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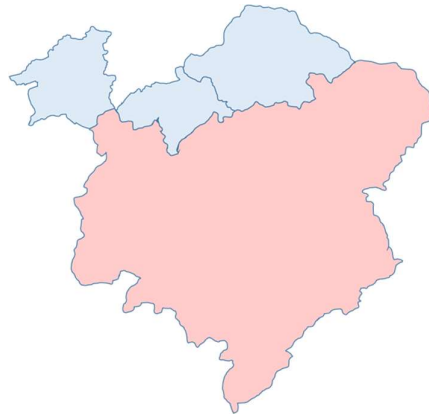


Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

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

(1st to 28th December)



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

Community Officers have spent time in December carrying out foot patrols and retail crime prevention within local shops, offering additional security advice and communications as we entered the busy Christmas period.

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 December 2022 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 128 mental health related calls, around 8 missing person enquiries and approximately 72 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 21/12/2022 report of assault in High School, Earlston. Crime Report submitted for assault.

Anti-Social Behaviour

On 12/12/2022 report of loud noise coming from a property in Eildon View, Melrose. Not a police matter. Noisy boiler.

Vandalism

Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Theft by Housebreaking

On 16/12/2022 report of theft HB from a property in Thirlestane Drive, Lauder. Officers attended crime report submitted.

Theft

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

On 22/12/2022 report of a theft from hospital, Melrose. Crime Report submitted for theft.

Improving Road Safety

Killed or Seriously Injured



Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

See CAT update

Campaigns

Festive Drink / Drug Drive Campaign 2022

This campaign will run from 1st December to 2nd 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.



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:

ROAD SAFETY

SBCAT were out as part of the Winter Safety Campaign carrying out static checks in Earlston, Duns, Coldstream, Eyemouth, Peebles, Galashiels and Stow. A number of drivers were given advice regarding winter safety and tyre tread.



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Speed gun checks were also completed outside Earlston High School with 6 drivers being warned and 1 driver being reported for having no insurance. A further driver was issued with a no MOT ticket in Hawick.

DRUG ENFORCEMENT

Misuse of Drugs warrants have been carried out in Galashiels, Kelso, Hawick and Peebles this month. Proactive stop & searches also resulted in the recovery of cannabis.

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

16 Licensed Premises Checks were carried out in the lead up to Christmas. High Visibility foot patrols were also undertaken to deter antisocial behaviour during the festive period. Boy Racers were engaged with in Galashiels and two ASB driving warnings issued in Peebles.

HOGMANAY

SBCAT officers will be out on Hogmanay for dispersal and antisocial behaviour issues.

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This is a Divisional wide operation to tackle rural crime. The Scottish Borders focus was on off-road biking at Monymut, along with static and mobile checks in Berwickshire to deter acquisitive crime and hare coursing. One vehicle was issued with an ASB driving warning for driving off road.

ACQUISITIVE CRIME

Two males were arrested by SBCAT in Stow after carrying out housebreakings in the area. The stolen items were recovered and both males charged with offences. SBCAT also assisted with the recovery of a quad bike near West Linton following a theft.

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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