

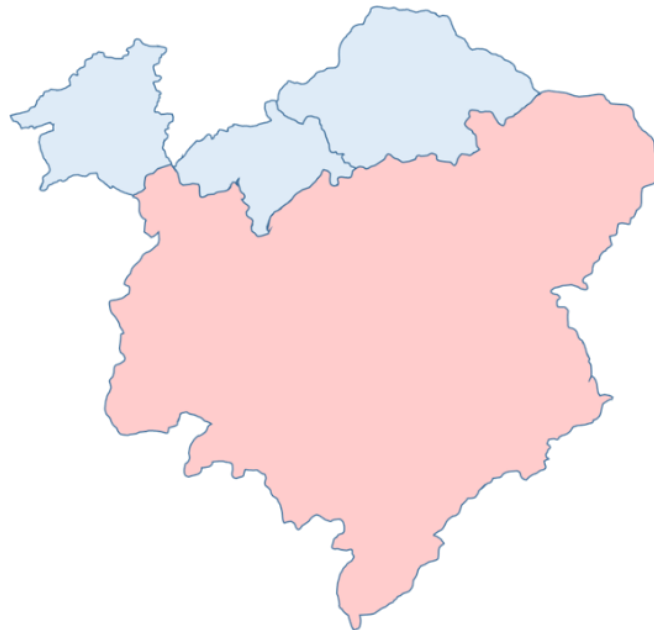
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Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Selkirkshire Community Councils
Multi Member Ward Report for July 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

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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

The busy event season continued through July with Common Ridings and local Festivals giving Community Officers the opportunity to get involved with the Policing of these festivities. Through the Summer I have been involved at Hawick, Selkirk, Peebles, Galashiels, Innerleithen and finally my hometown of Lauder. It has been a pleasure to work at these events in what is the more enjoyable part of the job.



You will see towards the end of this report that the Samaritans Charity highlight their services during the month of July. They offer support all day every day to anyone who needs it. As a society, we have become more aware of Mental Health in recent years, especially since the Covid Pandemic and there are many support services out there who can help if people are struggling to cope with life. As a Police Officer, I have seen people from all walks of life suffer with poor mental health and I have also seen how support can help. I would encourage anyone who is struggling to reach out for support whether that is from an organisation such as the Samaritans, from friends and family or from a GP.

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 July 2025 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 238 mental health related calls, around 24 missing person enquiries and approximately 120 domestic related incidents.

Selkirkshire had 19 mental health related calls and 0 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 08/07/2025 report of female being assaulted outside Sherriff Court, Selkirk. Enquiries ongoing.

On 16/07/2025 report of male hit in the face by a water balloon. High Street, Selkirk. Enquiry complete.

On 17/07/2025 report of glass bottle thrown at male. Elm Row, Selkirk. Complainer did not wish to make a formal complaint.

On 29/07/2025 report of male punched to the face by friend. Court Lane, Selkirk. On Police arrival complainer decided they did not want to pursue a formal complaint, suitable advice given.

Anti-Social Behaviour

On 02/07/2025 report of three dirt bikes riding around field near to Glenburn Avenue, Newtown St Boswells. Police attended and no bikes traced within area. Enquiry with farmer.

Between 08/07/2025 & 11/07/2025, reports of youths climbing onto roof of Sorting Office, Kirk Wynd, Selkirk and also throwing items at passing vehicles (sticks and water balloons). Officers attended, no youths located in area.

On 16/07/2025 report of youths harassing male in the street. Market Place, Selkirk. Police attended, male did not want to make a formal complaint.

On 25/07/2025 report of two youths on roof of Post Office depot. No youths in vicinity on Police arrival.

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On 28/07/2025 report of youths throwing apples at the bus. Bowden Road, Newtown St Boswells. Youths have moved on. Advice given.

On 31/07/2025 report of a group of youths kicking a ball against fence and shouting and swearing. Ettrickhaugh Road, Selkirk. Youths moved on, no formal complaint made.

On 28/07/2025 report of youths throwing apples at the bus. Bowden Road, Newtown St Boswells. Youths have moved on. Advice given.

Vandalism



On 10/07/2025 report of youths throwing bricks at communal wall causing damage. Railway Court, Newtown St Boswells. Enquiries carried out with negative result.

On 16/07/2025 report of car tyres slashed & black paint poured over vehicle. Bannerfield Drive, Selkirk. Enquiry ongoing.

On 23/07/2025 report of youth kicking metal shed causing damage, also a large number of windows have been smashed at the SBC estate, Newtown St Boswells. The male youth was charged with vandalism to the shed and enquiries are ongoing regarding the other damage.

On 24/07/2025 report of 2 x farm vehicles tyres slashed and a number of silage bales slashed. Catslackburn Farm, Selkirk. Enquiries ongoing.

On 27/07/2025 report of smashed window at Bannerfield drive, Selkirk. Suspect arrested and interviewed however insufficient evidence to charge.

On 31/07/2025 report of damage to garden gate. Bleachfield Road, Selkirk. Suspect identified and to be charged.

Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Theft by Housebreaking

On 10/07/2025 report of housebreaking Mavis Bank, Selkirk. Enquiries ongoing.

Theft

On 06/07/2025 report of theft of tools from vehicle. The Glebe, Selkirk. Enquiries ongoing.

On 06/07/2025 report of theft of tent from garden. Fairfield Crescent.

On 15/07/2025 report of attempted theft of wheelie bin. Bowerhope Farm, Selkirk.

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On 18/07/2025 report of theft of tools from motor vehicle. SBC Headquarters, Newtown St Boswells. Enquiries ongoing.

On 21/07/2025 report of shoplifting. Co-op, Selkirk. Suspect identified and to be traced.

On 22/07/2025 report of shoplifting. Raeburn Meadow, Selkirk. Suspect identified and to be traced.

Improving Road Safety

Killed or Seriously Injured

None



Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

Serious and organised crime enforcement – July 2025

The Scottish Borders CID Proactive Unit executed 6 Drug & General Evidence Warrants during the month of July which resulted in the seizures of significant quantities of Class B, A controlled drugs with a street value of £15000, and cash in excess of £1000 from the various addresses.

Three people were arrested and seven people were reported for drug related offences during the month. These incidents were within Galashiels, Kelso, Eyemouth and Hawick.

Proactive CID 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

Samaritans Awareness Month



Every year in July, Samaritans throughout the UK hold events to raise awareness that Samaritans are here to listen to anyone who's struggling to cope, at any time of the day or night. Samaritans. Every life lost to suicide is a tragedy and Samaritans are here to listen. There are many healthy coping mechanisms you can use, one of which includes reaching out for help and talking to someone you trust. Talking to someone has many benefits including;

- Helps you process your emotions
- Helps you feel less alone
- Helps to route you onto support
- Helps to reduce stigma
- Talking to someone about how you feel can be daunting, especially if it's the first time you've spoken about your feelings to someone.

If you need to speak to someone, you can **contact Samaritans for free 24/7 by calling 116 123 or emailing jo@samaritans.org**

Helping someone with a mental health problem - Mind The mental health charity Mind have shared tips on how to begin that conversation with family, a friend or your GP, as well as supporting someone struggling with a specific problem or diagnosis.

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.