

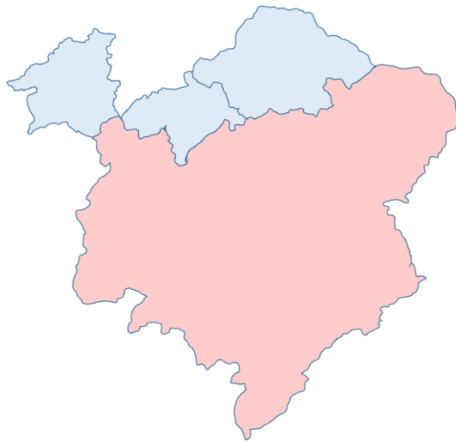
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Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Leaderdale and Melrose Community Councils
Multi Member Ward Report for January 2025



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 Crawford Laing

January has been a busy month for Police across the Borders with Storm Eowyn probably causing the busiest of days on Friday 24th. We responded to around 50 additional calls on this day with many fallen trees blocking roads, vehicles being blown over and damage being caused to some properties.

I spent the day at the SBC Emergency Control Room along with partner agencies where we were able to coordinate with each other to ensure speedy responses to weather related matters. Being able to speak directly with the Ambulance Service to advise of road closures affecting their crews is a very simple example of how this ‘all in one room’ arrangement benefits both Police and other agencies during these types of events.

Fortunately, the weather passed the Borders without resulting in serious injuries with the majority of people heeding the advice to stay safe at home.

Please see some links below which will take you to advice in relation to protecting homes and property-

[Your home - Police Scotland](#)

[Your valuables - Police Scotland](#)

[Protecting your bike - Police Scotland](#)

The Your Police Survey for 2024/25 is still open (closes 31/03/2025), the link below gives access. We value your input and would appreciate your time in completing the survey.

<https://consult.scotland.police.uk/strategy-insight-and-innovation/your-police-2024-2025/>

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 January 2025 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 212 mental health related calls, around 10 missing person enquiries and approximately 74 domestic related incidents.

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Leaderdale & Melrose had 31 mental health related calls and 2 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

Anti-Social Behaviour

On 03/01/2025 report of loud music from an address in Calfward Park, Lauder. Occupant warned, apologised and went to bed.

On 19/01/2025 report of youths throwing items at motor home in Gibson Park, Melrose. No damage to any caravans / motorhomes in area. Manager of site spoken to. No trace of any youths at this time.

Vandalism

On 08/01/2025 report of damage to a motor vehicle parked at the side of the road near Redpath Village. Crime report created.

On 27/01/2025 report of vandalism to Baird Butchers, Market Square, Melrose. Crime report submitted.

Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Theft by Housebreaking

On 12/01/2025 report of attempt housebreaking in Dundas Terrace, Melrose. Two males arrested and charged.

Theft

On 02/01/2025 report of theft shoplifting from Tweedbank Filling Station. Two females identified and charged.

On 02/01/2025 report of theft shoplifting from the CO-OP, High Street, Melrose Crime report submitted. Male charged.

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On 07/01/2025 report of a theft from a premises in Market Square, Melrose. Crime report submitted. Male charged.

On 20/01/2025 report of a theft from co-op in Melrose. Crime report created. Female charged.

Improving Road Safety

On 22/01/2025 – driver arrested and charged with drink driving near to Lauder.

On 25/01/2025 – a driver was issued a fine and penalty points for careless/inconsiderate driving in Lauder

On 25/01/2025 – a driver was issued a fine for driving with no MOT in Melrose

Killed or Seriously Injured



Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

Campaigns

Fraud

January saw a national campaign throughout Police Scotland focusing on Fraud. Online sales and romance frauds and the links they have to gift card Scams.

A comprehensive list of the main fraud types can be accessed on the Police Scotland website at

www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/advice-for-victims-of-crime/fraud/main-electronic-fraud-types

Scams

Victims of Phone / Internet / Doorstep Scams continue to be provided with an incident follow-up information pack containing advice intended to prevent repeat victimisation. This pack now includes a copy of the latest “Little Book of Big Scams” which covers a huge variety of common scams. [Little Book of Big Scams – Cyber Scotland](#)

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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

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.