

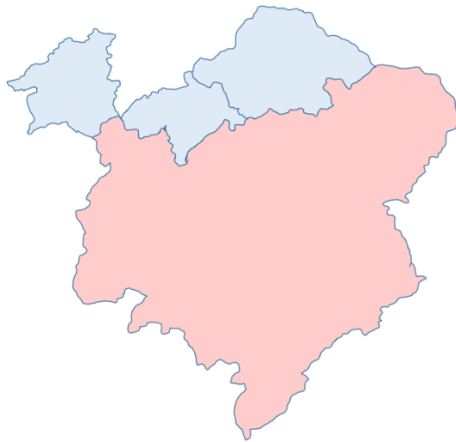
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Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Leaderdale and Melrose Community Councils
Multi Member Ward Report for April 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.

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North Area Community Policing News – PS Crawford Laing

Local Events

Event season is upon us with Common Ridings, Rugby Sevens Tournaments and The Jim Clark Rally being some of the main events that local Police will be involved in over the coming months. Whilst I have been involved in many events across the country during my time in the Police, I have never had so many in my calendar as I have for this year. It is generally one of the more enjoyable aspects of being a Police Officer and I am very much looking forward to being involved.

Bike Thefts

Unfortunately, we continue to have reports of bike thefts in the Borders. With high end bikes costing many thousands of pounds, it is an often quick and easy target for thieves. Whilst thefts occur mostly in Tweeddale, the wider Borders is not immune. As with all thefts, some simple security steps can make all the difference.

- Don't leave bikes unattended for any period of time.
- Don't leave bikes on roof or towbar racks.....especially overnight.
- Ask about security when booking accommodation. Do they have secure bike storage?
- Bike locks are a good deterrent however they should not be considered as entirely thief proof.
- If you offer accommodation as a business then speak to customers about how best to secure bikes when staying with you.

Doorstop Parcel Thefts

With the rise of online shopping many people in the Borders receive parcels on a weekly and sometimes daily basis. Most couriers will accept instruction in relation to delivering your parcel if nobody is at home. A parcel visible on a door-step is another easy target for thieves. Please always give instruction to leave with a trusted neighbour, deliver to a work or other address as an alternative to home or deliver on an alternative date rather than leave at your front door if nobody will be at home.

Attacks on Livestock

We have carried out patrols on Lauder Common and spoken with numerous dog walkers in relation to attacks on sheep. I have some additional signage ordered which will be displayed in car parks.

Melrose Primary School

A complaint was made in relation to ongoing issues with vehicles at the start and end of the school day at Melrose Primary School. Concern was raised for the safety of children due to inconsiderate parking. This issue has been given some attention and it is clear that the vast majority of drivers are adhering to the road markings. I would ask that those driving around all schools in the area refrain from parking on zig-zag lines and keep all crossings clear so that children can use them to safely cross the road.

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 2025 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 217 mental health related calls, around 23 missing person enquiries and approximately 109 domestic related incidents.

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 03/04/2025 report of continual barking by a neighbours four dogs in Cotgreen Road, Tweedbank. Redirected to SBC.

On 04/04/2025, 11/04/2025 & 18/04/2025 report of loud music coming from an address in Calfward Park, Lauder.

On 05/04/2025 report of neighbour issues in Jura Drive, Tweedbank. No criminality, advice given.

On 05/04/2025 report of an ongoing noisy party in Montgomerie Terrace, Gattonside. Music could not be heard on police arrival. Advice given.

On 06/04/2025, 12/04/2025 & 25/04/2024 reports of youths causing issues at Gibson Park, Melrose. Youths ran off when challenged on each occasion.

On 25/04/2025 report of female causing a disturbance at Dingleton Cottages, Melrose. On police arrival, the accused continued her antisocial behaviour and assaulted police. Conveyed to Hawick Police Station.

Vandalism

On 27/04/2025 report of graffiti spray painted onto a wall in High Street, Melrose. Crime report submitted for vandalism.

Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Theft by Housebreaking

Theft

On 13/04/2025 report of a theft of fuel from petrol station, Melrose Road, Earlstoun. Crime report for theft, enquiry ongoing.

On 28/04/2025 report of a theft of a mobile phone from the BGH, Melrose. Crime report for theft, enquiry ongoing.

On 28/04/2025 report of fraud (telephone scam) at Abbotsford Terrace, Melrose. Crime report submitted for fraud and enquiry ongoing.

Improving Road Safety

On 29th April 2025, reports of dangerous driving on the Langshaw Road into Lauder and also at Oxtoun. Vehicle stopped in early hours of following morning, male and female occupants were arrested and later charged with numerous driving offences.

Killed or Seriously Injured

Nil



Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

Serious and organised crime enforcement – April 2025

The Scottish Borders CID Proactive Unit executed 30 Drug & General Evidence Warrants during the month of April which resulted in the seizures of significant quantities of Class A and B controlled drugs. Fifteen persons were reported for drug related offences during the month.

The majority of these incidents were within Galashiels and Hawick.

Most of these warrants were in connection with one Serious and Organised Crime Group operating across the Scottish Borders.

Serious and organised crime impacts local communities across the Borders and anyone with information on criminal activity or people living outwith their means are asked to contact

Police Scotland on 101, report it at any Police Station or report it anonymously via the Crime Stoppers Charity.

Campaigns



MOTORCYCLE SAFETY CAMPAIGN

April is the start of Police Scotland's annual motorcycle safety campaign.

We are calling on road users to play their part in reducing motorcyclist deaths, after a new report showed there were 269 motorcycle deaths in a nine-year period.

Police Scotland released the findings as we launched a campaign asking drivers to be considerate of vulnerable road users, and for motorcyclists to take action against the risks.

Every year, March to September sees the highest number of motorcyclists killed or seriously injured.

Chief Superintendent Hilary Sloan, head of Road Policing, said:

"Motorcyclists are one of the most vulnerable road users. Cornering left hand bends and overtaking are the most common collision types. If you are speaking to bikers in your community, highlight these risks and talk about motorcycle safety.

"For other drivers, you are more likely to see a motorcyclist on the road from now until autumn so take an extra look for them, especially in rural areas on a weekend.

"Losing control of your bike or failing to look properly can happen in a split second.

"We are running Rider Refinement classes with a road safety charity and doing targeted patrols, speaking with all road users. But we need your help to change behaviours."

Engagement and enforcement activity will happen throughout the spring and summer months using both marked and unmarked police vehicles.

Feedback from a meeting/contacting your Community Policing Team

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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:

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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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