

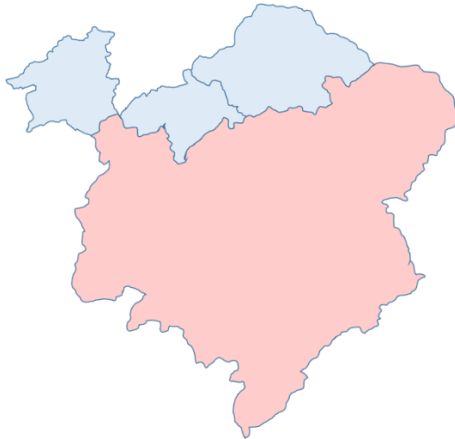
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Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

East Berwickshire Community Councils
Multi Member Ward Report for October 2024 (31/10)



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

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Community Update – East Berwickshire – PS Ali Granger

School Link Officer, PC Cameron has visited primary schools within Berwickshire in October, handing out Junior Road Safety Officer (JRSO's) materials and discussing joint plans for remainder of the school year. Working with the JRSO's is a great way of getting the message across to motorists to keep their speed down and park responsibly – not just near our schools but across the Scottish Borders.

He has also attended sports clubs at both Eyemouth and Berwickshire High, encouraging engagement with young people. PC Cameron also deals with all child protection or criminality issues raised within the schools and often works alongside our colleagues in the Public Protection Unit.



PC Cameron's Visit to Eyemouth Primary School.

After a fireraising in Coldingham which caused concern to local residents, Community Officer, PC Jacobs has carried out follow up community reassurance work. She has also been working closely with Scottish Borders Council Antisocial Behaviour Unit to tackle several antisocial behaviour cases in the East Berwickshire area. On 8th October she attended the Squirrels, Cubs and Scouts, giving them the chance to find out about her work within the community. PC Jacobs has also been providing support to response officers throughout October including attending vehicle collisions, reports of concern for persons, bogus workmen and fraud.

Please follow this advice, should you have concerns about doorstep crime.

Doorstep Crime Advice

It's never easy to spot a bogus caller. Anyone can be a victim of household scams, but two words that will help us beat doorstep crime are simply "no thanks."

Doorstep Checklist

If in doubt; keep them out

LOCK, STOP, CHAIN and CHECK

LOCK - Keep front and back doors locked

STOP - Don't open the door until you have checked through a viewer or window to see who is there

CHAIN - Use a door chain or bar

CHECK - Only let callers in if they have an appointment and you have confirmed they are genuine.

Always ask for ID

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Call the published number from the internet or phone directory for their company or service to check if they are legitimate. Do not use a telephone number provided by the caller. Remember to be on your guard if requested for personal or financial information over the phone or online, and be wary of mail scams (if it looks too good to be true, it probably is). Scammers can appear incredibly legitimate no matter what approach they use.

Call 101 to report any suspicious activity. If you feel scared or threatened call 999 and ask for the police.

Please see our partner sites for further information, help and advice

- For free message alerts from key information providers regarding incidents and crime prevention in your area, go to [Neighbourhood Watch Scotland](#)
- Get to know some of the most common fraud techniques in [The Little Book of Big Scams](#)
- Want advice on your consumer rights? Go to your local [Citizens Advice Scotland](#) or call the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on 0345 404 0506. They also have helpful information on [Spotting a Scam](#), [Reporting a Scam](#), and [Common Scams](#)
- Are you a victim or witness to a crime looking for free, confidential support? Call Victim Support on 0800 160 1985 [Contact us - Victim Support](#)
- To report a matter to [Trading Standards](#) call 0345 404 0506
- Report scammers and fraudsters **ANONYMOUSLY** at [Crimestoppers](#)
- Care and Repair Scotland offers help and advice on assisting the aged and disabled to feel safe and secure in their homes
- For safety advice and to request a free fire safety visit [Scottish Fire and Rescue Service](#)
- The [Telephone Preference Service](#) can help cut out unwanted sales, spam and scam phone calls.

Please encourage as many members of the community as possible to complete the 'Your Police Survey' for 2024/25, 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/>

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 twice per year at Scottish Borders Council.

[Item No. 5 a - Scottish Borders Scrutiny Oct-Mar.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 as presented by the Local Area Commander CI Stuart Fletcher.

Local Policing Priorities

1. Protecting Vulnerable People in a Physical & Digital World
2. Reducing violence and Anti-Social Behaviour
3. Reducing acquisitive crime
4. Improving road safety
5. Tackling serious and organised crime

Protecting Vulnerable People in a Physical & Digital World



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In October 2024 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 207 mental health related calls, around 18 missing person enquiries and approximately 91 domestic related incidents.

