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## **Scottish Borders Area Command**

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Leaderdale and Melrose Community Councils  
Multi Member Ward Report for March 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.**

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

We are continuing to appeal for the drivers of vehicles using the A6091 Melrose bypass when a woman was hit and seriously injured on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2023. This occurred around 9.50pm near to the Borders General Hospital, and the woman remains in a critical condition.

We are keen to speak to anyone who saw a dark-coloured SUV and a 4x4 at the time of the crash as well as the drivers of these cars as they may have vital information.

The below link gives access to the latest Police document for the Scrutiny Panel for the Police, Fire and Rescue and Safer Communities Board, which sits every quarter at Scottish Borders Council.

[\(Public Pack\)Item No. 5 \(a\) - Police Scotland Agenda Supplement for Police, Fire & Rescue and Safer Communities Board, 14/12/2022 09:30 \(modern.gov.co.uk\)](#)

It provides progress and updates on service matters from Police Scotland as presented by the Local Area Commander CI Winnie 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 March 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 15/03/2023 report of an assault near school in Earlston. Crime report submitted for assault.

### **Anti-Social Behaviour**

On 01/03/2023 report of an aggressive patient within local hospital. Male calm on police arrival. No crimes. Taken home by police.

On 04/03/2023 report of public nuisance in Summerfield, Earlston. Property egged. Caller still to be spoken to.

On 05/03/2023 report of male attempting to leave hospital, Melrose. Male traced and taken home after being deemed fit by staff.

On 05/03/2023 report of male causing disturbance in Morow Gardens, Melrose. Nothing ongoing on police arrival. Dispute between father and son.

On 07/03/2023 report of verbal abuse within a shop in Melrose. Crime report submitted breach of the peace.

On 08/03/2023 report of a disturbance in hospital, Melrose. Male arrested for various offences.

On 11/03/2023 report of abuse from residents in Oxton, complainer a van driver. Further enquiries to be made with complainer.

On 16/03/2023 report of a strange male hanging around shop in Tweedbank. Male not identified. No crimes. Crime prevention advice given to staff.

On 19/03/2023 report of an altercation with a driver in The Avenue, Lauder. No trace of car in question. No corroboration.

On 21/03/2023 report of suspicious males in Mid Row, Lauder. Persons concerned traced and spoken to, appear they were looking for an Air B&B nearby. No concerns.

On 25/03/2023 report of disturbance in a property in Priorswalk, Melrose. Young female had taken tantrum. All calmed down on arrival of police.

### **Vandalism**

On 09/03/2023 report of damage to pathway at Quarrydene, Melrose. Enquiries ongoing.

On 13/03/2023 report of damage to a door in Calfward Park, Lauder. Appointment made to speak to complainer.

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On 17/03/2023 report of persons painting a pavement in Jura Drive, Tweedbank. Complainer still to be seen.

### **Reducing Acquisitive Crime**

#### **Theft by Housebreaking**

On 09/03/2023 report of housebreaking to a business in Greenwells, Lauder. Complainer still to be seen.

On 14/03/2023 report of housebreaking in Cranston Road, Lauder. Officers attended, crime report submitted.

On 22/03/2023 report of housebreaking to business premises at Tweedbank Industrial Estate, Tweedbank. Appointment made to speak with complainer.

#### **Theft**

On 02/03/2023 report of a possible fraud in Abbotsferry Road, Tweedbank. Arrangements made to see complainer on 05/03/2023 to establish if a crime has been committed.

On 13/03/2023 report of theft from a care home at Drygrange Mains, Melrose. Appointment made to speak to complainer.

On 16/03/2023 report of goods being bought with stolen cards. Credit companies then obtaining money back leaving premises at a loss. Males responsible not known. Complainer still to be seen.

On 21/03/2023 report of a theft of handbag in Priorswood Court, Melrose. Complainer still to be seen.

### **Improving Road Safety**

On 02/03/2023 – a driver was issued a fine and penalty points for careless/inconsiderate driving in Lauder

On 09/03/2023 a driver was issued penalty points and a fine for not obeying white lines on Soutra Hill

On 12/03/2023 a driver was issued penalty points and a fine for speeding on Soutra Hill

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On 15/03/2023 a driver was issued a fine for driving without an MOT on Soutra

### **Killed or Seriously Injured**

On 12/03/2023 a female was seriously injured in a road collision on Melrose Bypass, Melrose. Enquiries ongoing.



## **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:**



**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.