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This report will start with the Pingo replacement service. Teviot Taxis are now running the area pingo covered. The replacement service has smaller busses to make the service more affordable long term and the main focus is on linking rural residents to the main bus line. There are teething issues, and the service was not promoted as well as it could have been. I sent out the information for notice boards, however one of the main questions has been can the public use their bus pass? Yes you can, the service accepts your bus pass.

The best part of the new service is the removal of the APP. Measures have been taken to stop the service being used like a private taxi, pingo did suffer slightly because of this issue.

I have taken the issues raised back to officers who previously addressed issues in good time. The bus service has undergone a lot of changes since Travelsure went out of business. I encourage everyone with an issue to get in touch. I may not have the answer you want, but the information helps officers at SBC understand when they have not got it quite right.


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Councillor for East
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Road diversion madness on rural roads.

Over the last few months we have had numerous road diversions from the A1. This issue has effected local small villages immensely and after numerous complaints that have been passe don and chased up I took the issue to the council chamber. The end result of which is SBC will Talk to BEAR Scotland and ask for dual sections of the A1 to be used for two way traffic rather than diversions onto B and C roads.

Question from Councillor Anderson

To the Executive Member for Roads Development and Maintenance

Does SBC have a policy to deal with damage to our roads network caused by diverted HGV traffic from A class roads?

If not, what is SBC doing to look at the damage caused by HGVs when Bear Scotland put diversions in place?

My second question this month was around the Standards Committee for elected members and the result of an Elected member being found guilty of Breaching the code of conduct by not declaring an interest at numerous meetings.

Question from Councillor Anderson

To the Leader of the Council

Can I ask the Executive Member what assessment has been carried out by SBC of the risk of reputational damage to the Council of a councillor suspended for multiple breaches of the Councillor's Code of Conduct continuing in a senior, portfolio holder position?

The Leaders Answer can be seen in full on the SBC web site recording of the full council meeting for May 2024

MOTION to council May 2024.

I have met with the leader of the federation of post masters recently, my mission was to get a motion passed at SBC full council to support post masters who have been persecuted for serving our rural communities.

Scottish Borders council agree: The Leader requests in writing, Post office LTD prioritize reinstating the outreach service that serves our most vulnerable citizens in Berwickshire, specifically the outreach service covering Co-path and Cove, The Coldingham Moore area and other rural locations in the North end of East Berwickshire.

The motion was passed and seconded by Cllr Drummond Begg the Lib Dem Cllr from across the borders.

My comments to council before the vote:

There are 3 types of post office, main office, larger town office, Local post office / small town Community post office, also known as "Heart of place", This includes the outreach post office, like the service that used to serve our community at Co-path and Cove taking in the rurality of the area.

Coldingham Post office is to close after a retirement, But its not the retirement that closed the post office! , 26 months of compensation was offered by the Post office to the post masters of "Heart of place" post offices, If the post masters don't accept the offer they loose any offer.

The Uk government gave £50 million to maintain 11,500 local post offices UK wide, what was the money spent on? Paying off post masters to reduce service? Maybe? I certainly haven't seen it spent supporting them.

95% of the local population should be within three miles of a post office according to the post office. They are failing in East Berwickshire and it is absolutely on purpose.

Because of Royal mail moving custom away from post offices to online we see a decline. Renumeration has been removed from post masters and reduced to commission only, We see a decline.

New services offered by Royal Mail have been moved to main post offices in large towns snubbing smaller post offices and not allowing them to offer new services, we see a decline.

Post office have a monopoly on letter postage and Royal Mail cannot meet the USO without them because there is NO alternative service provider. But still we see a decline.

This is another Horizon scandal in the making with lack of governance and oversight enabling our current situation to continue. This is a clear case of post master persecution, leaving most no choice but to give up and leave communities without services.

In Backwards Britain, the cost of a stamp in 1993 with inflation should be 53p however the actual cost of a first-class stamp today is £1.35. Everyone is aware of the obscene bonuses paid out annually after the Horison scandal, so we do not need to ask why the cost of a stamp has risen astronomically higher than inflation.

This is not just a case of economic hardship for postmasters, but a symbol of the persecution faced by postmasters who are left with no choice but to abandon their posts and leave communities without vital services.

I hope Members will support this motion today to show support for our Postmasters in a time of crisis.

Burnmouth has had a few issues along the coast with our winter weather eating away at the sea defenses. Some areas have ben undermined, however Duncan Morrison and his team have been working very hard to keep up with issues and ensure our coast is kept safe.



