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## **Scottish Borders Area Command**

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Leaderdale and Melrose Community Councils  
Multi Member Ward Report for November 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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## Community Policing News – Leaderdale and Melrose

Following on from the work carried out by Community Policing through Operation Torsion, as described in October's report, by visiting premises, checking licences and carrying out mobile and foot patrols in relation to the use of fireworks and any associated anti-social behaviour, I am pleased to report there were no incidents of such behaviour in Leaderdale and Melrose that were reported to the police.

Looking forward, Community Policing will begin to work on Operation Jardinière, the aim being to offer support and guidance to those living, working and visiting our rural communities and providing a focus on preventing and raising awareness of rural crime. This will be carried out by engagement, social media messaging and local events. Please refer to the Scottish Borders Police Facebook page for further information.

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 \(modern.gov.co.uk\)](#)

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 November 2022 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 158 mental health related calls, around 39 missing person enquiries and approximately 67 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 03/11/2022 report of assault at Huntly House, Melrose – complainer still to be seen

On 09/11/2022 report of an assault in Tweedbank. Crime report submitted for assault.

On 19/11/2022 report of an assault reported while at school in Earlston. Crime report submitted for assault. School Liaison officer made aware.

On 21/11/2022 report of assault within property on High Street, Melrose. Officers attended, crime report submitted.

On 26/11/2022 report of assault within property at Dingleton Road, Melrose. Officers attended, crime report submitted.

### **Anti-Social Behaviour**

On 05/11/2022 report of a disturbance within hospital, Melrose. One male arrested. Crime report submitted.

On 09/11/2022 report of a disturbance in Hareshaw Bank, Tweedbank. One male arrested for Breach of the Peace.

On 14/11/2022 report of neighbour issues in Cotgreen Road, Tweedbank. One party still to be seen.

On 19/11/2022 report of loud music from a house in Jura Drive, Tweedbank. Occupier of house warned accordingly.

On 25/11/2022 report of a disturbance in street involving a male in Craw Wood, Tweedbank. Misunderstanding in street, all in order. Male taken home.

On 25/11/2022 report of disturbance within hotel in Waverley Road, Melrose. Officers attended, persons removed, crime report submitted.

On 26/11/2022 report of loud music from a house in Smithy Croft, Lauder. Officers attended, occupants warned and music turned down.

On 26/11/2022 report of youths causing disturbance within grounds of a primary school, Huntly Road, Melrose. Officers attended, no persons seen.

### **Vandalism**

On 07/11/2022 report of damage to property within a local shop, Market Square, Melrose. Complainer still to be seen.

## **Reducing Acquisitive Crime**

### **Theft by Housebreaking**

#### **Theft**

On 02/11/2022 a report of a potential Fraud in a school in Melrose. Arrangements made for complainer to be seen on 07/11/2022.

On 03/11/22 report of theft of equipment from BGH, Melrose – complainer still to be seen.

On 12/11/2022 report of a theft of fuel from garage in Earlston. Crime report submitted for theft.

On 19/11/2022 report of a theft from Gattonside of a number plate. Further arrangements made to see complainer to establish if a theft has occurred.

### **Improving Road Safety**

On 03/11/22 – a driver was issued penalty points and a fine for speeding on Soutra Hill

On 07/11/22 – a driver was issued penalty points and a fine for driving without a MOT in Earlston

On 10/11/22 – a driver was issued penalty points and a fine for driving with no Insurance in Melrose

On 23/11/22 – a driver was issued a fine for driving with no MOT in Lauder

On 27/11/22 – a driver was issued a fine for driving with no MOT in Tweedbank

### **Killed or Seriously Injured**

On 11/11/22 on A697 a road accident occurred whereby a 79 year old male and 84 year old female were fatally injured.



## **Tackling Serious and Organised Crime**

See CAT update

## Campaigns

### **Festive Drink / Drug Drive Campaign 2022**

This campaign will run from 1<sup>st</sup> December to 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2023 and will include high visibility patrols and road checks with the main aim of reducing casualties and increasing the awareness of the risks associated with drink / drug driving.

### **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.

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#### **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:**

**ROAD SAFETY, RURAL ACQUISITIVE CRIME**

Officers from SBCAT again joined with officers from Northumbria police, Dumfries & Galloway and Roads Policing officers in November to carry out a second Op Checkpoint, the overnight initiative to tackle rural crime by conducting a series of checkpoints along the English / Scottish border. Officer from SBCAT will continue to support such initiatives in the future, and endeavour to tackle rural crime wherever possible.



**DRUG ENFORCEMENT**

SBCAT have assisted with the execution of six drugs warrants in Galashiels and Hawick during November. During these over £5000 cash has been recovered, along with cannabis, heroin and diazepam.

**IMPROVING ROAD SAFETY**

Throughout November SBCAT have been out conducting static road checks for the Winter Safety Campaign, checking vehicles and in particular tyre tread depth. Advice was given to a number of drivers. We were also involved in a vehicle pursuit after which the driver was charged with a number of offences including drink driving. Parking issues in Berwickshire have also been addressed.

**ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

SBCAT have carried out high visibility patrols in identified youth hotspots in Peebles, Galashiels and Hawick. We are working with our counterparts in Community Policing to address any identified antisocial behaviour issues. We were also deployed over the bonfire night weekend to address any reports of ASB.

**REMEMBERANCE SUNDAY**

SBCAT assisted colleagues in ensuring that Remembrance Sunday passed safely and without incident, with SBCAT Sgt PS Harrison laying the wreath on behalf of Police Scotland at the Galashiels service.

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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](mailto: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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