

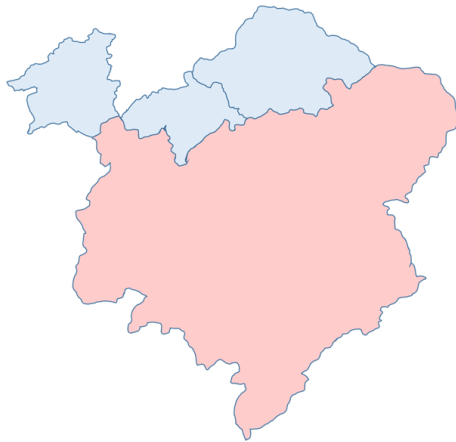
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## **Scottish Borders Area Command**

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Leaderdale and Melrose Community Councils  
Multi Member Ward Report for July 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 & Melrose – PS James Harrison

I thought this month I would give an overview of the North Community Policing Area (CPA), which includes your area. In particular highlighting your local CBO and the best way to contact them.

The North CPA consists of the following five Ward areas, Leaderdale & Melrose, Selkirkshire, Galashiels & District, Tweeddale East and Tweeddale West, and covers about half of the Scottish Borders. Each Ward area contains a number of Community Councils and has a dedicated Community Beat Officer (CBO), as shown below.

**Leaderdale & Melrose** – PC Ian Porter

**Selkirkshire** – PC John Murray

**Galashiels & District** – PC Sarah Shaw

**Tweeddale East** – PC Viv Carsley

**Tweeddale West** – PC Dani McMurdo

Some of these officers are new in post so you may not have met your local CBO yet.

CBOs deal with a wide range of subjects including antisocial behaviour, neighbour disputes, licensing, crime prevention, vulnerable people, wildlife crime, traffic issues and local events such as common ridings. They are without doubt your first and best point of contact for community related matters in your area. **You can contact them via the relevant community mailbox which is shown at the bottom of this report.** It may be that the matter you report is best suited to a partner agency, in which case we can try and signpost you to the most appropriate one.

If, however, the issue is more serious and you would like police attendance, call 101 or email Police Scotland to request a diary appointment, or in an emergency call 999.