Coastal paths continue to be well used. The link between our coastal communities needs regular maintenance, however SBC staff rely on users of the path to let us know when they need cut. So if you are a coastal path user and think it needs a trim, please email me and I can direct staff to that area. Coastal erosion of coastal paths continues to be on the list of priorities for SBC staff.



The Home-arms car park has continued to be an issue and one I am adamant we will have resolved. To many years of neglect have left us with a car park with little road surface left. I continue to chase up contacts on this issue for resolve the funding question.



I had great pleasure in joining our primary Schools p5 classes at **Kelso countryside show** for the day. The show had many brilliant and informative stalls and activities. But it was not just the Children who enjoyed themselves! It would be fantastic if the young people from High School who have an interest in our local area and rural life could attend. I hope to see just that in future after talking with the organizers and SBC head of Department Lesley Munro.

Employability champion role

Elected members were given a briefing at the Scrutiny committee by the employability staff. When taking on the champion role I requested a report on the facts and figures from the department. The figures all showed an improvement with more people being helped into work, training or education leading to work.

Election time, during the lead up to the election SBC staff will be redirected from their roles to support the election. Staff will be trained to ensure a robust election process. However, this does mean staff will not be in post all the time to answer my questions. The follow up time will be longer for issues so please get in touch sooner with issues so I can get a resolution as soon as possible.

A sneak peek at the **members service reporting system** follows. This gives a glimpse into some of the issues raised on behalf of constituents and community councils. Redactions are made for GDPR reasons. The system shows when specific questions are answered with myself marking them off as tasks are completed.

Members service reports made to system.

885

StAbbs community council have asked for details on funding that can be applied for to help revamp the coastal path between StAbbs and Coldingham.

can i have a list of funds the CC can look to access specifically relating to the coastal path please. I have emailed Duncan Morrison to make him aware the CCs intention, but have been led to believe a funding pot for local access and local travel may be able to help.

Follow up Gillian Jardine, latest funding information passed on.

967

Glass recycling banks are overflowing, can someone please request they be emptied.

also, Travelers have left many tonnes of garden waste for us to clear. can this be arranged ASAP. thanks

No presence information Sharkey, Clinton

15/05/2024 **ONGOING**

979

The Banking across from 10 Cross Road

Co-Path is running with rats. can someone please attend to the issue, it has been ongoing for a few years and i would suggest the banking grass needs cut. one person standing in front of a cutter should not mean a rat haven is allowed to grow. This issue needs resolved and the men need to do their job for public health reasons.

No presence information Pringle, Neil

No presence information Cameron, Fiona

20/05/2024 **ONGOING**

1015

Paths around Coldingham are being looked at by the new community council members. Can i have a detailed map of what up to date information SBC have on paths in and around Coldingham please? specifically including the core paths maintained by SBC. Can the Coastal path also be looked at for a cut from Stabbs to Eyemouth please. It is becoming overgrown.

No presence information Johnstone, Graeme

05/06/2024 Awaiting approval **ONGOING**

1022

Can someone please look at a property in coldingham owned by

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX. XXXXXXXX who owns the neighbouring property in

coldingham, XXXXXXXXXXXX which is adjacent to the Old Paint Store is having trouble selling her property because of the state of the unfinished project connected to her property. I see the property in question has a long history of planning applications timing out and needing renewed. can the owners be contacted in any way by SBC to request they do something about the state of the property? also have they been paying the full empty property council tax, this would be classed as a second home as it is not their main residence so should be charged double?

No presence information Fotheringham, Barry

06/06/2024 Assigned **ONGOING**
1024

From: Anderson2, James <James.Anderson2@scotborders.gov.uk>

Sent: Friday, May 24, 2024 7:01 AM

To: Turnbull, Shelagh <SATurnbull@scotborders.gov.uk>

Subject: FW: BER6755

Morning Shelagh

I put a question into the members services about a right of way at Grantshouse but haven't heard anything at all, so wondered if it never got to you?

Attached to this email is the detailed information relating to the right of way and the Community Council are waiting on an SBC reply about that access before they can proceed with installation of a play park.

I have left the email trail below for reference. Trevor Cant seem to get an answer and I think my effort was a blip on the system.

Sincerely

Cllr James Anderson.

[Additional information redacted.](#)

From: trevor.warne@btinternet.com <trevor.warne@btinternet.com>

Sent: Thursday, May 23, 2024 2:30 PM

To: Anderson2, James <James.Anderson2@scotborders.gov.uk>

Subject: FW: BER6755

CAUTION: External Email **ONGOING**

Sent: Friday, March 29, 2024 12:29 PM

Can an officer please follow up on the Request below, this has been ongoing for some time.

Sincerely

Cllr James Anderson.

