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Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Leaderdale and Melrose Community Councils
Multi Member Ward Report for October 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 01/10/2022 –31/10/2022))

	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 Corrinne Bird

The coming week shall see the commencement of Operation Torsion. This is the divisional response to the new legislation surrounding the sale and supply of Fireworks, and to deter any related anti-social behaviour issues. Visits shall be carried out to premises licensed for storage, in conjunction with Trading Standards, as well as mobile and foot patrols to engage with young people and the wider community, identifying any areas of concern.

Two new offences come into effect from 10 October 2022. The Act includes an offence, which prohibits the supply of fireworks and other pyrotechnic articles to children, namely:

Section 21 - It is an offence to (a) knowingly buy or attempt to buy a firework or pyrotechnic article for a person under the age of 18, (b) give or otherwise make available a firework or other pyrotechnic article to a person under the age of 18.

Police Scotland have also been supporting the “That Guy” campaign – encouraging males to challenge one another on inappropriate language and actions in an effort to stop sexual offending before it may take place. Community Officer attended local colleges this month to provide further information to young adults on the campaign. Join the conversation at www.that-guy.co.uk

The below link gives access to the latest Scrutiny panel document 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 \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

This document reporting on progress reports 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 October 2022 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 116 mental health related calls, around 27 missing person enquiries and approximately 65 domestic related incidents.

*Leaderdale & Melrose had ** mental health related calls and ** 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 08/10/2022 report of an assault in Quarrydene, Melrose. Crime report submitted for assault.

On 08/10/2022 report of an assault in local hospital. Officers attended, no assaults had taken place. Non criminal matter.

On 16/10/2022 report of an assault in Buccleuch Street, Melrose. Crime reports submitted for assault and vandalism.

On 19/10/2022 report of an assault in Market Square, Melrose. Crime report submitted for assault.
On 19/10/2022 report of an assault in Cotgreen Road, Tweedbank. Crime report submitted for assault.

Anti-Social Behaviour

On 03/10/2022 report of a male refusing to leave a local hospital, Melrose. On police arrival, no issues. Male was waiting on a bus.

On 03/10/2022 report of threatening behaviour from someone in Broadlee Bank, Tweedbank. All parties spoken to. Medical case. No crimes.

On 06/10/2022 report of an aggressive patient within local hospital. Male left hospital after being spoken to by police. Crime report submitted for drugs offence.

On 12/10/2022 report of a disturbance in local hospital, Melrose. Patient was causing a nuisance but all quiet on arrival of police.

On 15/10/2022 report of a urinator in Fishers Lane, Darnick. Fixed Penalty Ticket issued.

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On 16/10/2022 report of a female causing nuisance in local hospital, Melrose. Female calm on arrival of police and family in attendance.

On 17/10/2022 report of a disturbance within hospital, Melrose. No crimes identified. Medical case.

On 19/10/2022 report of noise from a property in Dingleton Road, Melrose. Police attended later in day due to third party report. Occupier denied any noise. Suitable advice given.

On 19/10/2022 report of a male shouting /disturbance in Summerfield, Earlston. No crimes detected. Male shouting at his computer.

On 22/10/2022 report of youths causing a nuisance in Croft Road, Lauder. Verbal warning given to one youth. Community Beat officers informed.

On 22/10/2022 report of ongoing disturbance in East High Street, Lauder. One female to be charged with offences. Crime reports submitted.

On 26/10/2022 report of a disturbance in local hospital, Melrose. Crime report submitted. One male charged with Emergency Workers offences.

Vandalism

On 16/10/2022 a report of damage to a wall in Knoll Park, Galashiels. Contact still to be made with complainer.

Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Theft by Housebreaking

Theft

On 11/10/22 report of a theft from a hotel in Market Place, Lauder. Further engagement to be made with complainer.

On 14/10/22 report of a theft from a licensed premises in Market Place, Lauder. Crime report submitted for theft.

On 20/10/2022 report of theft from house in Acorn Drive, Earlston. Crime reports submitted.

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Improving Road Safety

On 29/09/22 – a driver was issued a fine for not wearing a Seat Belt in Gattonside.

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On 07/10/22 – a driver was issued penalty points and a fine for driving with no insurance in Lauder

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On 17/10/22 – a driver was issued penalty points and a fine for speeding in Lauder

On 21/10/22 – a driver was issued penalty points and a fine for careless/inconsiderate driving in Earlston

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.

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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/>

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CAT Update:

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

After a period with few calls relating to youth disorder, the Galashiels Interchange has experienced a rise in reported incidents. SBCAT and local officers have now increased passing attention, with a number of warning letters being sent to parents of children being identified. We will continue to address any reported issues and support the work being carried out by local CPT and TD7. Bonfire night is approaching and there is likely to be an increase in calls relating to fireworks. Please can I encourage members of the public to report any incidents of youths being supplied fireworks to police or anonymously via Crimestoppers. So far SBCAT have obtained 35 fireworks through information provided by members of the public.



PARKING

We have carried out parking initiatives in Selkirk and Peebles this month with 12 parking tickets issued. Can I take this opportunity to remind people that a single yellow line has the same restrictions as double yellow lines between certain hours.

DRUG ENFORCEMENT

During October SBCAT carried out four search warrants in Hawick, Eyemouth and Kelso. At one address a cannabis cultivation was recovered, and at another a supply amount of herbal cannabis was also found.

ROAD SAFETY

SBCAT have issued the following road traffic tickets this month; 1 x Careless Driving, 2 x No Insurance (with both vehicles being seized), 1 x Antisocial Driving Warning, and 6 other various traffic tickets (e.g. no MOT). We are also continuing to carry out static road checks in rural areas to deter and detect acquisitive crime.

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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:

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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