East Berwickshire had 23 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

On 19/10/24 report of a male having been assaulted in Pocklaw Slap, Eyemouth and a further disturbance having taken place in Dulse Craig, Eyemouth. One male arrested and charged with threatening and abusive behaviour, vandalism and assault.

On 19/10/24 report of a male having been assaulted within The Drift Inn, Coldingham Holiday Park. Enquiries ongoing.

On 24/10/24 report of a male being assaulted within a field in Coldingham. Ethical Crime Report submitted.

On 26/10/24 report of an altercation in East End North, Chirnside resulting in one female assaulting another. One female issued with a Recorded Police Warning for assault.

Anti-Social Behaviour

On 02/10/2024 report of male urinating in public car park at Coldingham Beach. No description provided, no lines of enquiry to follow.

On 12/10/24 report of youths riding dirt bikes without helmets and mounting the pavements around the car park at Reston Railway Station. No officers were free to attend, no further calls.

On 13/10/24 report of off-road motorcycles being ridden in the woodland area at Crichness Farm, Duns. It was causing upset to livestock while the caller was moving them on. Area searched, no trace of bikes.

On 13/10/24 report of male setting off fireworks near to the harbour wall in Eyemouth. Officers attended, advice given.

On 14/10/24 report of male shouting, swearing and making gestures to in Crofts Road, Co'path. One male issued with a Recorded Police Warning for threatening and abusive behaviour.

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On 15/10/24 report of a male acting aggressively, shouting and swearing at other patrons within The Cutty Sark, Eyemouth. One male escorted from the pub and issued with a Recorded Police Warning for threatening and abusive behaviour.

On 26/10/24 report of a disturbance in Dulse Craig, Eyemouth male shouting and acting in a threatening and abusive manner. One male issued with a Recorded Police Warning.

On 26/10/24 report of a verbal altercation having taken place between two males in Hay Terrace, Co'path. Ethical Crime Report submitted.

Vandalism/vehicle damage

On 18/10/24 report of the offside wing mirror of a motor vehicle having been damaged whilst it was parked on the roadway in Killies Green, Eyemouth. Enquiry complete.

Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Theft by Housebreaking

Theft

On 05/10/2024 report of business premises broken into, items taken and damage caused to quad bike and buildings. Quarry Farm, Lamberton. Enquiries complete.

On 07/10/2024 report of theft of 30 lobster pots from the coast around St Abbs. Enquiries complete.

On 21/10/24 report of male theft shoplifting within the Co-Op, High Street, Eyemouth. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

On 26/10/24 report of a male entering a property in Bennison Square, Eyemouth. Enquiries ongoing.

On 27/10/24 report of female theft shoplifting within the Co-Op, High Street, Eyemouth. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

On 28/10/24 report of male theft shoplifting within the Co-Op, High Street, Eyemouth. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

Improving Road Safety

On 05/10/2024 – a driver was issued a fine for driving with no MOT in Eyemouth.

On 07/10/2024 – a driver was issued a fine and penalty points for careless/inconsiderate driving in Grantshouse.

On 18/10/24 officers observed a female who they were aware was a disqualified driver driving a motor vehicle in East End, Chirnside. Female charged with driving offences (no insurance/MOT/disqualified driver/taking vehicle without owners consent).

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On 26/10/2024 – a driver was issued a fine and penalty points for careless/inconsiderate driving in Chirnside.

On 27/10/2024 – a driver was issued a fine for registration mark (size, shape, or character of letters etc) in Eyemouth.



Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

Serious and organised crime enforcement – September 2024

The Scottish Borders CID Proactive Unit executed 6 Drug Warrants across the command area during September, all except one were positive and a variety of MDA charges were proffered against 5 persons. Heroin, cocaine, benzodiazepines and cannabis were all recovered during these searches in addition to large sums of cash and suspected stolen property.

They also assisted other CID departments in the area with stolen property warrants for housebreakings across the Scottish Borders.

They would like to re-enforce the message to all wards that any drug related crime or organised criminality in the Scottish Borders can be anonymously reported via CrimeStoppers, who are an independent charity not connected to the Police. The public can of course still use 101 for this purpose too.

Serious and organised crime enforcement – October 2024

The Scottish Borders CID Proactive Unit executed 4 Drug Warrants across the command area during October, four were positive and 4 persons were charged with drug related offences. A number of stop and searches were also conducted in identified hotspot area where drugs misuse was prevalent across the Scottish Borders.