To: Duncan, Paul <Paul.Duncan@scotborders.gov.uk>

CcXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Subject: RE: [OFFICIAL] RE: 05/00549/FUL

Dear Paul,

Our client, XXXXXX XXXX, was having a look through old documents and came across the attached letter which is from Alasdair Maclean and confirms that the changes shown on the drawings can be treated as a non-material variation to the approval.

For confirmation, these drawings are:

BW02 Rev D

BW03 Rev C

BW04 Rev B

Photographs of these drawings are attached to this email and we have hard copies in our office (they are on A0 paper and therefore too large to scan).

The letter from Alastair McLean and attached drawings clearly show that the changes to the design have been accepted as a non-material variation and to be clear, these changes show that all external walls are of modern construction with no original walls being retained.

The client proceeded with the work as he was permitted to do so and so the demolition of the cottages should be accepted as commencement of development, as demonstrated by the evidence submitted in our report.

I would be grateful if you can confirm by return of email that you are in agreement with the above and can confirm that the above permission will remain valid in perpetuity.

Kind regards,

Dave Burgon Director

No presence information Fotheringham, Barry **ONGOING**

10/06/2024 Assigned

1028

Can someone possibly put some cones down to stop parking at the war memorial on Eyemouth high street please, D Day wreath laying will be 12 -1230, but the cars will need to be blocked off from earlier. Is this something you can help with?

No presence information Gilhooly, Philippa

12/06/2024 Assigned **Complete**

1031

can someone please address the following issue.

Dear Councillors,

on 1 March my 5 year old son fell into the drain outside the front door of his primary school at Cockburnspath. Luckily he was not seriously injured, but clearly the drain covers should not be able to be moved by a small child, especially when located at the door of the primary school.

I immediately reported this to SBC, reference number RDE011650. I explained that it was a very dangerous situation, as the drain covers are very loose and easily moved by a small child which represents a clear health and safety risk. I understand the school also reported the matter.

I have now phoned on 3 separate occasions seeking an update and been told that the matter will be escalated, but as of this morning the drain covers remain loose and not secured - there appears to have been no effort to investigate the clear danger. I understand entirely that budgets are stretched, but I am astonished that this dangerous situation is being allowed to continue for nearly 3 months.

Grateful if you can investigate for me please.

Regards

XXXXXXXXXX

No presence information Turnbull, Shelagh

13/06/2024 Assigned D Scott **ONGOING**

Request for advisory path or cycle lane from Enron Newton Steading TD113PU to the bus stop.

Locals in the 8 houses are worried about the 60mph rd and have asked if anything can be done to make drivers more aware people may be walking that part of the road to get to the bus stop.

18/03/2024

"Dear Cll Anderson

I've just had a quick call with Gordon Grant from Passenger Transport as I was pretty sure that I've seen residents of the Steading standing at their access and I've presumed that they were waiting on a bus. Having checked with Gordon he confirmed that residents do already use their access as a hail and ride as there is no need to walk along to the bus shelter. Gordon will drop the bus operators an email to remind them to look out for residents at this Steading.

Residents may also want to download the Borders Buses App that provides real time information on bus maneuvers to reduce the amount of time they need to spend on the roadside awaiting a bus.

Hopefully this information is useful.

Many thanks

Philippa"]}

04/03/2024 Enquiry **COMPLETE**

Foulden pavements littered with debris and branches causing damage to mobility scooter wheels. The pavement from the Ayton turn off on Foulden Main Street and the entrance to Kerrigan way have caused two punctures. At this time of the year it is twigs and branches along with some "jaggy overgrown hedge type plant" and in the summer the nettles hang over the pavement making it impassable. Can this pavement be cleared please and rechecked in the summer to stop nettles over taking the path please?

18/03/2024

"Good Morning Councillor

I spoke with our area Foreman this morning and he was able to give me this update ;- Our new midi-sweeper was down on 21st March and swept the parts of the footpath he could access. There is one part the sweeper can't access as it's behind a wall which we have done with a leaf blower. I'll get the jaggy hedge cut later on this week.

Kind regards

Fiona"

25/03/2024 Enquiry **COMPLETE**

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX, has had Scottish government contractors in to make her home eco friendly. The firm used are Ecotech contracts. They have left her home unlivable with wires hanging from the walls and plumbing concerns. I am not sure who to hand this type of thing to? Ms XXXXXX is in her 70s and appears to have been taken advantage of.

18/03/2024

"Cllr Anderson,

A member of the Trading Standards team can make contact with Terry Howson. Are you able to share a contact number with me to enable the officer to speak with her.

