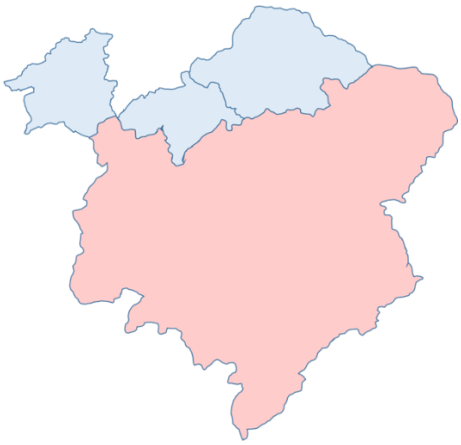
Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Selkirkshire Community Councils
Multi Member Ward Report for January 2025 (26/1)



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.

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 12 missing person enquiries and approximately 74 domestic related incidents.

Selkirkshire had 4 mental health related calls and no 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

On 18/01/2025 report of youth assaulted by another youth. Bowden road, Newtown St Boswells. Traced and reported to Youth Offending.

On 28/01/2025 report of assault on Bridge Street, Selkirk. Crime report submitted.

Anti-Social Behaviour

On 10/01/2025 report of male kicking front door. Dickson Drive, Newtown St Boswells.

On 16/01/2025 elderly resident heard loud banging at her door. Ettrickhaugh Road, Selkirk. Advice given – no crime.

18/01/2025 report of youths kicking doors and throwing items at properties at Sergeants Park, Newtown St Boswells. No damage.

19/01/2025 report of youths kicking doors at Sprouston road, Newtown St Boswells. No damage.

On 21/01/2025 report of youths on roof at Tower Street, Selkirk. Youths left prior to police arrival.

On 21/01/2025 report of door being kicked at Park Crescent, Newtown St Boswells. No damage.

On 31/01/2025 report of intoxicated male urinating at Bannerfield Drive, Selkirk. Culprit identified, charged and reported for offence.

Vandalism

On 11/01/2025 report of windows smashed in property. Gaitschaw Lane, Selkirk. Crime report submitted.

On 14/01/2025 report of vehicle damaged at Kilncroft, Selkirk. Crime report submitted.

On 21/01/2025 report of 2 males kicking front door causing damage to the lock. Park Avenue, Newtown St Boswells. Crime report submitted.

Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Theft by Housebreaking

On 07/01/2025 report of attempted housebreaking. Door glass smashed and handle damaged but no entry gained to property. Clifton Road, Selkirk. Enquiries ongoing.

On 09/01/2025 report of attempted housebreaking. Hillside Terrace, Selkirk. Male arrested & charged.

Theft

On 02/01/2025 report of theft of tools from insecure van at Victoria Crescent, Selkirk. Crime report submitted.

On 20/01/2025 report of attempt theft of an Excavator near to Ashkirk. Crime report created.

On 21/01/2025 report of theft from a doorstep at Kirk Wynd, Selkirk. Crime report created.

On 25/01/2025 report of youths stealing eggs from Co-op, Newtown St Boswells. Crime report submitted.

Four reports of theft by shoplifting from Co-op, Selkirk during January. Culprit for one has been charged and reported and enquiry ongoing in relation to the others.

Improving Road Safety

On 17/01/2025 a vehicle was seized by Police having been seen being driven at Hillside Terrace Selkirk without valid insurance.

On 29/01/2025 a driver was charged with failing to stop at an accident and having no insurance following an earlier incident at Kilncroft, Selkirk.

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

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.