

OFFICIAL



Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Leaderdale and Melrose Community Councils
Multi Member Ward Report for February 2022



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 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.

OFFICIAL

OFFICIAL

Figures for the whole Scottish Borders Area

(Data from 01/04/2021 –28/02/2022)

	2020 /2021	2021 /2022	% Change	Local Area Commanders Comment
Total Crimes and Offences (Group 1-5)	2,992	3,366	12.5	The detection rate for Group 1-5 is 63.6 % compared to 69.8 % at same time last year.
Group 1: Non Sexual Crimes of Violence	122	146	19.7	The detection rate for Group 1 is 61.0 % compared to 77.9 % at same time last year.
Serious Assaults	46	56	21.7	The detection rate for Serious Assaults is 67.9 % compared to 91.3% at same time last year.
Robberies	15	8	-46.7	The detection rate for Robberies is 100 % compared to 66.7 % at same time last year.
Common Assaults	780	1012	29.7	The detection rate for Common Assaults is 69.8 % compared to 74.0 % at same time last year.
ASB (Incidents)	6,739	5,073	-24.7	
Hate Crime – All incidents	98	130	32.7	The detection rate for Hate Crimes is 67.8 % compared to 79.8 % at the same time last year.
Group 2: Sexual Crimes	247	302	22.3	The detection rate for Group 2 is 52.0 % compared to 72.1 % at same time last year.
Rape – Recorded Crime	40	47	17.5	The detection rate for Rape is 51.1 % compared to 57.5 % at same time last year.
Domestic Abuse – All incidents	1,174	1,164	0.9	The detection rate for Domestic Abuse Crimes are 73.3% compared to 76.0% at same time last year.
Group 3: Crimes of Dishonesty	1091	1227	12.5	The detection rate for Group 3 is 29.3 % compared to 35.4 % at same time last year.
Housebreakings – Domestic	43	73	69.8	The detection rate for Domestic Housebreakings is 30.1 % compared to 48.8 % at same time last year.
Motor Vehicle Thefts	49	44	-10.2	The detection rate for Motor Vehicle Thefts is 55.1 % compared to 31.8 % at same time last year.

Community Sergeant Update

PS Stephen Granger

During the course of February and March Police, along with partners in rural organisations, will continue to campaign to raise awareness among dog owners of the serious penalties related to incidents when a dog attacks or worries livestock animals. This is a particular problem when dogs, even those that are well trained, are off the lead or roaming without an owner. Many owners continue to be unaware of the impact their dogs are having on livestock but it is **their** responsibility to ensure that attacks and worrying don't happen.

The Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (Amendment) (Scotland) Act 2021 came into force in November 2021 to tackle the issue of out of control dogs attacking and worrying livestock. Under this law the consequences for dog owners that attack or worry livestock can be a fine of up to £40,000 or even a prison sentence of up to 12 months. The main message to prevent such attacks is to keep your dog under control and on a lead when near farm land and animals. Further preventative advice to land managers and also dog owners can be found at <https://www.scotland.police.uk/advice-and-information/livestock-attacks-and-worrying/>

To report such attacks by dogs the advice is to call 999 if the crime is ongoing and animals are being injured otherwise the matter can be reported via 101 or via an online Contact Us form on the Police Scotland website.

Improving road safety remains one of our local policing priorities in the Scottish Borders. With this in mind I wish to highlight a recent concerning figure which shows that on average 13% of those people killed on the roads in Scotland over the last five years were not wearing a seatbelt. As a driver it is your responsibility to wear your seatbelt and ensure all passengers under 14 years of age are wearing theirs. Wearing a seatbelt reduces fatal and non-fatal injuries by 60% in front seat passengers and 44 % in rear seat passengers so please wear a seatbelt for every journey and encourage your family and friends to do likewise.

Finally as Scotland rebuilds after the impact of the pandemic it is vital that we listen and respond to the views of the people in our communities. The #YourPolice survey is one of the ways that some meaningful views and opinions can be captured from the public. We know particularly that there may be areas in your community that you feel less safe and to address this there is a mapping tool in the survey to enable you to tell us more about them. This will allow us to work with partners to consider addressing such areas.

The survey has been open since 30th April 2021 but closes on 31st March 2022 and can be found clicking the following link <https://consult.scotland.police.uk/surveys/your-police-2021-2022/>

OFFICIAL

The survey takes around 8 minutes to complete, there is an option to ensure that you remain anonymous if you wish and I would encourage everyone to take the time to complete it.

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 February 2022 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 169 mental health related calls, around 23 missing person enquiries and approximately 72 domestic related incidents.

Leaderdale & Melrose had 9 mental health related calls and 6 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

NIL

Anti-Social Behaviour

On 05/02/2022 report of male shouting in Borders General Hospital. On police arrival no complaints made and male had been conveyed home.