Kind regards,

Tricia Scott"]]

04/03/2024 Enquiry **COMPLETE**

Brooklands, east end Chirnside TD11 3XS has rotten drain grates that have caused accidents. Helen Colvine has informed me that a broken arm and lost teeth have been two results from tripping on broken drain grates. some new ones have been put in however other rotten ones still remain and need replaced. can this area be looked at ASAP before another accident happens.

19/03/2024

"We will arrange for this area to be checked for any damaged drainage channel covers to determine whether this requires immediate attention or can be delivered as part of a planned drainage program.

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05/03/2024 Enquiry **COMPLETE**

pavement in churnside outside of the bowling club are worn down and need inspected. Can an inspection be made and recommendations sent to myself thanks.

19/03/2024

"We will arrange for the footway to be re-inspected. For information, the section of footway at the Bowling Club was inspected last year and rated for possible inclusion in future planned works programs. Although the footway received a reasonably high rating for resurfacing, based on anticipated budget levels I would anticipate that it will not merit inclusion in the forthcoming new financial years planned works programme. It should be noted that footway defects and surface deterioration need to be in excess of 20mm before being classified as an actionable defect."

05/03/2024 Enquiry **COMPLETE**

Burnmouth CC chair raised the issue of three lights out in Burnmouth, stl001658 . one lamp has been replaced for which they are very grateful. However the other two are still out, one at the Lobster house and one at the smoke house in Lower Burnmouth. can i have an update on this work for them please.

21/03/2024

"Councillor Anderson,

We have a team in the area today so this should be picked and completed by close of play Friday 8th March.

Regards

Alex"]]

08/03/2024 Enquiry **COMPLETE**

RDE010581 sunken area in road leading to parton hall lower Burnmouth was reported by Burnmouth CC. can i have an update please on this issue? it has ruined the wheel of a CC members car who is not going to claim from SBC but was rather niffed.

21/03/2024

"We are aware of this issue and a reactive work instruction was issued at the time of receipt. As you will appreciate there is a significant backlog of defect repair works at this time, and will be addressed when resources become available."}]

07/03/2024 Enquiry **ONGOING**

A dead deer is on the Eyemouth to Burnmouth Road and residents have asked if it can be removed? (or pushed into the hedge?) i am not sure what you do with dead deer.

21/03/2024

"I have asked the foreman for it to removed from the road."}]

07/03/2024 Enquiry **COMPLETE**

Billing for early years are billed in one hour blocks. it has been raised that this is unfair for those using 30 or 45 minute blocks rather than full hours. hours can be juggled about to make sure people are not over billed however if the person doesn't know to ask they will miss out and be over paying.

How can the billing for nursery hours be changed to ensure people pay for the time they use the service?

25/03/2024

"The provision of non-funded childcare is not a statutory duty for the Council and any additional hours offered are dependent on there being spaces available and it not impacting on the Council's ability to fulfil its statutory duty. The Guidance for Parents (current version attached - this is currently being update to show the increased charge for 24-25), states that the charge for non funded childcare (where they purchase additional hours on top of their child's funded hours entitlement) is "per hour or part thereof" and the hourly rate is agreed each year as part of the Council's Fees and Charges process. Working in hourly blocks is more efficient for the Council in terms of staffing and invoicing with staffing calculated on full hours to ensure at least minimum required ratios are always being met We appreciate that on this occasion, the parent wasn't aware of the level of flexibility available for taking their funded hours to reduce the number of hours they pay for. I understand that an officer from the Early Years team has given support with this and we will ensure that staff in all nurseries where non-funded childcare places are able to be offered, are given support to offer parents the maximum flexibility to meet their needs.

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13/03/2024 Enquiry **COMPLETE**

Apologies i cant find the option with toilets on the system.

Chirnside public toilet is due a bit of paint, a new window is being fitted so thats great! the Jim Clark rally is going through Chirnside and the area of the toilets is the check point. can the toilets be painted before the rally to ensure Chirnside is a positive experience for visitors please. The toilets will be well used that day.

26/03/2024

"Good afternoon Cllr Anderson,

I have passed your enquiry to the area Property Officer requesting quote(s) be obtained for the painting on the public toilets in Chirnside. When further information is received I will contact you to update.

Regards,

Lauren

Property Manager"}]

16/04/2024 Enquiry **COMPLETE**

Resident XXXXXXXXhas asked who he should contact regarding buying a bit of derelict land behind his house. the what3words are attached. can someone please contact Mr Nisbet on 0XXXXXXX regarding his enquiry.

thanks

02/04/2024

"Dear Councillor Anderson,

Estates staff have contacted Mr XXXXXX and are assisting him with his enquiry.

Thank you.

Christina Harper, Estates Support Assistant.

