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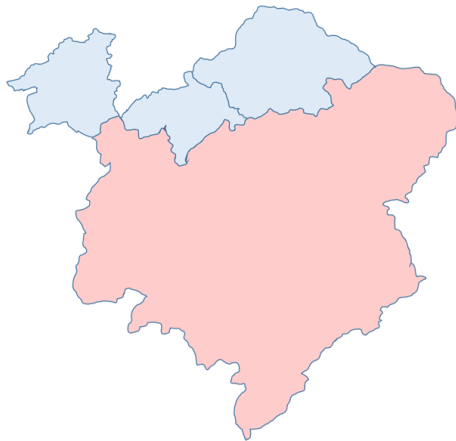


Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Selkirkshire Community Councils
Multi Member Ward Report for February 2023

(1st March 2023 – 31st March 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 early part of 2023 has seen a notable rise in reports of fly-tipping in the area, specifically around the A708. Whilst an associated media appeal on 6/3/2023, regarding a suspect white coloured Ford Tipper like vehicle was well received and offered up numerous fresh lines of enquiry, local community officers advise continued vigilance. As the suspect vehicle is still believed to be active, any further sightings of this or indeed any other vehicle(s) seen in similar suspicious circumstances should be reported direct on:

SelkirkshireCPT@scotland.police.uk

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

Selkirkshire had xx mental health related calls and xx 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 08/03/2023 report of male being assaulted by male and female. Roxburgh Place, Newtown St Boswells. Male does not want to press charges.

On 18/03/2023 report of male assaulted by another male Station Road, Selkirk. Complainer refusing to engage with Police

On 23/03/2023 report of pupil assaulted by another pupil Knowepark Primary, Selkirk. Enquiries ongoing

Anti-Social Behaviour

On 01/03/2023 report of a group of kids being a nuisance. Spar, Selkirk. Kids gone on Police arrival.

On 03/03/2023 report of youths throwing bottles at property. Forest Road, Selkirk. Advice given.

On 07/03/2023 report of youths ringing doorbell & running away, also opening front door. Dickson Drive, Newtown St Boswells. Enquiries ongoing.

On 12/03/2023 report of a group of young girls kicking bins over, jumping in front of passing cars and shouting abuse. Whitefield Crescent, Newtown St Boswells. No trace when area was searched.

On 14/03/2023 report of neighbour being noisy/ Elm Row, Selkirk. Advice given.

On 17/03/2023 report of youths verbally abusing male and throwing bottles at his vehicle. Scott Place, Selkirk Enquiries ongoing.

On 23/03/2023 report of male being threatened by male to set dogs on him Ettrick Road, Selkirk. Enquiries ongoing

Vandalism

On 12/03/2023 report of damage to vehicle, graffiti. Springfield Square, St Boswells. Enquiries ongoing.



Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Theft by Housebreaking

Theft

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On 05/03/2023 report of male shoplifting. Coop Selkirk. Enquiries ongoing.

On 07/03/2023 report of theft of wildlife monitoring equipment Bowhill Estate, Selkirk. Enquiries ongoing.

On 10/03/2023 report of attempted break in. Lawries Garage, St Boswells. Enquiries ongoing.

On 17/03/2023 report of theft by shoplifting Co-op, Newtown St Boswells. Enquiries ongoing

On 27/03/2023 report of theft of items by cleaner Muthag Street, Selkirk. Enquiries ongoing.



Improving Road Safety

On 12/03/2023 a driver was issued a fine for driving without an MOT in Selkirk

On 17/03/2023 a driver was issued a fine for driving without an 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:



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.