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 \(moderngov.co.uk\)](https://www.moderngov.co.uk/scrutiny/2022-23/scrutiny-panel/2022-23-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-100-101-102-103-104-105-106-107-108-109-110-111-112-113-114-115-116-117-118-119-120-121-122-123-124-125-126-127-128-129-130-131-132-133-134-135-136-137-138-139-140-141-142-143-144-145-146-147-148-149-150-151-152-153-154-155-156-157-158-159-160-161-162-163-164-165-166-167-168-169-170-171-172-173-174-175-176-177-178-179-180-181-182-183-184-185-186-187-188-189-190-191-192-193-194-195-196-197-198-199-200-201-202-203-204-205-206-207-208-209-210-211-212-213-214-215-216-217-218-219-220-221-222-223-224-225-226-227-228-229-230-231-232-233-234-235-236-237-238-239-240-241-242-243-244-245-246-247-248-249-250-251-252-253-254-255-256-257-258-259-260-261-262-263-264-265-266-267-268-269-270-271-272-273-274-275-276-277-278-279-280-281-282-283-284-285-286-287-288-289-290-291-292-293-294-295-296-297-298-299-300-301-302-303-304-305-306-307-308-309-310-311-312-313-314-315-316-317-318-319-320-321-322-323-324-325-326-327-328-329-330-331-332-333-334-335-336-337-338-339-340-341-342-343-344-345-346-347-348-349-350-351-352-353-354-355-356-357-358-359-360-361-362-363-364-365-366-367-368-369-370-371-372-373-374-375-376-377-378-379-380-381-382-383-384-385-386-387-388-389-390-391-392-393-394-395-396-397-398-399-400-401-402-403-404-405-406-407-408-409-410-411-412-413-414-415-416-417-418-419-420-421-422-423-424-425-426-427-428-429-430-431-432-433-434-435-436-437-438-439-440-441-442-443-444-445-446-447-448-449-450-451-452-453-454-455-456-457-458-459-460-461-462-463-464-465-466-467-468-469-470-471-472-473-474-475-476-477-478-479-480-481-482-483-484-485-486-487-488-489-490-491-492-493-494-495-496-497-498-499-500-501-502-503-504-505-506-507-508-509-510-511-512-513-514-515-516-517-518-519-520-521-522-523-524-525-526-527-528-529-530-531-532-533-534-535-536-537-538-539-540-541-542-543-544-545-546-547-548-549-550-551-552-553-554-555-556-557-558-559-560-561-562-563-564-565-566-567-568-569-570-571-572-573-574-575-576-577-578-579-580-581-582-583-584-585-586-587-588-589-590-591-592-593-594-595-596-597-598-599-600-601-602-603-604-605-606-607-608-609-610-611-612-613-614-615-616-617-618-619-620-621-622-623-624-625-626-627-628-629-630-631-632-633-634-635-636-637-638-639-640-641-642-643-644-645-646-647-648-649-650-651-652-653-654-655-656-657-658-659-660-661-662-663-664-665-666-667-668-669-670-671-672-673-674-675-676-677-678-679-680-681-682-683-684-685-686-687-688-689-690-691-692-693-694-695-696-697-698-699-700-701-702-703-704-705-706-707-708-709-710-711-712-713-714-715-716-717-718-719-720-721-722-723-724-725-726-727-728-729-730-731-732-733-734-735-736-737-738-739-740-741-742-743-744-745-746-747-748-749-750-751-752-753-754-755-756-757-758-759-760-761-762-763-764-765-766-767-768-769-770-771-772-773-774-775-776-777-778-779-780-781-782-783-784-785-786-787-788-789-790-791-792-793-794-795-796-797-798-799-800-801-802-803-804-805-806-807-808-809-810-811-812-813-814-815-816-817-818-819-820-821-822-823-824-825-826-827-828-829-830-831-832-833-834-835-836-837-838-839-840-841-842-843-844-845-846-847-848-849-850-851-852-853-854-855-856-857-858-859-860-861-862-863-864-865-866-867-868-869-870-871-872-873-874-875-876-877-878-879-880-881-882-883-884-885-886-887-888-889-890-891-892-893-894-895-896-897-898-899-900-901-902-903-904-905-906-907-908-909-910-911-912-913-914-915-916-917-918-919-920-921-922-923-924-925-926-927-928-929-930-931-932-933-934-935-936-937-938-939-940-941-942-943-944-945-946-947-948-949-950-951-952-953-954-955-956-957-958-959-960-961-962-963-964-965-966-967-968-969-970-971-972-973-974-975-976-977-978-979-980-981-982-983-984-985-986-987-988-989-990-991-992-993-994-995-996-997-998-999-1000)

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

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4. Improving road safety
5. Tackling serious and organised crime



### Protecting most vulnerable

*In July 2023 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 153 mental health related calls, around 15 missing person enquiries and approximately 74 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 01/07/2023 report of minor assault in caravan park, Lauder. Fixed Penalty Notice issued. Crime report also submitted.

#### Anti-Social Behaviour

On 02/07/2023 report of verbal abuse from youths in Allanbank Gardens, Lauder. Some youths spoken to. Advice given to informant.

On 03/07/2023 report of items dumped in The Loan, Oxtou. Council contacted and will uplifted items.

On 04/07/2023 report of drunk male in Market Square, Melrose. Male taken home by police.

On 08/07/2023 report of a disturbance in a licensed premises in Lauder. Female concerned taken home. No complaints made.

On 10/07/2023 report of neighbour issues in a Farm in Oxtou, Lauder. Details logged for info only at request of caller.

On 11/07/2023 report of threatening messages from client in Loch View, Tweedbank. Complainer still to be spoken to

On 11/07/2023 report of fly tipping in farm area near Gordon. Caller directed to local authority.

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On 15/07/2023 report of a disturbance outside licensed premises in West High Street, Lauder. One male arrested and cautioned and charged.

On 15/07/2023 report of loud music / party in Buccleuch Street, Melrose. Ongoing birthday party. Doors closed and now no noise.

