting prevention advice re current **Telephone Bank Scams** and working in partnership with SBC Trading Stds to supply telephone call blockers to vulnerable victims.
Stay up to date with scam prevention advice at <https://www.tsscot.co.uk/news/scam-share/>



- Firework Safety
Joint visits with Trading Standards carried out at all fireworks retailers highlighting recent changes in legislation
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- Social media posts re legislation and safety
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Remember, Remember...

It is an offence to:

- Possess fireworks under the age of 18
- Sell fireworks to anyone under 18
- Let off fireworks before 6pm & after 11pm
 - midnight on Bonfire Night,
 - Tam on New Year's Eve, Chinese New Year & Diwali
- Throw or set off fireworks in a public place
- Cause unnecessary suffering to animals

If you know or suspect who is misusing fireworks or starting deliberate fires in your area, #BeFearless in speaking up 100% anonymously at fearless.org

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- **No Cold Calling Zones**

- A survey of the area around Traquair Road, Innerleithen is being carried out in partnership with the Community Council re. Setting up a new zone.

- 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/>



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:

LeaderdaleMelroseCPT@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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