

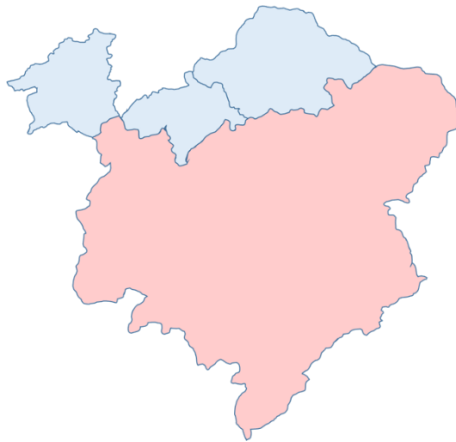
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## **Scottish Borders Area Command**

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Leaderdale and Melrose Community Councils  
Multi Member Ward Report for May 2024



**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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## North Area Community Policing News – PS James Harrison



Community Policing is very much centred around working with young people and children, and assisting organisations that promote positive values and role models.

TD1 Youth Hub, a youth work organisation based in Galashiels, recently held its Annual General Meeting (AGM), where they celebrated the accomplishments of young people in the community.

This year saw the presentation of the inaugural PC Sean Wright Memorial Award by Chief Inspector Fletcher. Three outstanding young people, Reece Wyllie, Jessica Little, and Ethan Painter, were nominated for the award. All three demonstrated the qualities embodied by the award, but Ethan Painter was ultimately chosen as the first recipient.



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The above image shows School Link Officer PC Harper at the Earlston Primary School Careers event. During the event, pupils had the opportunity to learn about local and national organisations; while being given the opportunity to complete tasks and ask questions from the staff in attendance.

We hope to develop and maintain strong links with our Schools and Youth Hubs throughout the North Community Policing Area of the Scottish Borders, and to provide guidance and advice where necessary. By developing our presence within schools we intend to positively influence the behaviour of young people out with the School.

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.

[Item No. 5 a - Scottish Borders Scrutiny April - Sept.pdf \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

Once you click into this link, please scroll down to read the full report. It provides progress and updates on service matters from Police Scotland and contains an input from Local Area Commander, Chief Inspector Stuart Fletcher.

## 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 May 2024 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 236 mental health related calls, around 20 missing person enquiries and approximately 100 domestic related incidents.*

*Leaderdale & Melrose had 19 mental health related calls and 1 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.*

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## **Reducing Violence and Anti-Social Behaviour**

### **Assaults**

On 04/05/2024 report of an assault in High Street, Earlston. Crime report submitted for assault.

On 18/05/2024 report of a minor assault at an address in Darnick. Crime report submitted.

On 20/05/2024 report of disturbance at Everest Road, Earlston. On arrival male arrested for breach of bail and domestic assault, held for court.

On 24/05/2024 report of male and female arguing at an address in Jura Drive, Tweedbank. On police arrival both arrested and subsequently charged with assaults and a vandalism.

### **Anti-Social Behaviour**

On 01/05/2024 report of patient shouting and abusing staff at BGH. On police arrival, patient had calmed down and staff declined to make any complaints.

On 01/05/2024 report of male acting suspiciously trying vehicle doors between Galashiels and Melrose. On police attendance, male found to be wanted on warrant. Arrested.

On 03/05/2024 report of a disturbance in Jura Drive, Tweedbank. Nothing ongoing on arrival of police, no obvious damage to anything.

On 03/05/2024 report of disturbance at Tweedbank. No issues on police arrival.

On 05/05/24 report of youths fighting in Earlston. Nothing ongoing on police arrival and no youths in the area.

06/05/2024 report of loud music coming from Earlston RFC. Found not to be excessive on police arrival.

On 08/05/2024 report of teenagers on roof of nursery in Huntly Road, Melrose. Ongoing issue at locus. No further reports tonight.

On 09/05/2024 report of campervan and nuisance from occupants in Allanbank Gardens, Lauder. Council contacted re van.

On 10/05/2024 report of youths on the nursery roof at Melrose Primary School, throwing things off the roof and making noise. No sets free to attend.

On 12/05/2024 report of youths on roof of school in Huntly Road, Melrose. No youths on roof on arrival of police. A group seen nearby denied being on roof.

On 14/05/2024 report of youths causing a nuisance in St Aidans Court, Gattonside. Report called in by a third party, not seen youths for himself. No further details and no further calls.

On 17/05/2024 report of nuisance youths in Huntly Road, Melrose and being destructive. A number of youths spoken to, not causing any issues. Advised to take all litter away with them.

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On 24/05/2024 report of female lashing out within Hospital. Further call from hospital advising female has left. No police required.

On 25/05/2024 report of music blasting from an address in Summerfield, Earlston. All quiet on police arrival.

On 27/05/2024 report of neighbour dispute in Chiefswood Road, Melrose.

On 31/05/2024 report of teenagers on roof of nursery in Huntly Road, Melrose. Ongoing issue at locus. No further reports, passing attention given when possible.

### **Vandalism**

On 01/05/2024 report of vandalism to an address in Galashiels.

On 13/05/2024 report of damage being caused at Lowood, Melrose by youths. Crime report submitted for vandalism.