### **Vandalism**

## **Reducing Acquisitive Crime**

### **Theft by Housebreaking**

#### **Theft**

On 15/07/2023 report of a theft from a house near Carfraemill, Lauder. Complainer still to be seen to obtain details.

On 20/07/2023 reports of break in to building site on Waverly Road, Melrose. Power tools stolen. Complainer still to be seen to obtain details

## **Improving Road Safety**

On 07/07/2023 a driver was issued a fine for driving with no MOT in Earlston

On 07/07/2023 a driver was issued penalty points and a fine for speeding in Lauder

On 07/07/2023 a driver was issued penalty points and a fine for driving with no insurance in Melrose

On 07/07/2023 a driver was issued penalty points and a fine for careless/inconsiderate driving in Lauder

On 20/07/2023 a driver was issued penalty points and a fine for driving with no insurance in Leaderfoot

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**Killed or Seriously 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:

During the past month SBCAT officers carried out High Visibility foot patrols and worked alongside other community agencies at St Boswells Fair (6 days) (10 hours per day, each officer), Burnfoot Carnival (8 hours each officer), Floors Rideout (each officer 7 hours), Kelso Fancy Dress Parade (each officer 9 hours), Borders Union show (each officer 10 hours) and Eyemouth Herring Queen fancy dress (3 hours, each officer).



**ROAD SAFETY** – SBCAT have continued carrying out road checks in numerous locations in the Borders and have issued 17 traffic tickets throughout the month.

Off road motorbikes - Whilst carrying out high visibility patrols in Hawick, an off-road motorbike was observed being ridden in the town centre. Officers attempted to stop the rider, however he ignored them and rode past them. Subsequently the vehicle and rider were traced at Morrison's Petrol Station where the rider made off on foot. The motorbike was seized by police. Officers chased the rider on foot and after he removed his helmet, was identified by officers as a 16 year old youth. His parents were made aware and a report has been submitted through the appropriate channels detailing 6 Road Traffic Offences.

**PARKING TICKETS** – Officers have been carrying out high visibility patrols in Peebles, Kelso, Selkirk and Hawick, and addressing parking concerns there. Advice has been given to drivers and 45 tickets have been issued.

**RURAL ACQUISITIVE CRIME** – Operation Checkpoint (10 hours each officer) was undertaken on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July. During this Operation a number of vehicles were checked out at various points along the border to deter travelling criminals. No offences were detected.

SBCAT had a preventative rural crime stand at the Borders Union Show, Kelso, working with partner agencies providing advice and support not only for the farming community but other members of the public attending the show.

**ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR** – High visibility patrols have continued in all highlighted areas of the Scottish Borders to address concerns at these locations. During this month two dog fouling tickets were issued to members of the public.

Over the weekend of the 19<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> High visibility patrols were carried out in Peebles and surrounding area by SB CAT to dissuade antisocial behaviour. During this time a number of groups of youths were spoken to. Whilst speaking with some of these groups, bottles of alcohol was on the ground nearby. No youths took ownership of the alcohol, which was then poured away in front of them. One 16 year old youth was found in possession of cans of lager, which were also poured away. A Youth ASB letter is being sent to his parents.

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**PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE** – Part of the SBCAT role is to trace persons wanted on warrant/missing person/and bail curfew checks. SBCAT have carried out regular checks on multiple individuals who are wanted on warrant. These individuals are aware they are wanted and enquiries to trace them are continuing. One male who was particularly difficult to trace was eventually traced as a result of protracted enquiries and arrested.

Following a report of a recidivist domestic abuse offender re-offending, SB CAT officers traced the male and conveyed him to Hawick Police Station where he was charged accordingly and held for court the following day.

**DRUG ENFORCEMENT** – SBCAT took part in executing one drug search warrant in the Kelso area. No drugs were recovered. The occupier was arrested on another matter.

**Other** – Following a report of two males attending at a farm in the Scottish Borders looking for scrap metal and a subsequent theft from the farm, SB CAT officers assisted CID officers gather crucial evidence and traced two further witnesses. The enquiry is currently still ongoing and will require cross border cooperation with Northumbria Police.

### 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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