

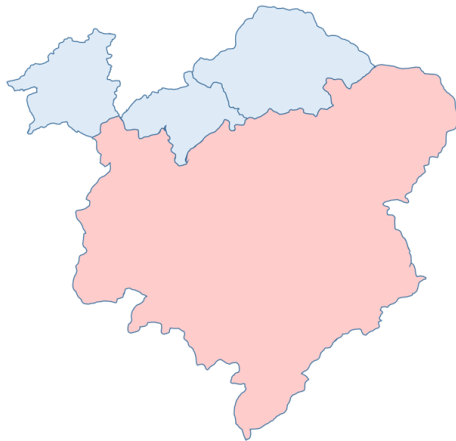
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Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Selkirkshire Community Councils
Multi Member Ward Report for February 2023
(1st February 2023 – 28th February 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

The past month has seen some challenging and high profile incidents occurring in the Borders, specifically in the Galashiels and Melrose area which has had a marked effect on the community and those involved. Community officers from across the Borders have actively focussed their attention on the towns to assist in providing reassurance, safety advice and carrying out patrols in areas of concern. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who provided assistance and help during these challenges, as it highlighted how strong a community can be in coming together in difficult times.

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 February 2023 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 139 mental health related calls, around 26 missing person enquiries and approximately 78 domestic related incidents.

Selkirkshire had 17 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

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No assaults recorded.

Anti-Social Behaviour

On 03/02/2023 report of youths being aggressive towards members of the public. Back Row, Selkirk. No trace of youths on Police arrival.

On 13/02/2023 report of youths throwing stones at vehicles, Kirk Wynd, Selkirk. No youths found on police arrival.

On 14/02/2023 report of youths harassing male in his home, throwing stones at his windows. Sprouston Road, Newtown St Boswells. Enquiries ongoing.

On 17/02/2023 report of youths playing loud music in playground of Newtown primary School. Not ongoing on Police arrival.

On 24/02/2023 report of fridge freezer set on fire within garden. Bannerfield Drive, Selkirk. Crime undetected.

Vandalism

No reports of vandalism.



Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Theft by Housebreaking

No reports of theft by housebreaking.

Theft

On 13/02/2023 report of theft of garden ornaments. Sprouston Cottages, Newtown St Boswells. Enquiries ongoing.

On 14/02/2023 report of theft of fairy lights from garden Sprouston Cottages, Newtown St Boswells. Crime undetected.

On 14/02/2023 report of attempted theft of sheep and Shetland ponies, Ninians the Woll, Ashkirk. Crime undetected.

On 25/02/2023 report of male attempting to steal items from within a vehicle. Bobby Johnson Green, Selkirk. Male arrested.



Improving Road Safety

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On 02/02/2023 – a driver was issued a fine for driving with no MOT in Selkirk

On 11/02/23 – a driver was issued a fine for 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.



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- 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 have issued 9 traffic tickets throughout the month, with two people being reported to the Procurator Fiscal for a number of offences including no MOT & insurance. We continue to carry out static checks to prevent and detect traffic offences. Speed Gun checks are being carried out outside schools and where there is a recognised casualty profile, and we are liaising with partners with a view to implementing a community speedwatch scheme in the future.



PARKING TICKETS – SBCAT issued 22 parking tickets in February.

RURAL ACQUISITIVE CRIME – Static road checks also help deter and detect rural acquisitive crime. 78 static checks were carried out throughout the Scottish Borders in February. We are also continuing to develop our relationship with neighbouring forces to address cross border crime and travelling criminals.

DRUG ENFORCEMENT – 4 drug search warrants were carried out in January in Hawick and Kelso, with 3 of them providing positive results. Personal amounts of drugs were seized.

PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE – Part of the SBCAT role is to trace persons wanted on warrant. In February SBCAT traced and arrested five persons who were wanted on warrant. We were also involved in the recent child abduction in Galashiels, initially assisting with the search and thereafter with the enquiry and public reassurance.

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – High visibility patrols and engagement with youths continue in Burnfoot Industrial Estate. We have also been liaising with partners to address ongoing youth issues reported at the Galashiels Interchange.

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.