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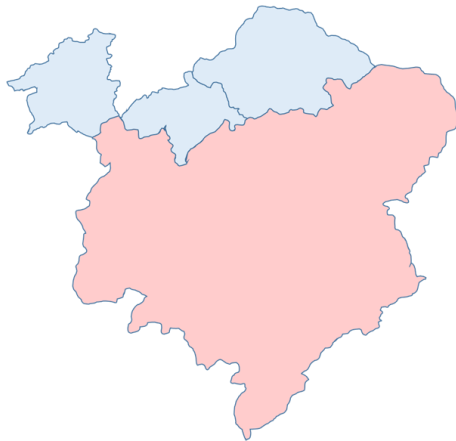


Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Leaderdale and Melrose Community Councils
Multi Member Ward Report for January 2023

(From 24/12/2022 to 30/01/2023)



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.

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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.

Community Policing News – Leaderdale and Melrose

January provided us with some poor weather which made for difficult driving conditions due to the amount of black ice. This highlights the importance of ensuring vehicles are kept road-worthy and additional care is given when driving to prevent accidents. Officers have been involved in carrying out winter road safety checks where we would provide the following advice in cold weather conditions:

- Check that your tyres, brakes, windscreens, wiper blades and windows are free from defects, clean and clear
- Remove all snow from your vehicle before driving
- Drive to the road conditions; stopping distances will be affected by the weather
- Make sure your entire windscreen is clean, clear and not misted
- When roads are icy, drive at a slow speed in a high gear

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

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Protecting most vulnerable



*In January 2023 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around ** mental health related calls, around ** missing person enquiries and approximately ** 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 09/01/2023 report of an assault in a local pub in Melrose. Complainer still to be seen by police.

On 25/01/2023 report of an assault in Essenside Place, Tweedbank. Both parties spoken to and no assault has taken place.

Anti-Social Behaviour

On 26/12/2022 report of a male loitering in West High Street, Lauder. Informant spoken to, male possibly intoxicated, nothing untoward reported. Male not traced.

On 03/01/2023 report of a male kicking off within hospital, Melrose. Male calm on police arrival and taken home by police.

On 06/01/2023 report of female causing a nuisance in a house in Market Place, Lauder. Female uplifted by police and taken to another address. No further complaints.

On 07/01/2023 report of a female causing a nuisance and being aggressive within local hospital. On police attendance she was allowed to be discharged and taken home by police.

On 08/01/2023 report of a neighbour issue in Eildon Crescent, Melrose. Advice had already been given to caller by council therefore police not required to attend.

On 09/01/2023 report of threats received at an address in Jura Drive, Tweedbank. Further enquiry to be made with complainer. Family issues.

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On 14/01/2023 report of a male being aggressive in local Hospital, Melrose. Male calmed down on police arrival. No complaints being made.

On 24/01/2023 report of drunk males hanging around Buccleuch Street, Melrose. No further complaints.

On 24/01/2023 report of car driving around, black smoke issuing from exhaust in Dingleton Road area of Melrose. No further complaints made. No further details of car. No criminality detected.

On 27/01/2023 report of threats being made in Queens Way, Earlston. Complainer still to be seen.

On 28/01/2023 report of a public nuisance in Buccleuch Street, Melrose. Male concerned spoken to and advice given.

On 30/01/2023 report of a neighbour causing a disturbance in Stobshaw Terrace, Tweedbank. One male arrested for vandalism.

Vandalism

Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Theft by Housebreaking

Theft

On 03/01/2023 report of fraud on bank account in Scott Road, Lauder. Crime Report submitted for Fraud.

On 06/01/2023 report of a theft from a locked storage shed in Mill Road, Earlston. Crime Report submitted for theft.

On 26/01/2023 report of a theft from the Langshaw area. Complainer still to be seen.

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Improving Road Safety

On 24/01/23 – a driver was issued a fine and penalty points for careless/inconsiderate driving in Melrose

During January a driver was charged with drunk driving in Melrose after crashing her car

Killed or Seriously Injured



Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

See CAT update

Campaigns

Keep Safe Initiative

Primarily aimed at disabled members of the community helping to tackle disability hate crime, Keep Safe is a national network of over 800 safe places (including shops, libraries, pubs etc.) for anyone who may feel lost, scared or vulnerable when out in the community. [About Keep Safe \(iammescotland.co.uk\)](https://iammescotland.co.uk)

All Scottish Borders Co-ops have signed up to the scheme with staff training, business packs and store signage being provided.

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

- A new Zone has been set up in Eddleston covering 120 Houses – Road signs and house-packs have been provided.
- Implementation work is ongoing with Bowden and Newtown St Boswells community councils for zones in these areas.
- 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 – SBCAT have continued with their winter safety campaign through January, carrying out road checks in various places in the Borders. SBCAT have issued 5 traffic tickets throughout the month. One person was also reported for driving with no insurance or mot and their partner with causing and permitting them to drive the car. Boy Racer problems were also addressed in Galashiels, with one male being given a fixed penalty ticket for careless driving.



PARKING TICKETS – SBCAT have been carrying out high visibility patrols in Peebles, Kelso, Selkirk and Hawick, and addressing parking concerns there. 39 parking tickets were issued in January.

RURAL ACQUISITIVE CRIME – We continue to carry out static road checks in rural areas at all times of day to deter and detect rural acquisitive crime. 65 static checks were carried out throughout the Scottish Borders in January. SBCAT officers are also following up positive lines of enquiry into the theft of a vehicle from Blythe Bridge.

DRUG ENFORCEMENT – 6 drug search warrants were carried out in January in Galashiels and Kelso, with 4 of them providing positive results.

PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE – Part of the SBCAT role is to trace persons wanted on warrant. In January SBCAT traced and arrested one male who had been wanted for some time. We are also proactive in enforcing persons released on bail curfews, with 20 bail curfew checks carried out in January. SBCAT have also assisted with searching for missing persons in January.

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ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – High visibility patrols have continued in Burnfoot Industrial Estate, Peebles, and at the Galashiels Interchange to address concerns at these locations. Two youths were issued warning letters for throwing snowballs at members of the public at the Interchange.

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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