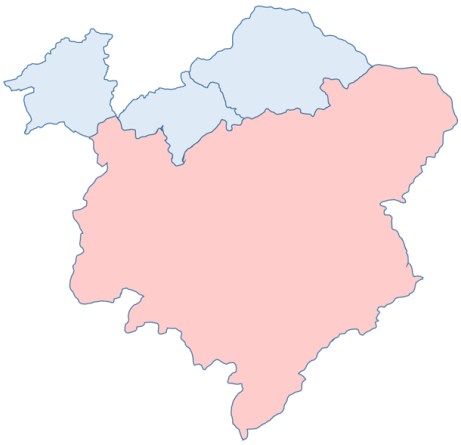
Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Selkirkshire Community Councils
Multi Member Ward Report for November 2022

(1st – 30th November 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 Policing News – Selkirkshire

Following on from the work carried out by Community Policing through Operation Torsion, as described in October's report, by visiting premises, checking licences and carrying out mobile and foot patrols in relation to the use of fireworks and any associated anti-social behaviour, I am pleased to report there were no incidents of such behaviour in Selkirkshire that were reported to the police.

Looking forward, Community Policing will begin to work on Operation Jardinière, the aim being to offer support and guidance to those living, working and visiting our rural communities and providing a focus on preventing and raising awareness of rural crime. This will be carried out by engagement, social media messaging and local events. Please refer to the Scottish Borders Police Facebook page for further information.

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 November 2022 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 158 mental health related calls, around 39 missing person enquiries and approximately 67 domestic related incidents.

Selkirkshire had 18 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 19/11/2022 report of youths throwing eggs at the windows of a property on High Street, Selkirk area searched no trace of youths.

On 21/11/2022 report of transphobic stickers being placed on street furniture in Selkirk. Enquiries continuing.

On 27/11/2022 report of youths on roof of Selkirk High School. Officers attended, area searched with no trace.

Vandalism

On 02/11/2022 report of damage to a vehicle tyre at Chapel Street. Enquiries ongoing.

Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Theft by Housebreaking

On 30/11/2022 report of an attempted housebreak in Shawburn Road. Enquiries continue.

Theft

On 08/11/2022 report of theft of an outboard motor from a locked boat shed at St Mary's Loch. Enquiries ongoing.

On 09/11/2022 report of theft of fuel from Hillside Filling Station, Hillside Terrace. Enquiries continuing.

Improving Road Safety

On 06/11/2022 report of a road traffic offence, careless driving at Linglie Road. Driver given a fixed penalty ticket.

On 09/11/2022 report of a road traffic offence, no insurance on B6398 Newtown St Boswells. Driver cautioned and charged and relevant paperwork submitted.

On 16/11/2022 report of a road traffic offence, no insurance at Hillside Terrace. Male cautioned and charged and issued with a conditional offer.

On 18/11/2022 – a driver was issued a fine for driving with no MOT in Selkirk.

On 24/11/2022 - a driver was issued a fine for driving with no MOT in Selkirk.

On 29/11/2022 – a driver was issued a fine for driving with no MOT in Ashkirk.

Killed or Seriously Injured

On Saturday 26/11/2022 at A7, between Galashiels and Selkirk, a road accident occurred whereby a 90 year old male and a 79 year old female were fatally injured.

Campaigns

Festive Drink / Drug Drive Campaign 2022

This campaign will run from 1st December to 2nd 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.

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:

ROAD SAFETY, RURAL ACQUISITIVE CRIME

Officers from SBCAT again joined with officers from Northumbria police, Dumfries & Galloway and Roads Policing officers in November to carry out a second Op Checkpoint, the overnight initiative to tackle rural crime by conducting a series of checkpoints along the English / Scottish border. Officer from SBCAT will continue to support such initiatives in the future, and endeavour to tackle rural crime wherever possible.

DRUG ENFORCEMENT

SBCAT have assisted with the execution of six drugs warrants in Galashiels and Hawick during November. During these over £5000 cash has been recovered, along with cannabis, heroin and diazepam.

IMPROVING ROAD SAFETY

Throughout November SBCAT have been out conducting static road checks for the Winter Safety Campaign, checking vehicles and in particular tyre tread depth. Advice was given to a number of drivers. We were also involved in a vehicle pursuit after which the driver was charged with a number of offences including drink driving. Parking issues in Berwickshire have also been addressed.

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

SBCAT have carried out high visibility patrols in identified youth hotspots in Peebles, Galashiels and Hawick. We are working with our counterparts in Community Policing to address any identified antisocial behaviour issues. We were also deployed over the bonfire night weekend to address any reports of ASB.

REMEMBERANCE SUNDAY

SBCAT assisted colleagues in ensuring that Remembrance Sunday passed safely and without incident, with SBCAT Sgt PS Harrison laying the wreath on behalf of Police Scotland at the Galashiels service.

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.