05/04/2024 Enquiry **COMPLETE**

The CO-OP car park in Eyemouth.

The surface of the carpark in Eyemouth is beyond patching. The surface is degraded to such a level it IS NOT SAFE to walk on. It is only a matter of time before someone falls and takes SBC to court.

This issue needs raised to higher management as it is an ongoing and significant safety issue.

Temporary patching is no longer viable, SBC need to seriously look at this issue.

I am still chasing up the co-op for some contribution to this work. please feel free to chase them up also.

XXXXXXXXXX

FM Business Partner – North – Glasgow Coffin Factory, South Scotland & North England

Co-op Property

Mobile – XXXXXXXXXX

Email – XXXXXXXXXX

15/05/2024

"We have already been in contact with XXXXXXXXX and are awaiting a response form the COOP Estates Team. We will issue a further email to them to ask for an update on our proposals.

As you are aware, we are seeking support from the Elected Members for a contribution to the resurfacing works from Small Schemes, which you have already indicated your approval, and were awaiting a response form the COOP before formally reviewing options."}]

01/05/2024 Enquiry **ONGOING**

Issue raised at Burnmouth CC on 1/5/24

Fairnieside layby, Burnmouth is a mess. What happened to A1 staff replacement.?

Fish boxes, washing machines and other fly tipping materials are all over the place. Also a rat infestation. so, the layby has a number of issues, the rats are running into the properties backing onto the site. fly tipping needs addressed. HGVs emptying their trailer spoils onto the road side

needs looked at. The last HGV left overs of grain have supported the current boom in rat population.

Also the issue with people actually doing the toilet in the layby... i have seen them for myself and its disgusting. This area is slowly turning into an environmental health concern.

what actions will be taken to resolve these issues?

16/05/2024

"Councillor

I believe this is part of the old A1 and an unofficial lay-by, even though there is Parking signs up.

I have previously taken this up with BEAR Scotland, and they were going to discuss the issue with Transport Scotland and see if it can be closed off altogether.

I have a meeting with them next week and will raise again.

Regards

Neil"]]

02/05/2024 Enquiry **ONGOING**

From: Anderson2, James <James.Anderson2@scotborders.gov.uk>

Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 8:55 AM

Scottish water have not returned to repair a drain cover/ collar at the habour entrance at Burnmouth. the pavement across from the issue has also sunk and is causing an issue. i am unsure if the two issues are related. can someone follow up with Scottish water please and ask them to get back on site and make the repair. it is in a difficult position for harbour access

ONGOING

Cemetery at CoPath and surrounding areas.

The cemetery has branches that have blown down some time ago still left. the grass is a bit untidy and older residents would appreciate a lower cut for the beginning of the year with the amazon to pick up the grass.

20/05/2024

"Councillor

The grass has been cut and the branches were uplifted at this cemetery.

Regards

Neil Pringle"

21/05/2024 Enquiry **COMPLETE**

Q-kirdi grill in Eyemouth has a planning application for replacement windows on Eyemouth high street.

I cant find the planning application but the business needs to be up and running soon. can someone advice please.

22/05/2024

"Councillor Anderson

Thank you for your recent enquiry.

I can confirm that application 24/00121/FUL remains invalid at the registration stage of our planning application process, pending receipt of additional supporting information. On 7 February, our Registration team wrote to the application agent seeking further basic information that was required to meet our validation requirements. No response has been received to date, despite subsequent reminders seeking an update on this matter. The information requested by our Registration Team is required to validate the application.

I understand the applicant was in contact with the case officer last week and he was able to explain the situation to him, which was contrary to the applicant's understanding of the matter as relayed by his agent.

Once the requested information is submitted we will be in a position to validate the application and allocate to the case officer for assessment and determination. The applicant should be aware that they must have consent in place before they carry out any works requiring of planning permission. I trust this answers your enquiry.

Regards

Barry Fotheringham

Lead Planning Officer"]]

Follow up by J Anderson and issue resolved.

16/05/2024 Enquiry COMPLETE

A bench at the bottom end of the golf course on new harbour road around the tennis court areas in Eyemouth is rough and needs a clean. members of the public have asked this be looked at.

27/05/2024

"Councillor

I will have this bench inspected and dealt with appropriately as soon as we can.

Regards

Neil"]]

14/05/2024 Enquiry ONGOING

URGENT SAFETY ISSUE Eyemouth Bridge XXXXXXXXXX reported to XXXX that the base of one of the hand rail has rusted through and base of next one is loose in the concrete base. If someone leans on them they could fall over. I have just checked and can confirm this fault. Checked the other hand rails and they look OK, but they need to be properly surveyed by SBC. See attached photo.