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 vulnerable in our communities and being targeted or exploited by others for any reason.

Campaigns

Hate Crime Awareness Week – 12th to 19th October

Hate Crime in all its forms is unacceptable and that is why Police Scotland is raising awareness of the impact hate crime has on officers and staff and, in turn, the communities they serve.

We have a duty and an opportunity to lead change to improve the experiences of our communities, including our officers and staff. Discrimination of any kind is utterly deplorable and unacceptable. It has no place in society and no place in policing.

Black History Month 2024

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Police Scotland has teamed up with our friends and colleagues at SEMPER Scotland (Supporting Ethnic Minority Police employees for Equality in Race) to celebrate Black History Month.

For Police Scotland, Black History Month is a chance to celebrate the enormous value and contribution Black and Minority Ethnic citizens bring to communities of geography and interests across Scotland and to policing in Scotland.

This year Police Scotland and SEMPER continue to celebrate Black History month under the banner of Proud to Be, sharing contributions from our colleagues across a series of events on their achievements, pride in their culture and what the month means to them personally and as police officers and staff.

Black History Month is a celebration, but it is also an opportunity to highlight the action Police Scotland and the SPA is taking, and the further work required, to drive an anti-racist, anti-discriminatory agenda, as we seek to address complex and insidious wrongs which have deep roots through history and which persist today.

Policing Together is driving an anti-racist agenda to identify and eliminate the biases in practices and policies and to build a better service.

We are actively listening to under-represented communities, inside policing and across Scotland, to understand how we can better serve them.

Police Scotland is committed to increasing knowledge and learning on inclusion and has given every police leader the skills and tools they need to build effective and inclusive teams.

The success of this action will be measured by the improved experiences of our officers and staff, and of all the communities we serve.

CAT Update:

ROAD SAFETY – SBCAT have continued carrying out road checks in numerous locations in the Scottish Borders and have dealt with 11 traffic offences this month.

SBCAT stopped a car in Galashiels which they recognised as having recently driven off without paying for fuel. Following checks they established that the car had no insurance and the vehicle was seized. The driver was charged with driving with no insurance and theft of fuel.

In late October SBCAT became aware of a vehicle driving erratically in Jedburgh. Upon speaking to the driver he failed the drug swipe test and was arrested for drug driving. Samples will be sent away for analysis prior to a report being submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

Speed checks have been completed in several towns near to schools along with villages including, Chirnside Coldingham and Ayton.

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PARKING TICKETS – Officers have been carrying out high visibility enforcement across the Borders and addressing parking concerns there. Advice has been given to drivers and 50 tickets have been issued.

Passing attention was given to Galashiels, Selkirk, Hawick, Kelso, Duns and Peebles.

RURAL ACQUISITIVE CRIME – We carry out high visibility mobile patrols across rural areas at varying times while completing static road checks. A total of 24 static road checks were completed during October

On the afternoon of Sunday 27th of October, 4 CAT officers were deployed to Monynut, with 2 officers on quadbikes and 2 more in a 4x4 vehicle. Off road motorbikes were seen but they made off from police, further checks appeared to show that they had left the area.

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – High visibility patrols have continued in targeted areas of the Scottish Borders to address concerns highlighted as per our taskings. This includes outside Jedburgh Sheriff Court on Monday court days.

Considerable attention has been given across Burnfoot, especially around the shops and the primary school. There are still ongoing issues with off road motorcycles and youth ASB. Extra Community and CAT patrols will continue

PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE – Part of the SBCAT role is to trace persons wanted on warrant/missing person/and bail curfew checks. The SBCAT has also assisted with high-risk domestic enquiry packs and have traced one male wanted for domestic offences this month.

On Halloween the CAT were out conducting youth patrols as part of Operation Torsion. They attended Newtown St Boswells for a ASB youth call. Following enquiries they established that a teenage girl had been assaulted. A male has been charged with a minor assault.

DRUG ENFORCEMENT – On the 18th October the SBCAT and Proactive Crime Team (PCT) executed a drugs search warrant in Selkirk. 30g of white powder was seized which will be sent for analysis alongside some controlled tablets.

On 30th October the SBCAT assisted the PCT with executing a drugs search warrant in Galashiels. Some weapons were recovered but no drugs.

OTHER ISSUES OF NOTE-

On the 11th of November PC Bernard Hennessey is leaving the SBCAT to go to the CID. On the same date PC Connor Flockhart will be joining the SBCAT.

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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:

EastBerwickshireCPT@scotland.pnn.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.

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