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Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Leaderdale and Melrose Community Councils
Multi Member Ward Report for April 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.

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Figures for the whole Scottish Borders Area

((Data from 28/03/2022 –30/04/2022))

	2021 /2022	2022 /2023	% Change	Local Area Commanders Comment
Total Crimes and Offences (Group 1-5)	211	139	-34.1	The detection rate for Group 1-5 is 54.7 % compared to 58.8 % at same time last year.
Group 1: Non Sexual Crimes of Violence	9	8	-11.1	The detection rate for Group 1 is 87.5 % compared to 88.9 % at same time last year.
Serious Assaults	5	3	-40.0	The detection rate for Serious Assaults is 100.0 % compared to 100.0% at same time last year.
Robberies	0	0	0	The detection rate for Robberies is 0 compared to 0 at same time last year.
Common Assaults	52	66	26.9	The detection rate for Common Assaults is 81.8 % compared to 82.7 % at same time last year.
ASB (Incidents)	557	352	-36.8	
Hate Crime – All incidents	50	51	2.0	The detection rate for Hate Crimes is 69.7 % compared to 75.6 % at the same time last year.
Group 2: Sexual Crimes	20	10	-50.0	The detection rate for Group 2 is 130.0 % compared to 75.0 % at same time last year.
Rape – Recorded Crime	3	2	-33.3	The detection rate for Rape is 50.0 % compared to 100.0 % at same time last year.
Domestic Abuse – All incidents	464	507	9.3	The detection rate for Domestic Abuse Crimes are 59.7% compared to 78.9% at same time last year.
Group 3: Crimes of Dishonesty	62	62	0	The detection rate for Group 3 is 22.6 % compared to 40.3 % at same time last year.
Housebreakings – Domestic	3	2	-33.3	The detection rate for Domestic Housebreakings is 50.0% compared to 0.0 % at same time last year.
Motor Vehicle Thefts	2	3	50.0	The detection rate for Motor Vehicle Thefts is 33.3 % compared to 50.0 % at same time last year.

Community Sergeant Update

PS Stephen Granger

With the return of the warmer weather it is good to see more people out and about, including cyclists and horse riders. There comes with this the added responsibility on all road users to ensure they keep themselves and other road users as safe as possible.

- Drivers should pass horses at no more than 10mph and at two meters distance. Drivers should give motorcyclists, cyclists and pedestrians who are walking in the road at least as much room as you would when overtaking a car.
- Horse riders should keep to the left, abide by one way streets, never ride more than two abreast, and single file on narrow roads.
- Cyclists and horse riders should be vigilant throughout their rides so they are aware of all approaching traffic.
- Cyclists should inform horse riders if they are approaching from the rear by giving a clear greeting or 'bike' - horses are far less likely to be spooked by voice than by seeing presence suddenly next to them. Cyclists should also slow right down and be prepared to stop when approaching horses from either direction.
- All road users are entitled to use the roads safely and respect should be shown to all.

More information can be found in <https://www.highwaycodeuk.co.uk>

Local community officers are also well into the events season, already having participated in policing the seven's events, Selkirk Appointment Night and Hawick Election Night. This week they are heavily involved in policing the election and election count. They have a full calendar throughout the spring/summer season throughout the Borders and are working hard to engage with their communities whilst carrying out these duties

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 April 2022 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 147 mental health related calls, around 17 missing person enquiries and approximately 85 domestic related incidents.

Leaderdale & Melrose had 26 mental health related calls and 4 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

On 31/03/2022 report of assault in Newstead, Melrose. Male charged with assault and vandalism.

On 08/04/2022 report of abusive patient at Borders General Hospital, Melrose. Female charged with Emergency Workers Act Offence.

On 09/04/2022 report of an assault at a farm in Melrose. Officer attended and crime report being submitted for assault.

On 09/04/2022 report of a male arrested for assault in High Street, Melrose. Issued with a recorded police warning for minor assault.

On 09/04/2022 male arrested for assault in Annay Road, Melrose. Released when sober. Crime report submitted.

On 10/04/2022 male arrested for assault in High Street, Melrose. Crime Report submitted.

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On 15/04/2022 male charged with assault in Weavers Linn, Tweedbank. Crime Report submitted. .

On 25/04/2022 report of assault in Cotgreen Road, Tweedbank. Further enquiries to be made.

Anti-Social Behaviour

On 03/04/2022 report of males causing nuisance in High Street, Earlston. On police arrival only groups waiting on lifts home and all in good spirits. No crimes detected.

On 07/04/2022 report of abusive male in Waverley Road, Melrose. Crime Report submitted and further enquiries being made.

On 12/04/2022 report of disturbance in Newstead, Melrose. Officers attended no crimes committed. Advice given.

On 20/04/2022 report of disturbance at Borders General Hospital. Female traced, no criminality and conveyed home.

On 22/04/2022 report of youths setting bits of paper alight in High Street, Melrose. No trace of any youths on police arrival. No obvious damage.

Vandalism



On 02/04/2022 report of vandalism in Summerfield, Earlston. Crime report to be submitted for further enquiry.

On 17/04/2022 report of vandalism to a vehicle in Summerfield, Earlston. Crime report submitted. Further enquiries to be made.

Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Theft

On 11/04/2022 report of on line scam in Earlston. Crime report submitted and complainer advised on safety regarding social media.

On 19/04/2022 report of theft of fuel from garage in Melrose Road, Earlston. Further arrangements made to see complainer on 22/04/2022.

On 24/04/2022 report of failure to pay taxi fare in Tweedbank. Further engagement to be made with complainer.

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On 26/04/2022 report of theft of fuel from local garage in Earlston. Further enquiry being made with registered keeper.

On 28/04/2022 report of 2 x thefts of fuel from garage in Earlston. Attempts being made to contact the registered keepers for both.

Improving Road Safety

On 01/04/2022 a driver was issued penalty points and a fine for not obeying white lines on South Soutra Hill.

On 01/04/2022 a driver was issued penalty points and a fine for driving over the speed limit on South Soutra Hill.

Killed or Seriously Injured

NIL

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.



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- 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:



ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Targeted patrols continue to be carried out in identified hotspots, including Hawick, Peebles, Newtown St Boswells, Galashiels and Kelso. The CAT have also been utilised at events such as Melrose and Earlston 7's to address after hours ASB issues.

ROAD SAFETY

Road checks were carried out throughout the Scottish Borders, with hand held radar speed checks also being completed near to various schools. Vehicle checks have also been carried out throughout the Borders to provide education and enforcement where required. A parking initiative was undertaken in Peebles, with multiple parking tickets issued, and a letter drop carried out to local businesses in relation to vehicles being parked in restricted bays.

DRUGS

Throughout April the CAT utilised stop and search powers to deter and disrupt drug misuse. In addition three house searches were carried out, with personal amounts of drugs being seized.

RURAL CRIME

Rural acquisitive crime patrols continued throughout the month, with a focus on criminals travelling to the Borders to commit crime. One person was apprehended following a pursuit after attempting to break into a shop in Innerleithen.

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.

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