27/05/2024

"Morning Councillor Anderson,

I've just heard back from the departments investigating this enquiry.

Although the bridge does not belong to SBC, it is adopted meaning that it is managed and maintained by our Bridges Team.

Stuart Moir, Senior Structural Engineer in Roads Service has said that he will make sure that the team looks at this asap, and take appropriate action.

I hope this helps.

XXXXXXXXXX

14/05/2024 Enquiry COMPLETE

I have had a request from XXXXXXXXXX who is on the board of Eyemouth Museum on Manse road. They have had a problem with plants growing into their drains and have cut down half a truck load of bushes to stop them growing further into the drain.

they have asked if SBC can help move the bushes to the recycling centre as they have no transport.

I said i would ask but couldn't guarantee the staff would have time to help with this.

can someone please contact Andy on the number above and tell him his options? it would be nice to do the museum a favor however the men are busy and it may set a precedent for others to ask.

I will leave it in your capable hands.

29/05/2024

"Councillor

This work was arranged to be done and we removed the cuttings for Mr Anderson.

Regards

Neil Pringle"]]

29/05/2024 Enquiry COMPLETE

Passing on a message from Chirnside folk to whoever cut the Grass on Northfield terrace. Say thanks to the lads please. On behalf of the grass cutters eastend chirnside. We would like to thank who ever was involved in the cutting of the banking at .Northfield Terrace what a very tidy jobs been done it's pleasure to walk along the street. Once again thankyou

03/06/2024

"Councillor

I have passed on the appreciation to the relevant staff.

Regards

Neil Pringle"}}

22/05/2024 Enquiry **COMPLETE**

Request from Eyemouth Enhancement group, can SBC please do the weed killer around Eyemouth high street and possibly use the new street sweeper to tidy up after a few skips have left a mess. specifically, around the war memorial on the High Street for D Day.

03/06/2024

"Councillor

The contractor who carries out the street spraying has started his contract last week and weather permitting will be in Eyemouth in the next 2/3 weeks.

Regarding the street sweeper they are in Eyemouth today and if traffic allows they will get this area swept.

Regards

Neil Pringle"

20/05/2024 Enquiry **COMPETE**

Morning, issues raised at Coldingham community council for investigation are as follows. The Coldingham moor road still has a few areas that are not able to have two cars passing. Again it is A1 diverted HGVs and we are due more road diversions next week. can this be checked please, It is the Coldingham end of the Moore road where the issues have been raised. Also the Press Castle road has some issues with pot holes and the road sides having tractor wheel ditches at the side of them. to quote, "you could lose a small car in some of them holes" . i will be out that way next week and can look for the specific areas however it seems wide spread after the last A1 closure of which there have been numerous nights of diverted traffic.

05/06/2024

"We will arrange for both sections of road to be inspected and an instruction issued to rectify any actionable defects."}}

22/05/2024 Enquiry **COMPLETE**

Morning. Pease Bay just off the Coldingham Moore road has a small bridge. Residents have pointed out this bridge has a lot of deterioration and looks like it needs assessed. If this Bridge has been assessed recently can i have a copy of the report and if not can it be looked at please?

05/06/2024

"Morning Cllr Anderson,

Thanks for the enquiry - Stuart Moir - Bridges Team Leader will be in touch via email this week to check which bridge is being mentioned, thereafter Stuart can arrange a visit to check over.

Many thanks

Paul Frankland"}}

22/05/2024 Enquiry **COMPLETE**

Morning

I cant get this file type to play nice with my laptop this morning. Can you please pass this query through the members service.

The pavement between Eyemouth high School entrance and the rear high school entrance has a sinking pavement. It has dropped significantly over the winter. Can this be looked at please.

Sincerely

Cllr James Anderson

10/06/2024

"We will arrange for the area of footway settlement to be inspected to determine the source of the issue."}}

28/05/2024 Enquiry **ONGOING**

Can someone please look at the bellow email and see if we can get the area in question cut? if we cant manage it at short notice can someone let the gentleman know please.

I have formally booked and received confirmation for the "Priory Live" event in the Community Garden for the schools/Priory event on the 3rd / 4th June, where 100+ P6 schoolchildren and about 50 volunteers will assemble and I'm starting to panic a bit as the grass has been not been cut, so decided to have a look on the SBC website as to the situation and find to my surprise that we are not even listed. Could be that we are not included in the pilot but since every other village seems to be in the list and as our graveyard is a disgrace I'm wondering what the situation IS.
Response: Grass has been cut in time for the event and area tidied.

