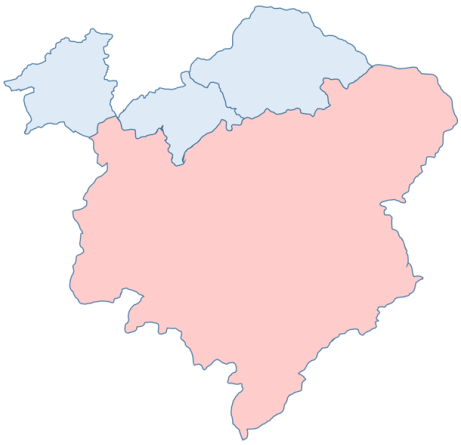
Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Selkirkshire Community Councils
Multi Member Ward Report for October 2022

(1st – 31st October 2022)



The information provided within this report, is predominately based on the Selkirkshire 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.

Community Sergeant Update

PS Corrinne Bird

The coming week shall see the commencement of Operation Torsion. This is the divisional response to the new legislation surrounding the sale and supply of Fireworks, and to deter any related anti-social behaviour issues. Visits shall be carried out to premises licensed for storage, in conjunction with Trading Standards, as well as mobile and foot patrols to engage with young people and the wider community, identifying any areas of concern.

Two new offences come into effect from 10 October 2022. The Act includes an offence, which prohibits the supply of fireworks and other pyrotechnic articles to children, namely:

Section 21 - It is an offence to (a) knowingly buy or attempt to buy a firework or pyrotechnic article for a person under the age of 18, (b) give or otherwise make available a firework or other pyrotechnic article to a person under the age of 18.

Police Scotland have also been supporting the “That Guy” campaign – encouraging males to challenge one another on inappropriate language and actions in an effort to stop sexual offending before it may take place. Community Officers attended local colleges this month to provide further information to young adults on the campaign. Join the conversation at www.that-guy.co.uk

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.

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 October 2022 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 116 mental health related calls, around 27 missing person enquiries and approximately 65 domestic related incidents.

Selkirkshire had 11 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.

Reducing Violence and Anti-Social Behaviour

Assaults

Anti-Social Behaviour

On 01/10/2022 report of a disturbance at Clifton Road. Report of an ongoing party. Officers attended, nothing ongoing. Three males overexcited at fighting on television.

On 01/10/2022 report of a road traffic offence at Murray Place. Vehicle and driver traced after anonymous report. Conditional offer issued for no driving licence.

On 04/10/2022 youths are believed to be throwing apples at a property on Forest Road, youths have not been identified. Advice given.

On 06/10/2022 report of a vehicle being damaged in the area of Synton, no CCTV available. Enquiries continuing.

On 14/10/2022 report of a road traffic offence at Hillside Terrace. Conditional offer for no MOT issued.

On 22/10/2022 report of a door being kicked at Scotts Place. For further engagement.

On 22/10/2022 report of a disturbance at Park Avenue, Newtown St. Boswells. Officers attended, no persons at locus on police arrival, appears to have been a groups of youths knocking at door. Suitable advice given and mobile patrols to be carried out in area.

On 25/10/2022 report of a road traffic offence at Balnagowan Road. Vehicle parked in a disabled bay. Officers attended and ticketed vehicle owner. Community Action Team also made aware.

On 26/10/2022 report of a disturbance at Sentry Knowe. Officers attended and spoke with child causing disturbance within family home. Relevant paperwork submitted.

Vandalism

On 08/10/2022 reports of a property on Muthag Street having brick thrown at a window which had broken the outer glass panel of a double glazed unit. Door to door carried out with negative result. Relevant paperwork submitted for vandalism.

On 10/10/2022 report of damage to a vehicle at South Bridge Street. Informant also reported previous damage to a caravan in same yard which was broken into and items stolen. Enquiries ongoing.

On 25/10/2022 report of damage to a garage door at Murray Place. Council also made aware and enquiries continuing.

On 29/10/2022 report of damage to tyres of vehicle at Mill Street. Enquiries continuing.

On 30/10/2022 report of a glued lock at a property in Bannerfield Drive. Lock replaced by council joiners. For further enquiry.

Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Theft by Housebreaking

On 08/10/2022 reports of a shed being broken into at a property on Viewfield Park and 2 x high value mountain bikes being stolen. The owners of the property had been away on holiday and returned to find the bikes gone. Enquiries are ongoing.

On 13/10/2022 report of an attempted break in at The Waterwheel Café, Philiphaugh. Damage to the side door. Statements noted and door to door negative, CCTV showed nothing of note. No further enquiry at this time.

Theft

On 06/10/2022 report of theft of goods from Co-op, High Street by a male who had been identified, enquiries ongoing.

On 12/10/2022 report of theft of a junior mountain bike to the value of £400 from Muthag Court. Enquiries continuing.

On 13/10/2022 report of theft and fraudulent use of a bank card at Beechbank. CCTV of youths using the card and suspects have been identified. Enquiries continuing.

On 14/10/2022 report of theft of bike from Ettrick Terrace. Further enquiries to be made with reporter of theft and appointment made and agreed.

On 24/10/2022 report of theft of medication from Springfield Terrace, St Boswells. Enquiries continuing.

Robbery

Improving Road Safety

On 01/10/22 – a driver was issued penalty points and a fine for driving with a provisional licence in Selkirk.

On 08/10/2022 – a driver was issued penalty points and a fine for speeding in Synton.

On 10/10/22 – a driver was issued penalty points and a fine for speeding in Synton.

On 14/10/22 – a driver was issued a fine for having no MOT in Selkirk.

On 21/10/22 – a driver was issued penalty points and a fine for careless/inconsiderate driving in Newtown St. Boswells.

On 25/10/2022 – vehicle stopped on Hillside Terrace and driver issued with a HORT/1 for no insurance.

Killed or Seriously Injured

Campaigns

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.

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/

CAT Update:

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR
After a period with few calls relating to youth disorder, the Galashiels Interchange has experienced a rise in reported incidents. SBCAT and local officers have now increased passing attention, with a number of warning letters being sent to parents of children being identified. We will continue to address any reported issues and support the work being carried out by local CPT and TD7. Bonfire night is approaching and there is likely to be an increase in calls relating to fireworks. Please can I encourage members of the public to report any incidents of youths being supplied fireworks to police or anonymously via Crimestoppers. So far SBCAT have obtained 35 fireworks through information provided by members of the public.

PARKING
We have carried out parking initiatives in Selkirk and Peebles this month with 12 parking tickets issued. Can I take this opportunity to remind people that a single yellow line has the same restrictions as double yellow lines between certain hours.

DRUG ENFORCEMENT
During October SBCAT carried out four search warrants in Hawick, Eyemouth and Kelso. At one address a cannabis cultivation was recovered, and at another a supply amount of herbal cannabis was also found.

ROAD SAFETY
SBCAT have issued the following road traffic tickets this month; 1 x Careless Driving, 2 x No Insurance (with both vehicles being seized), 1 x Antisocial Driving Warning, and 6 other various traffic tickets (e.g. no MOT). We are also continuing to carry out static road checks in rural areas to deter and detect acquisitive crime.

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:

SelkirkshireCPT@scotland. 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.