

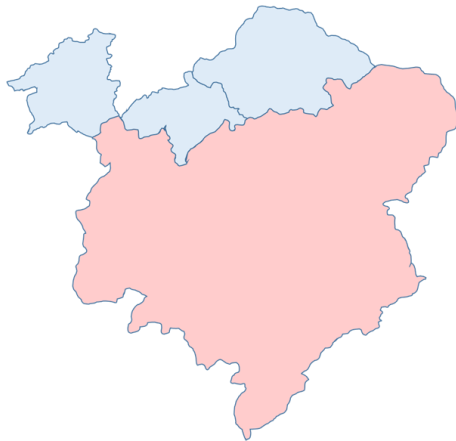
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Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Selkirkshire Community Councils
Multi Member Ward Report for January 2023
(24th December 2022 – 31st January 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

January provided us with some poor weather which made for difficult driving conditions due to the amount of black ice. This highlights the importance of ensuring vehicles are kept road-worthy and additional care is given when driving to prevent accidents. Officers have been involved in carrying out winter road safety checks where we would provide the following advice in cold weather conditions:

- Check that your tyres, brakes, windscreens, wiper blades and windows are free from defects, clean and clear
- Remove all snow from your vehicle before driving
- Drive to the road conditions; stopping distances will be affected by the weather
- Make sure your entire windscreen is clean, clear and not misted
- When roads are icy, drive at a slow speed in a high gear

Officers are aware of complaints regarding speeding and parking and numerous locations throughout the Borders. We are consistent in our approach to enforcement – where there is a history of collisions or a school then we can ask for the assistance of Roads Policing or the CAT officers. Community Officers are being trained up in the use of the speed guns, but again these officers must be deployed in the areas where the risk of accidents is at its greatest, so that we are using our resources efficiently and effectively.

Parking is similar – where there is dangerous or obstructive parking we must prioritise our resources to tackle these issues first and foremost.

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.

[Item No. 5 a ii - Scottish Borders Scrutiny - Q1 2022-23.pdf \(modern.gov.co.uk\)](#)

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

Selkirkshire had xxx mental health related calls and xxx 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 03/01/2023 report of an assault in Market Place. Officers attended, crime report submitted.

On 16/01/2023 report of assault on Craig Brown Avenue. Enquiries continuing.

On 25/01/2023 report of an assault at Selkirk High School. For further enquiry.

On 28/01/2023 report of an assault on Tweedside Road, Newtown St Boswells, crime report submitted.

Anti-Social Behaviour

On 24/12/2022 report of a disturbance at Hillside Terrace. Statement noted, relevant paperwork submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

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On 25/12/2022 report of a child causing disturbance on a motocross bike in Raeburn Meadow. No officers available to attend due to other ongoing incidents, no further calls received.

On 27/12/2022 report of a disturbance at High Street. Male arrested for Section 38 offence due to his behaviour. Relevant paperwork submitted.

On 01/01/2023 report of a disturbance at Buccleuch Arms Hotel, St Boswells. Relevant paperwork raised for threatening and abusive behaviour.

On 07/01/2023 report of fly tipping on The Green. Officers attended, bins already in situ, no fly tipping, council matter who will attend and uplift refuse.

On 11/01/2023 report of noise coming from property in Leslie Place. Officers attended, nothing ongoing.

On 12/01/2023 report of disturbance in Hillside Terrace. Officers attended, advice given, civil matter.

On 14/01/2023 report of disturbance in Bannerfield Drive. Officers attended, all quiet.

On 23/01/2023 report of a disturbance at Sheriff Court House, Selkirk. Male within court causing issues within cells. Male cautioned and charged with offences.

Vandalism

On 07/01/2023 report of damage to a window, stone thrown by male, window is now cracked, at Chapel Street. CCTV may be available from local premises. Enquiries continuing.

On 15/01/2023 report of damage to wooden posts and wire fencing at Etrick Road. No CCTV. Enquiries ongoing.

On 17/01/2023 report of damage to rugby pitch at Buccleuch Road. Enquiries continuing.



Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Theft by Housebreaking

On 19/01/2023 report of a bicycle from a property on Etrick Road. Officers attended and a description of offenders and a vehicle used were circulated. Enquiries ongoing.

Theft

On 27/12/2022 report of theft of alcohol at High Street. Enquiries continuing.

On 06/01/2023 report of theft at Jenny Moores Court, St Boswells. Officers attended, male not reporting any crimes, advice given re contacting a solicitor.

On 13/01/2023 report of theft via bank account from Market Place. Complainer still to be seen, enquiries ongoing.

On 15/01/2023 report of theft of coal within car port on Elm Row. Crime report submitted.

On 18/01/2023 report theft of goods from a commercial premises on Ettrick Road. Enquiries ongoing.

On 21/01/2023 report of theft of goods to the value of £35 at High Street. Enquiries continuing.



Improving Road Safety

On 26/12/2022 – a driver was issued a fine and penalty points for careless/inconsiderate driving in Selkirk.

On 27/12/2022 report of a road traffic offence at Loan. Female arrested for failing roadside breath test. Held to appear at court. Relevant paperwork submitted.

On 16/01/23 – a driver was issued a fine for unclean windows in Selkirk.

On 22/01/23 – a driver was issued a fine and penalty points for careless/inconsiderate driving in Selkirk.

On 22/01/23 – a driver was issued a fine for driving with no MOT in Selkirk.

On 23/01/23 report of a road traffic offence, positive indication for cannabis, at Ettrick Terrace. For further enquiry.

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 \(iammescotland.co.uk\)](#)

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:



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.