COMPETE

STATS

**Average emails per week since elected 414,
Year to date attendance rating 95%**

Scottish Borders Area Command The Lothians and Scottish Borders East Berwickshire Community Councils Multi Member Ward Report for April 2024 (Up to 30/04)

The information provided within this report, is predominately based on the East Berwickshire 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 Update – East Berwickshire – PS Ali Granger
During April, Berwickshire community officers have been listening to communities and carrying out speed checks in requested locations including Coldingham, Whitsome, Reston and Allanton. Community officer speed checks aim to educate drivers and raise awareness – encouraging drivers to be considerate of other road users, particularly local residents and vulnerable road users. On 17th April, Roads Policing officers, in partnership with the Community Action Team, Community Policing Team and Motorcycle Unit ran an operation on the A1 at Burnmouth. Our partners from Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency, Traffic Examiners and HM Revenue and Customs were also present. The aim was to carry out numerous checks of vehicles to ensure they are fit for use on the roads and ensure legislation is complied with. 73 vehicles were stopped, 9 offences dealt with, and numerous warnings issued.

Vehicle checks at Burnmouth

The Your Police Survey for 2024/25 has recently launched, the link below gives access. We value

your input and would appreciate your time in completing the survey

<https://consult.scotland.police.uk/strategy-insight-and-innovation/your-police-2024-2025/>

The below link gives access to the latest Police document for the Scrutiny Panel for the Police, Fire

and Rescue and Safer Communities Board, which sits every quarter at Scottish Borders Council.

<https://scottishborders.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s75749/Item%20No.%205%20a%20-%20Scottish%20Borders%20Q4%20CI.pdf>

Once you click into this link, please scroll down to read the full report. It provides progress and updates

on service matters from Police Scotland as presented by the Local Area Commander CI Stuart Fletcher.

Local Policing Priorities

1. Protecting Vulnerable People in a Physical & Digital World
2. Reducing violence and Anti-Social Behaviour
3. Reducing acquisitive crime
4. Improving road safety
5. Tackling serious and organised crime

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Protecting Vulnerable People in a Physical & Digital World

In April 2024 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 221 mental

health related calls, around 22 missing person enquiries and approximately 104 domestic related incidents.

East Berwickshire had 22 mental health related calls and 3 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 18/04/24 report of male being assaulted in Northfield Terrace, Chirnside. One male issued

with a Recorded Police Warning.

On 25/04/24 report of male being assaulted in Northfield Terrace, Chirnside. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

On 28/04/24 report of male being assaulted within the common stairwell of Marine Square, Eyemouth. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

Anti-Social Behaviour

On 02/04/24 report of male causing a disturbance within the Contented Sole. Male arrested and

conveyed to Hawick Police Station where he was charged with threatening and abusive behaviour

and held for court.

On 10/04/24 report of two males refusing to leave The Tavern Public House, Eyemouth.

Males had

left prior to police arrival. Advice given, no criminality.

On 17/04/24 report of about 8 youths causing a disturbance outside a property in Pocklaw Slap,

Eyemouth. Officers attended, youths had been dispersed. No criminality. Advice given.

On 17/04/24 report of same youths congregating at the end of The Avenue, Eyemouth.

Officers

attended, no trace of youths, no criminality. Advice given to informant.

On 27/04/24 report of a disturbance ongoing within a garden in Killies Green, Eyemouth.

Advised to

keep the noise down.

On 28/04/24 report of a female making threatening gestures to another in Reston area.

Statements

noted. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

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On 30/04/24 report of male causing a disturbance within the Penny Petroleum, Eyemouth Industrial

Estate. Officers attended. No criminality established. Male taken home.

Vandalism

On 08/04/24 report of damage to a small wooden building at Netherbyres, known as Eyemouth Mill

Gating Station. Enquiries complete

On 18/04/24 report of both nearside tyres of a car having been slashed whilst parked on the roadway on Glebe Crescent, Chirnside. Enquiries ongoing

On 20/04/24 report of a car windscreen having been smashed whilst parked overnight on the

junction of the High Street /Armatage Street, Eyemouth. Enquiries ongoing

On 28/04/24 report of small window of front door of Sandison House, Marine Square, Eyemouth

being smashed. No attempts were made to enter the property. Crime Report submitted.

Enquiries

ongoing.

On 30/04/24 report of damage to glass panel on the front door of a property in Chapel Street,

Eyemouth. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Theft by Housebreaking

On 08/04/24 report of a window being forced allowing entry to be gained to a property in Hoprig

Road, Co'path. Crime report submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

On 28/04/24 report of attempt to break into a property at the rear of Paxton Terrace, Eyemouth.

One male arrested and further enquiries to be carried out.