On 23/04/2024 report of damage to equipment in play area of Earlston Primary School. Complainer still to be seen.

## **Reducing Acquisitive Crime**

### **Theft by Housebreaking**

On 17/05/2024 report of a housebreaking in Lauder where a vehicle was then stolen from. Vehicle traced within the Borders. Enquiries ongoing.

On 18/05/2024 report of an attempt housebreaking in Cranston Road, Lauder. Brick through window. Complainer still to be seen.

### **Theft**

On 03/05/2024 historical (from 26/04/24) report of theft of fuel from Lauder Petrol Station. Details noted for Crime Report.

On 03/05/2024 historical (from 29/04/24) report of theft of fuel from Lauder Petrol Station. Details noted for Crime Report.

On 07/05/2024 report of high value theft from Tweedbank. Arrangement made to speak with the informant in depth.

On 07/05/2024 report of theft from a lost/recovered wallet in Galashiels. Arrangement made to speak with informant.

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On 11/05/2024 report of informant leaving his mobile phone on a bench, returning later and it not being there. Potentially will be handed into station as found property.

On 13/05/2024 report of theft from petrol station in Lauder. Complainer still to be seen.

On 13/05/2024 report of theft of fuel from Lauder petrol station. Crime report submitted for theft.

On 13/05/2024 report of a taxi fraud in Melrose. Crime report submitted, known suspect.

On 21/05/2024 historical (from 17/05/24) report of theft of fuel from Lauder Petrol Station. Details noted for Crime Report.

On 27 and 28/05/2024 3 x reports of theft of fuel from Lauder filling station. Full details still to be obtained.

## Improving Road Safety



Selkirkshire Community Beat Officer PC Murray carrying out a handheld speed gun check over May Bank holiday weekend.

On 01/05/2024 – a driver was issued a fine and penalty points for speeding on Soutra Hill.

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## Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

The Scottish Borders CID Proactive Unit executed 4 Drug Warrants across the command area during May. This included 2 large Cannabis Cultivations, a quantity of Class A drugs and cash being seized. 4 persons were arrested and charged with drug offences in regards to these warrants.

Serious and organised crime impacts local communities across the Borders and anyone with information on criminal activity are asked to contact Police Scotland on 101, report it at any Police Station or report it anonymously via the Crime Stoppers Charity. This information can be on any criminal matter but includes an individuals unexplained financial gain or wealth or persons who are vulnerable in our communities and being targeted or exploited by others for any reason.

## Campaigns



Tweeddale Community Officer PC Carsley at the Caregiver's Connected Fun Day at West Linton. Caregiver's Connected is a support group for parents / caregivers of children with neurodiverse needs in any form.

### 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 \(iammesotland.co.uk\)](http://iammesotland.co.uk)

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

### Rural

Scottish Borders Partnership against Rural Crime (SBPARC) the partnership continues to meet regularly to address local priority rural crime throughout the year.



### Why Join SB Alert?

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[Home Page - Scottish Borders Alert \(sbalert.co.uk\)](http://sbalert.co.uk)





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### CAT Update:

**ROAD SAFETY** – SBCAT have continued carrying out road checks in numerous locations in the Scottish Borders and have issued 9 traffic tickets for various offences throughout the month.



Throughout May numerous hi- vis speed and static road checks along with foot patrols have been carried out at schools throughout the Scottish Borders at dropping off and picking up times. Including primary schools in Stow, Selkirk and Earlston

On 1<sup>st</sup> May SBCAT with took part in Operation Checkpoint on the A7 and the A1. This was in partnerships with Police in the North of England doing similar checks. The SBCAT issued 6 traffic tickets and give 8 warnings for speeding and vehicle condition.

On 18th May, during checks of young drivers under Tesco's in Galashiels one was found to not have vehicle insurance and was charged and reported. Another was searched and found to be in possession of cannabis.

**PARKING TICKETS** – Officers have been carrying out high visibility across the Borders and addressing parking concerns there. Advice has been given to drivers and 24 tickets have been issued.

Passing attention was given to The War Memorial in Coldstream, Galashiels Town Centre and Bridge Street in Kelso were also regularly checked by officers along with Duns Industrial Estate (no issues)

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We still have a lack of parking ticket books, but new books have been sourced and are expected to arrive in early June.

**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. 13 static checks were carried out throughout the Scottish Borders this month along with numerous hi-visibility patrols of rural areas.

At Monynut vehicle patrols were completed on weekends with nothing to report.

**ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR** – High visibility patrols have continued in targeted areas of the Scottish Borders to address concerns highlighted at these locations.

Similar high visibility foot patrols are being completed across the Borders with a focus on, Burnfoot and Mansfield in Hawick following reports of Off Road motorcycles being used and general ASB. Following previous issues at the abandoned Teviot Windows building in Hawick, the SBCAT got the building resecured. The building remains secure and youths are no longer congregating there. Foot patrols are being completed at Jedburgh Sheriff Court on court days due to previous reported issues with members of the public. Innerleithen and Peebles have also been give a lot of attention. Lots of youth engagement but no real issues identified.

No youth warning letters were issued during the month of May in relation to youths.

### 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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