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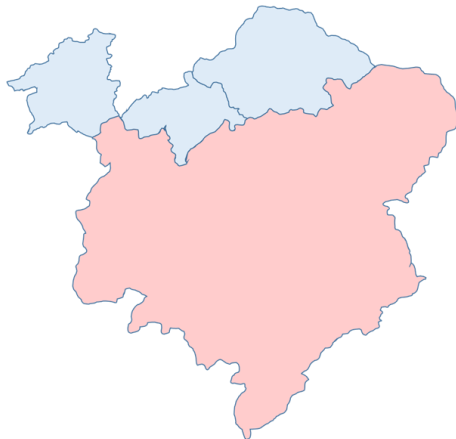


Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Selkirkshire Community Councils
Multi Member Ward Report for April 2023

(1st April 2023 – 30th April 2023)



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.

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Community Policing News – Selkirkshire

April has been a busy month for Community Policing with the beginning of the various events that take place across the Borders over the spring months, including the common riding appointment nights and policing the rugby seven's tournaments. Officers are working hard to engage with those in the community to ensure the smooth running of these events and we would welcome any feedback that is received by the community councils.

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.

[\(Public Pack\)Item No. 5 \(a\) - Police Scotland Agenda Supplement for Police, Fire & Rescue and Safer Communities Board, 14/12/2022 09:30 \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

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 April 2023 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 153 mental health related calls, around 32 missing person enquiries and approximately 80 domestic related incidents.

Selkirkshire had 13 mental health related calls and 3 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 07/04/2023 report of male assaulted by female on bus. Galashiels to Hawick route. Enquiries ongoing.

On 11/04/2023 report of youths throwing unopened juice can at couple. Market Place, Selkirk. Enquiries ongoing.

On 11/04/2023 report of 2 males fighting in park. Sprouston Road, Newtown St Boswells. Male arrested.

On 23/04/2023 report of male assaulted. Bannerfield Drive, Selkirk. Enquiries ongoing.

Anti-Social Behaviour

On 03/04/2023 report of male causing disturbance, SBHA, Selkirk. Not ongoing on Police arrival.

On 11/04/2023 report of youths causing disturbance. Market Place, Selkirk. Enquiries ongoing.

On 13/04/2023 report of youths kicking front door. Dickson drive, Newtown St Boswells. Enquiries ongoing.

On 16/04/2023 report of off-road vehicle worrying sheep. Eildon Hills, near Melrose. Driver found & spoken to.

On 16/04/2023 report of fly tipping. Sunderland Hall, Selkirk. Enquiries ongoing.

On 23/04/2023 report of youths jumping in front of moving vehicles and being verbally abusive. Burnbrae, Newtown St Boswells. Nothing ongoing on Police arrival.

Vandalism

On 04/04/2023 report of damage to letterbox. Baillie Way, Newtown St Boswells. Advice given.



Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Theft by Housebreaking

On 01/04/2023 report of attempted break in, Dunsdale Road, Selkirk. Enquiries ongoing.

Theft

On 06/04/2023 report of shoplifting. Coop, Selkirk. Enquiries ongoing.

On 11/04/2023 report of fuel theft. Hillside Filling Station, Selkirk. Enquiries ongoing.

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On 11/04/2023 report of theft of wallet. Ashkirk. Enquiries ongoing.

On 22/04/2023 report of theft of farm gate, Wardlaw Farm, Selkirk. Enquiries ongoing.

On 23/04/2023 report of theft of cigarettes. Coop, Selkirk. RPW issued.

On 27/04/2023 report of shoplifting. Coop, Selkirk. Enquiries ongoing.



Improving Road Safety

On 17/04/2023 a driver was issued a fine for driving with no MOT in Selkirk

On 21/04/2023 a driver was issued a fine for driving with no MOT in Selkirk

Killed or Seriously Injured

No persons killed or seriously injured.

Campaigns

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 \(iammescotland.co.uk\)](https://iammescotland.co.uk)

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

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

- A new Zone has been set up in Eddleston covering 120 Houses – Road signs and house-packs have been provided.
- Implementation work is ongoing with Bowden and Newtown St Boswells community councils for zones in these areas.
- 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 – SBCAT conducted 2 high profile road safety static check points on the A68 near to Lauder and Jedburgh, working in partnership with our colleagues in Roads Policing as well as the DVSA. This resulted in numerous vehicles being issued with immediate and temporary prohibition orders on the their vehicles due to various mechanical defects being identified, 1 vehicle being seized for having no insurance and a number of other road traffic offences being identified and dealt with either by means of fixed penalty ticket or via report to the Procurator Fiscal. Further to this, SBCAT have issued 14 traffic tickets throughout the month. Further partnership work is underway with DVSA to establish this as a more regular occurrence. Work also being undertaken with Youth Engagement Officer in Peebles to address speeding concerns at Kingsland Primary School, looking to enlist Junior Road Safety Officers to assist with speed checks to raise profile of issue.



PARKING TICKETS – SBCAT have been carrying out high visibility patrols in Peebles, Kelso, Selkirk and Hawick, and addressing parking concerns there. 27 parking tickets were issued in April targeting areas of concern raised by members.

RURAL ACQUISITIVE CRIME – 18 static checks were carried out throughout the Scottish Borders in April at all times of day to deter and detect rural acquisitive crime, leading to intelligence being gathered.

DRUG ENFORCEMENT – 4 drug search warrants were carried out in April in Galashiels, with 2 of them providing positive results. A further person has also been reported for drug possession offences after being stopped and searched by officers.

PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE – Part of the SBCAT role is to trace persons wanted on warrant. In April SBCAT traced and arrested 6 persons wanted on warrant. We were also proactive in enforcing persons released on bail curfews, with 5 bail curfew checks carried out in April. SBCAT have also assisted colleagues in Response policing with searching for High Risk missing persons in April.

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – High visibility patrols have continued in Burnfoot Industrial Estate, Peebles, Market Place, Selkirk, Newtown St. Boswells and at the Galashiels Interchange to address concerns at these locations. Hoax call stickers have been created and placed phone-boxes in the Burnfoot in an attempt to deter persons from misusing the 999 system. 3 youths have been reported for disorder offences at the fun fair in Peebles. A further 4 youths have also been reported to Youth Justice for disorder caused at the fun fair at Galashiels. 6 youths were issued warning letters for antisocial behaviour caused at the old Border College, Galashiels. Officers in Galashiels have been in dialogue with staff at Galashiels Interchange to establish better working practices for CCTV being made available for officers to assist in the identification of offenders.

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.