On 14/02/2022 report of a disturbance in High Street, Melrose. Three people arrested and charged / warnings given for various offences.

On 17/02/2022 report of a male causing a nuisance in the Fairways, Melrose. Advice given to complainer and Crime Report being submitted for Breach of the peace.

Vandalism

On 05/02/2022 two report of damage to a vehicles in Priorswalk, Melrose. Enquiries ongoing

OFFICIAL

OFFICIAL

On 06/02/2022 report of damage to a vehicle in Oxton. Enquiries ongoing.

On 25/02/2022 report of damage to a vehicle in Stonyford, Lauder. Crime report submitted and recorded police warning issued to accused.



Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Theft by Housebreaking

On 26/02/2022 report of a break in to a local supermarket in Melrose Road, Earlston. Enquiries still ongoing. Crime report submitted.

Theft

On 02/02/2022 report of theft of fuel from garage in Earlston. Further enquiries ongoing.

On 10/02/2022 report of theft of lead from roof in High Street, Melrose. Crime report submitted.

On 11/02/2022 report of a theft of fuel from garage in Earlston. No theft. Driver error.

On 16/02/2022 report of a theft within Borders General Hospital, Melrose. Further arrangements made to speak with complainer.

On 20/02/2022 report of theft of lead from High Street, Melrose. Further engagement arranged with complainer.

On 20/02/2022 report of theft of cards from within Borders General Hospital. Further arrangements made to speak with complainer.

On 25/02/2022 report of theft from Borders General Hospital. Enquiries ongoing. Crime report submitted.



Improving Road Safety

Within the Jedburgh Sheriff Court Jurisdiction there were 23 parking tickets issued in January.

On 07/02/2022 a driver was issued penalty points and a fine for speeding on Soutra Hill.

On 31/01/2022 a driver was issued penalty points and a fine for careless/inconsiderate driving in Lauder

On 21/02/2022 a driver was issued penalty points and a fine for not obeying white lines in Leaderfoot.

On 21/02/2022 a driver was issued a fine for driving a motor vehicle without a current MOT certificate in Melrose

OFFICIAL

OFFICIAL

On 20/02/2022 a driver was issued a fine for driving a motor vehicle without a current MOT certificate in Melrose

On 23/02/2022 a driver was issued a fine for having no MOT in Lauder

On 27/02/2022 a driver was issued penalty points and a fine for speeding on A68

Killed or Seriously Injured

On 02/02/22 report of two vehicle collision on A6091, Melrose, one fatality, one person seriously injured.



Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

On the 2nd of February officers from across Police Scotland executed search warrants at multiple addresses across Hawick. During the enforcement £300 worth of Cannabis was recovered. Two males were arrested, one was reported in regards to the recovery of the drugs and another was reported for trading standards related offences.

On 4th of February officers attended an address in Hawick in relation to an outstanding arrest warrant. Circumstances developed at the address and officers subsequently search the address under search warrant, within the address was found £16,500 worth of Diamorphine. 5 persons were arrested and are to be reported for the offences identified.

On 8th of February officers executed a search warrant at an address in Kelso. Following a search of the address £3,500 worth of Cannabis was recovered. A male was arrested and reported for the offence.

On 17th of February officers from Police Scotland's Proactive Crime Team executed a drugs search warrant at an address in Kelso. Officers arrested a male within the property and following a search of the property found £420 worth of Diamorphine. The male has been reported for the offence

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.

OFFICIAL

OFFICIAL



- 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/>

OFFICIAL



CAT Update:

Feedback from a meeting/contacting your Community Policing Team



DRUGS: 4 warrants executed; cannabis recovered from an address in Kelso resulting in a male charged with being concerned in supply, two warrants at addresses in Hawick recovered significant amounts of heroin with a male and female being charged with being concerned in supply. A further warrant in Hawick resulted in personal amounts of heroin, cannabis and valium being recovered.

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR: ASB patrols carried out in hotspots, including School Brae in Peebles where 3 children were warned regarding behaviour, attention given to boy racers in Duns, and youth patrols in Burnfoot, Hawick.

PARKING: A further parking initiatives were carried out in Selkirk and Galashiels, again focusing on dangerous and inconsiderate parking such as double yellows, loading bays, taxi ranks etc, along with a letter drop to local businesses. Numerous tickets were issued. Further random checks will be carried out, and the initiative will be repeated in other towns in the future.

QUAD BIKE THEFTS: SBCAT are working closely with MCAT and Northumbria Police with regards quad bike thefts. Warrants were executed at three premises in Midlothian with stolen goods being recovered and one person charged. Two stashed quad bikes were recovered following a theft near Morebattle. Please can quad bike owners take precautions by storing in locked buildings where possible and not leaving keys in or near the quad. Report any suspicious vehicles to police immediately using 101, and where possible provide details of the vehicles.

OFFICIAL

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.

OFFICIAL