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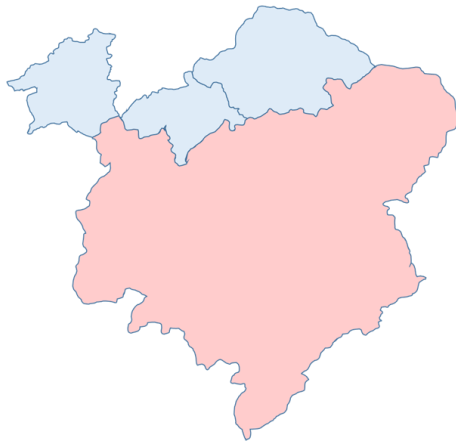


## **Scottish Borders Area Command**

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Selkirkshire Community Councils  
Multi Member Ward Report for May 2023

(1<sup>st</sup> May 2023 – 31<sup>st</sup> May 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

As the summer and better weather approaches, we are aware that more people will be participating in more outdoor activities, including cycling.

Community Officers, alongside Roads Policing, will participate in Operation Close Pass which involves plain clothed officers on pedal bikes who will advise colleagues when they are passed too closely by drivers (1.5 meters is the law). These drivers will then be pulled over and given advice, and any relevant offences dealt with. The message is that everyone deserves to use Scotland's roads safely and it is for all road users to take responsibility.

Community officers are currently in the midst of the busy events season including the numerous common ridings that take place across the Borders. PC John Murray has been liaising closely with members of the committee in Selkirk to ensure the events can run smoothly and the safety of those involved is maintained.

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 May 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 05/05/2023 report of male being assaulted by 3 males. Bridge street, Selkirk. Not ongoing on Police arrival, no victim found.

On 09/05/2023 report of boy being assaulted by male. Play park, Newtown St Boswells. Enquiry ongoing.

On 19/05/2023 report of 2 males assaulting each other with weapons. Bannerfield Drive, Selkirk. Enquiry ongoing.

On 22/05/2023 report of 11 year old girl assaulted by another girl. Football pitch, Newtown St Boswells. Enquiry ongoing.

On 25/05/2023 report of 10 year old boy assaulted by 2 boys. Playpark, Newtown St Boswells. Advice given to both parties.

### **Anti-Social Behaviour**

On 18/05/2023 report of two youths riding an e-scooter in a dangerous manner. Earlston Road, Newtown St Boswells. Police raised awareness.

On 20/05/2023 report of 2 off-road motorbikes on farmland between Eildon & Newtown St Boswells. Police to keep a look out.

### **Vandalism**

On 22/05/2023 report of vehicle windscreen and side window smashed. Main Street, St Boswells. Enquiry ongoing.



## **Reducing Acquisitive Crime**

### **Theft by Housebreaking**

### **Theft**

On 01/05/2023 report of shoplifting. Co-op, Selkirk. Enquiries ongoing.

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On 05/05/2023 report of theft of wallet/money. Sprouston Cottages, Newtown St Boswells. Enquiries ongoing.

On 10/05/2023 report of theft of vehicle & trailer. Midburn, Newtown St Boswells. Enquiry ongoing.

On 16/05/2023 report of theft of power tools. Travis Perkins, Newtown St Boswells. Enquiry ongoing.

On 18/05/2023 report of theft of fuel from vehicle. Construction site off A7, Selkirk. Enquiry ongoing.

On 20/05/2023 report of theft of wallet from X95 bus between Ashkirk & Hawick. Enquiry ongoing.

On 25/05/2023 report of theft of fuel/ Shell Garage, Selkirk. Enquiry ongoing.

On 25/05/2023 report of theft of keys to community building. Newtown Community Wing, Newtown St Boswells. Enquiry ongoing.



### Improving Road Safety

On 04/05/2023 a driver was issued penalty points and a fine for driving with no insurance in Selkirk.

On 23/05/2023 a driver was issued penalty points and a fine for driving with no insurance in Newtown St. Boswells

#### 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 \(iammescotland.co.uk\)](http://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

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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.

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- 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:

MISUSE OF DRUGS – SBCAT carried out 9 searches of premises throughout the Scottish Borders during May, 8 of which had positive results. These were as follows;



KELSO – personal amount of herbal cannabis and 105 blue pills (suspected Valium).

JEDBURGH – 38.5g herbal cannabis, knives, sword, BB gun and £620 cash.

PEEBLES – 6.7g cannabis resin, personal amount of cocaine, £4445 cash. Large bag of vapes also seized, suspected of being sold to children.

KELSO – 133g herbal cannabis.

JEDBURGH – 11.8g white powder, personal amount of cannabis, knife.

GALASHIELS – small cannabis cultivation, suspected LSD.

JEDBURGH – 33g heroin, 2.8g cannabis, 1g white powder, 200 valium, 100 benzo, £1250 cash.

GALASHIELS – 28g herbal cannabis, knife.

Of note, the recent introduction of the Offensive Weapons Act 2019 has allowed us to seize weapons that are now deemed illegal, such as martial arts type weapons, during searches of houses.

Although the month has been dominated by house searches, we were also deployed to provide locus protection and assist at a house search at an incident at MossPaul near Hawick, as well as assist at the Jim Clark Rally Event.

ROAD SAFETY – 3 conditional offer tickets for dangerous driving issued.

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH – A working group has been set up to help implement the Community Speedwatch initiative in the Scottish Borders. Community Speedwatch has already been successfully implemented in Fife. This will initially be on a trial basis, and consists of enabling local Community Group volunteers to monitor vehicle speeds in designated places, with a guidance letter being sent to speeding motorists by Police Scotland.

ARREST WARRANTS – 3 persons were arrest wanted on warrant in May by SBCAT.

## **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](mailto: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.