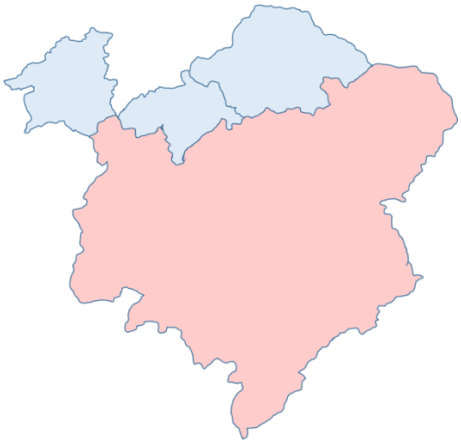
Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Selkirkshire Community Councils
Multi Member Ward Report for May 2024

(1st May 2024 – 31st May 2024)



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 James Harrison

Community Policing is very much centred around working with young people and children, and assisting organisations that promote positive values and role models.

TD1 Youth Hub, a youth work organisation based in Galashiels, recently held its Annual General Meeting (AGM), where they celebrated the accomplishments of young people in the community.

This year saw the presentation of the inaugural PC Sean Wright Memorial Award by Chief Inspector Fletcher. Three outstanding young people, Reece Wyllie, Jessica Little, and Ethan Painter, were nominated for the award. All three demonstrated the qualities embodied by the award, but Ethan Painter was ultimately chosen as the first recipient.

The above image shows School Link Officer PC Harper at the Earlston Primary School Careers event. During the event, pupils had the opportunity to learn about local and national organisations; while being given the opportunity to complete tasks and ask questions from the staff in attendance.

We hope to develop and maintain strong links with our Schools and Youth Hubs throughout the North Community Policing Area of the Scottish Borders, and to provide guidance and advice where necessary. By developing our presence within schools we intend to positively influence the behaviour of young people out with the School.

The below link gives access to the latest Police document for the Scrutiny Panel for the Police, Fire and Rescue and Safer Communities Board, which sits every quarter at Scottish Borders Council.

Item No. 5 a - Scottish Borders Scrutiny April - Sept.pdf (moderngov.co.uk)

Once you click into this link, please scroll down to read the full report. It provides progress and updates on service matters from Police Scotland and contains an input from Local Area Commander, Chief Inspector Stuart Fletcher.

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 May 2024 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 236 mental health related calls, around 20 missing person enquiries and approximately 100 domestic related incidents.

Selkirkshire had 16 mental health related calls and 0 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 03/05/2024 report of male being assaulted by three males. Bobby Johnstone Green, Selkirk. Enquiries ongoing.

Anti-Social Behaviour

On 01/05/2024 report of naked male walking his dog. Bowhill Estate, Selkirk. Male not traced.

On 20/05/2024 report of persons riding electric scooters on footpath. Roberts Avenue, Selkirk. Nothing ongoing.

Vandalism

On 03/05/2024 report of fire started deliberately. Level Crossing Road, Selkirk. Enquiries ongoing.

On 06/05/2024 report of damage to rear windscreen of car. Murray Place, Selkirk. Enquiries ongoing.

On 14/05/2024 report of male smashing windows of property. Thornfield Avenue, Selkirk. Enquiries ongoing.

On 15/05/2024 report of window smashed in property. Ettrick Terrace, Selkirk. On speaking to owner of property he now believes it has been a fault with the window, not deliberately smashed.

On 15/05/2024 report of damage to vehicle. Linglie Road, Selkirk. Enquiries ongoing.

On 20/05/2024 report of car jack thrown through front window of property. Elm Row, Selkirk. Enquiries ongoing.

On 23/05/2024 report of stone being thrown at window causing damage. Dickson Drive, Newtown St Boswells. Male arrested and charged with vandalism.

Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Theft by Housebreaking

On 04/05/2024 report of housebreaking, handbag & vehicle stolen. Hillside Terrace, Selkirk. Vehicle subsequently recovered, enquiries ongoing.

Theft

On 01/05/2024 report of shoplifting. Co-op, Selkirk. Enquiries ongoing.

On 12/05/2024 report of shoplifting. Co-op, Selkirk. Enquiries ongoing.

On 15/05/2024 report of shoplifting. Co-op, Selkirk. Enquiries ongoing.

On 17/05/2024 report of vehicle stolen from driveway. Hillview Crescent, Selkirk. Enquiries ongoing.

On 21/05/2024 report of shoplifting. Co-op, Selkirk. Enquiries ongoing.

On 22/05/2024 report of theft of ladders from back garden. Back Row, Selkirk. Enquiries ongoing.

On 24/05/2024 report of shoplifting. Co-op, Selkirk. Enquiries ongoing.

Improving Road Safety

Selkirkshire Community Beat Officer PC Murray carrying out a handheld speed gun check over May Bank holiday weekend.

