

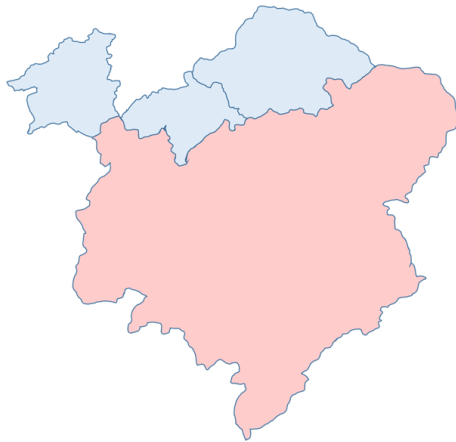
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## **Scottish Borders Area Command**

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Leaderdale and Melrose Community Councils  
Multi Member Ward Report for April 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

April has been a busy month for Community Policing with the beginning of the various events that take place across the Borders over the spring months, including the common riding appointment nights and policing the rugby seven's tournaments. Officers are working hard to engage with those in the community to ensure the smooth running of these events and we would welcome any feedback that is received by the community councils.

PC Porter also recently attended the Dirtbike Evolution Event in Lauder where he spoke with participants regarding motor safety, security and deterring thieves.



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.

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## 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 April 2023 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 153 mental health related calls, around 32 missing person enquiries and approximately 80 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 01/04/2023 report of males fighting in Carlin Court, Tweedbank. Officers attended, no injuries, advice given.

On 01/04/2023 report of female assaulting a male in Jura Drive, Tweedbank. Officers attended, nothing ongoing.

On 08/04/2023 report of male assaulted in High Street, Melrose. Appointment made to speak to complainer.

On 09/04/2023 report of males assaulted in High Street, Melrose. Officers attended, male spoken to.

On 14/04/2023 report of female assaulted on Abbotsford Road, Galashiels. Officers attended, crime report submitted.

On 20/04/2023 report of assault within a property in Priorswalk, Melrose. Officers attended, crime report submitted.

On 27/04/2023 report of an assault in Justice Park, Oxtun. Details of assault still to be noted from complainer.

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### **Anti-Social Behaviour**

On 08/04/2023 report of youths drinking in Dunstons Park, Melrose. Officers attended, no concerns, youths moved on.

On 08/04/2023 report of persons trying a door in Chiefswood Road, Melrose. Officers attended, advice given.

On 09/04/2023 report of loud music in St Marys Road, Melrose. Officers attended, advice given to complainer re event taking place.

On 12/04/2023 report of youths kicking ball at windows in High Street, Earlston. Area searched no trace.

On 14/04/2023 report of rowdy party ongoing in Annay Road, Melrose. Officers attended, no noise heard by officers.

On 17/04/2023 report of noise from a car in Leaderfoot area, Melrose. One male traced and warning given.

### **Vandalism**

On 16/04/2023 report of damage to cars in Hareshaw Bank, Tweedbank. Complainers still to be seen. Arrangements made for 20/04/2023.

On 18/04/2023 report of damage to car in Crofts Road, Lauder. Appointment arranged to see complainer.

On 19/04/2023 report of damage at Melrose Primary School, Melrose. Crime report submitted.

## **Reducing Acquisitive Crime**

### **Theft by Housebreaking**

### **Theft**

On 05/04/2023 report of theft of oil from a business in Market Place, Lauder. Officers attended, crime report submitted.

On 13/04/2023 report of theft of money from wallet within public house in East Port, Melrose. Crime report submitted.

On 16/04/2023 report of a theft from a store in High Street, Melrose. Arrangements made to see complainer to obtain details 19/04/2023.

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On 19/04/2023 report of theft from a motor company in Tweedbank – appointment made with complainer.

### Improving Road Safety

On 04/04/2023 a driver was issued a fine for driving with no MOT in Melrose

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On 16/04/2023 a driver was issued a fine for driving with no MOT in Melrose

On 19/04/2023 a driver was issued penalty points and a fine for speeding on Soutra Hill

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On 21/04/2023 a driver was issued penalty points and a fine for careless/inconsiderate driving in Leaderfoot

### Killed or Seriously Injured



### Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

See CAT update

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## 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](http://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.



- 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**

- 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 conducted 2 high profile road safety static check points on the A68 near to Lauder and Jedburgh, working in partnership with our colleagues in Roads Policing as well as the DVSA. This resulted in numerous vehicles being issued with immediate and temporary prohibition orders on their vehicles due to various mechanical defects being identified, 1 vehicle being seized for having no insurance and a number of other road traffic offences being identified and dealt with either by means of fixed penalty ticket or via report to the Procurator Fiscal. Further to this, SBCAT have issued 14 traffic tickets throughout the month. Further partnership work is underway with DVSA to establish this as a more regular occurrence. Work also being undertaken with Youth Engagement Officer in Peebles to address speeding concerns at Kingsland Primary School, looking to enlist Junior Road Safety Officers to assist with speed checks to raise profile of issue.



PARKING TICKETS – SBCAT have been carrying out high visibility patrols in Peebles, Kelso, Selkirk and Hawick, and addressing parking concerns there. 27 parking tickets were issued in April targeting areas of concern raised by members.

RURAL ACQUISITIVE CRIME – 18 static checks were carried out throughout the Scottish Borders in April at all times of day to deter and detect rural acquisitive crime, leading to intelligence being gathered.

DRUG ENFORCEMENT – 4 drug search warrants were carried out in April in Galashiels, with 2 of them providing positive results. A further person has also been reported for drug possession offences after being stopped and searched by officers.

PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE – Part of the SBCAT role is to trace persons wanted on warrant. In April SBCAT traced and arrested 6 persons wanted on warrant. We were also proactive in enforcing persons released on bail curfews, with 5 bail curfew checks carried out in April. SBCAT have also assisted colleagues in Response policing with searching for High Risk missing persons in April.

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – High visibility patrols have continued in Burnfoot Industrial Estate, Peebles, Market Place, Selkirk, Newtown St. Boswells and at the Galashiels Interchange to address concerns at these locations. Hoax call stickers have been created and placed phone-boxes in the Burnfoot in an attempt to deter persons from misusing the 999 system. 3 youths have been reported for disorder offences at the fun fair in Peebles. A further 4 youths have also been reported to Youth Justice for disorder caused at the fun fair at Galashiels. 6 youths were issued warning letters for antisocial behaviour caused at the old Border College, Galashiels. Officers in Galashiels have been in

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dialogue with staff at Galashiels Interchange to establish better working practices for CCTV being made available for officers to assist in the identification of offenders.

### **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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