

# **Scottish Borders Area Command**

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Selkirkshire Community Councils Multi Member Ward Report for May 2025



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 – PS Crawford Laing**

Countryside Day – The Scottish Borders School Link Officers attended he Border Union Schools Countryside Education Day on 20<sup>th</sup> May at Springwood Showground, Kelso. All Primary 5 pupils from across the Borders were invited to the event which promotes food, farming, the rural sector and the countryside. In addition Police and other Emergency Services attend to speak with the children.

The Children were able to fingerprint themselves, sit on the Quad bikes, speak with and learn about the Police. The highlight though was the Police Dogs who demonstrated how valuable they are in finding missing people, lost or stolen property and tackling violent individuals.



The School Link Officers are attached to the High Schools and regularly visit these as well as the Primary Schools in that cluster giving inputs into a range of topics across all year groups.

Throughout the month of May, PC Flockhart has continued to carry out regular visits throughout Burnfoot and the Selkirk Cluster getting to know teachers and young people and took part in the Kelso Countryside Day.

## **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 2025 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 192 mental health related calls, around 30 missing person enquiries and approximately 90 domestic related incidents.

Selkirkshire had 18 mental health related calls and 4 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 20/05/2025 report of male assaulted by another male. Elm Row, Selkirk. Victim reluctant to provide details and limited enquiry available.
- On 26/05/2025 female charged with assaulting another outside the court building, Ettrick Terrace, Selkirk. RPW issued.

#### Anti-Social Behaviour

- On 07/05/2025 report of dog walker threatened by male regarding dog control & fouling near to Buccleuch Road, Selkirk. Complainer seeking advice only.
- On 30/05/2025 report of wheelie bins left on Dunsdale Road, Selkirk. Bins have been moved.

#### Vandalism

• On 22/05/2025 report of wing mirror broken off car. South Bridge Street, Selkirk. Enquiries complete.

- On 27/05/2025 report of female throwing stones at house window causing damage to outer pane. Bannerfield Drive, Selkirk. Enquiries ongoing.
- On 29/05/2025 report of kitchen window smashed. Park Avenue, Newtown St Boswells. Enquiries ongoing.

## **Reducing Acquisitive Crime**

#### Theft by Housebreaking

#### Theft

- On 06/05/2025 report of theft of 5 plants from site. Hillside Street, Selkirk. Enquiries complete.
- On 10/05/2025 report of theft of number plate from vehicle. Scott's Close, Selkirk. Enquiries complete.

## Improving Road Safety

- On 03/05/2025 a driver was issued a fine for not wearing seat belt in Selkirk
- On 03/05/2025 a driver was issued a fine for driving with no MOT in Lilliesleaf

### Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

#### Serious and organised crime enforcement – May 2025

The Scottish Borders CID Proactive Unit executed eight Drug & General Evidence Warrants during the month of May which resulted in the seizures of quantities of Class A & B controlled drugs and five figure sums of cash. Eight people were reported for drug related offences during the month. These incidents were within Galashiels, Kelso Duns and Hawick.

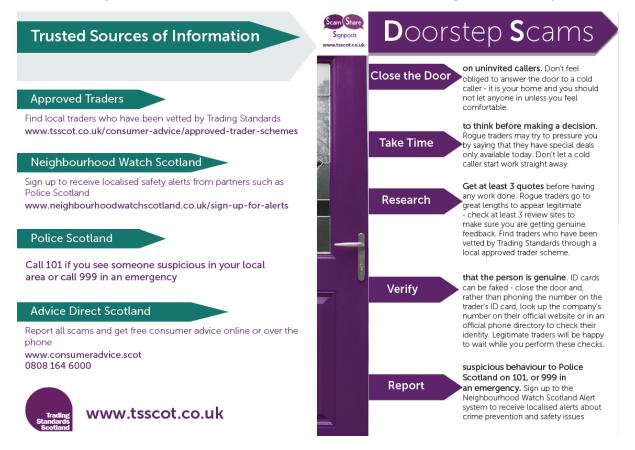
They also assisted Reactive CID in the Scottish Borders with stolen property warrants for housebreakings within Eyemouth.

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.

## Campaigns

#### What is Doorstep Crime?

Doorstep crime is principally committed against the elderly and vulnerable in their own homes by individuals or organised groups. These criminals systematically target their victims and adapt their criminal method to exploit their victim's individual vulnerabilities. The impact of this type of crime has devastating effects on victims and our communities. Please remain vigilant of doorstep scams.



## 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.