On 01/05/2024 – a driver was issued a fine for driving with no MOT in Selkirk

On 02/05/2024 – a driver was issued a fine and penalty points for speeding in Selkirk

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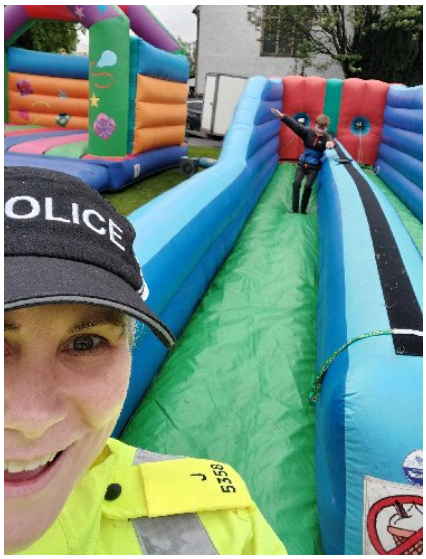
On 18/05/2024 – a driver was issued a fine and penalty points for driving with no insurance in Selkirk

Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

The Scottish Borders CID Proactive Unit executed 4 Drug Warrants across the command area during May. This included 2 large Cannabis Cultivations, a quantity of Class A drugs and cash being seized. 4 persons were arrested and charged with drug offences in regards to these warrants.

Serious and organised crime impacts local communities across the Borders and anyone with information on criminal activity are asked to contact Police Scotland on 101, report it at any Police Station or report it anonymously via the Crime Stoppers Charity. This information can be on any criminal matter but includes an individuals unexplained financial gain or wealth or persons who are vulernable in our communities and being targeted or exploited by others for any reason.

Campaigns



Tweeddale Community Officer PC Carsley at the Caregiver's Connected Fun Day at West Linton. Caregiver's Connected is a support group for parents / caregivers of children with neurodiverse needs in any form.

Keep Safe Initiative

Primarily aimed at disabled members of the community helping to tackle disability hate crime, Keep Safe is a national network of over 800 safe places (including shops, libraries, pubs etc.) for anyone who may feel lost, scared or vulnerable when out in the community. About Keep Safe (iammescotland.co.uk)

All Scottish Borders Co-ops have signed up to the scheme with staff training, business packs and store signage being provided.

Rural

Scottish Borders Partnership against Rural Crime (SBPARC) the partnership continues to meet regularly to address local priority rural crime throughout the year.

SBPARC
SCOTTISH BORDERS PARTNERSHIP AGAINST RURAL CRIME

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Home Page - Scottish Borders Alert (sbalert.co.uk)

CAT Update:

ROAD SAFETY – SBCAT have continued carrying out road checks in numerous locations in the Scottish Borders and have issued 9 traffic tickets for various offences throughout the month.

Throughout May numerous hi- vis speed and static road checks along with foot patrols have been carried out at schools throughout the Scottish Borders at dropping off and picking up times. Including primary schools in Stow, Selkirk and Earlston

On 1st May SBCAT with took park in Operation Checkpoint on the A7 and the A1. This was in partnerships with Police in the North of England doing similar checks. The SBCAT issued 6 traffic tickets and give 8 warnings for speeding and vehicle condition.

On 18th May, during checks of young drivers under Tesco's in Galashiels one was found to not have vehicle insurance and was charged and reported. Another was searched and found to be in possession of cannabis.

PARKING TICKETS – Officers have been carrying out high visibility across the Borders and addressing parking concerns there. Advice has been given to drivers and 24 tickets have been issued.

Passing attention was given to The War Memorial in Coldstream, Galashiels Town Centre and Bridge Street in Kelso were also regularly checked by officers along with Duns Industrial Estate (no issues)

We still have a lack of parking ticket books, but new books have been sourced and are expected to arrive in early June.

RURAL ACQUISITIVE CRIME – We continue to carry out static road checks in rural areas at all times of day to deter and detect rural acquisitive crime. 13 static checks were carried out throughout the Scottish Borders this month along with numerous hi-visibility patrols of rural areas.

At Monynut vehicle patrols were completed on weekends with nothing to report.

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – High visibility patrols have continued in targeted areas of the Scottish Borders to address concerns highlighted at these locations.

Similar high visibility foot patrols are being completed across the Borders with a focus on, Burnfoot and Mansfield in Hawick following reports of Off Road motorcycles being used and general ASB. Following previous issues at the abandoned Teviot Windows building in Hawick, the SBCAT got the building resecured. The building remains secure and youths are no longer congregating there. Foot patrols are being completed at Jedburgh Sheriff Court on court days due to previous reported issues with members of the public. Innerleithen and Peebles have also been give a lot of attention. Lots of youth engagement but no real issues identified.

No youth warning letters were issued during the month of May in relation to youths.

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.

Special Constables – Recruiting

With a long and impressive history, the Special Constabulary is a part-time, volunteer body consisting of voluntary officers with identical powers to that of police officers. As a special constable, you'll work alongside our police officers in your spare time – forging strong partnerships in the community, patrolling our streets, preventing crime,

and interacting with all kinds of people to give back, keep your local community safe and make a real difference.
You can work full time and be a Special Constable in just 96 hours per year or a few hours a week. The role is diverse, demanding, and rewarding. You could be doing anything from policing a football match to assisting at a road accident. Special constables also police major sporting and public events and provide an excellent bridge between the Police Service and the public, representing both the community within the police service and the police service within local communities.
Special Constables can act as a positive force for change - bringing with them an extensive pool of skills, talents, experience, local knowledge, and diverse backgrounds - as well as enhancing the overall level of service provided by the police. So, whatever your walk of life, step forward now and find out how being a police volunteer could be the perfect fit to suit your lifestyle.

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