On 27/04/24 report of a theft slip-in to a property in Glebe Crescent, Eyemouth. Crime Report

submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

Theft

On 12/04/24 report of informant robbery in Deanhead Road, Eyemouth. Vehicle was stolen, vehicle

was subsequently recovered by police after colliding with a marked police car on Coldingham Road,

Eyemouth. Male and Female arrested and charged and reports submitted

On 19/04/24 report of theft of items from insecure trailer whilst male was carrying out work near to

the roundabout at Cove. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

On 23/04/24 report of theft of item from the beach in Eyemouth. Enquiries ongoing.

Improving Road Safety

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On 15/04/24 – a driver was issued a fine for driving with no MOT in Gunsgreen Crescent.

On 17/04/24 – a driver was issued a fine and penalty points for driving with no insurance in Burnmouth.

On 23/04/24 – a driver was issued a fine and penalty points for driving with no insurance in Whitsome.

On 26/04/24 – a driver was issued a fine and penalty points for speeding in Cockburnspath.

On 28/04/24 – a driver was issued a fine for driving with no MOT in Burnmouth.

On 28/04/24 – a driver was issued a fine for driving with no MOT in Eyemouth.

Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

Serious and organised crime enforcement – April 2024

The Scottish Borders CID Proactive Unit executed 7 Drug Warrants across the command area during

April, four were positive and 12 persons were charged with drug related offences. A number of stop

and searches were also conducted in identified hotspot area where drugs misuse was prevalent

across the Scottish Borders.

Serious and organised crime impacts local communities across the Borders and anyone with

information on criminal activity are asked to contact Police Scotland on 101, report it at any Police

Station or report it anonymously via the Crime Stoppers Charity. This information can be on any

criminal matter but includes an individuals unexplained financial gain or wealth or persons who are

vulnerable in our communities and being targeted or exploited by others for any reason.

Campaigns

Motorcycle Safety

Our annual motorcycle safety campaign urges drivers to look out for motorcyclists as riders take to

the road this summer. In 2023/24, there were 151 road deaths and 27 were motorcyclists.

Motorcyclists make up around one per cent of all road users yet account for 14 per cent of deaths.

Engagement and enforcement activity will take place throughout the spring and summer months

using both marked and unmarked police vehicles. Police Scotland officers, including those from the

national motorcycle unit, will be carrying out intelligence led patrols to engage with all drivers and

riders.

Rural Crime

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We continue to provide security, crime prevention and livestock worrying advice to farmers and rural

business. This can be requested by Farmers / Rural businesses using the Contact Us Form on the Police

Scotland Website.

Special Constables – Recruiting

With a long and impressive history, the Special Constabulary is a part-time, volunteer body consisting

of voluntary officers with identical powers to that of police officers. As a special constable, you'll work alongside our police officers in your spare time – forging strong partnerships in the community, patrolling our streets, preventing crime, and interacting with all kinds of people to give back, keep your local community safe and make a real difference. You can work full time and be a Special Constable in just 96 hours per year or a few hours a week. The role is diverse, demanding, and rewarding. You could be doing anything from policing a football match to assisting at a road accident. Special constables also police major sporting and public events and provide an excellent bridge between the Police Service and the public, representing both the community within the police service and the police service within local communities. Special Constables can act as a positive force for change - bringing with them an extensive pool of skills, talents, experience, local knowledge, and diverse backgrounds - as well as enhancing the overall level of service provided by the police. So, whatever your walk of life, step forward now and find out how being a police volunteer could be the perfect fit to suit your lifestyle.

Police Scotland Special Constable Recruitment - Police Scotland

CAT Update:

ROAD SAFETY – SBCAT have continued carrying out road checks in numerous locations in the Scottish Borders and have issued 10 traffic tickets for various offences throughout the month.

Throughout April numerous hi- vis speed and static road checks along with foot patrols have been carried out at schools throughout the Scottish Borders at dropping off and picking up times.

Including primary schools in Kelso, Galashiels, Duns, Peebles, Hawick and Lilliesleaf. On 17th April SBCAT officers took part in Operation Checkpoint on the A1 along with Roads Policing and the DVSA. Numerous vehicles were stopped and 4 drivers were issued with traffic tickets.

PARKING TICKETS – Officers have been carrying out high visibility patrols in Peebles, Kelso, Eyemouth, Duns, Selkirk, Galashiels, and Hawick, and addressing parking concerns there. Advice has been given to drivers and 75 tickets have been issued.

Passing attention was given to Traquair Road, Innerleithen (no issues) The War Memorial in Coldstream (ticket issued) Galashiels Town Centre and Bridge Street in Kelso were also regularly checked by officers along with Duns Industrial Estate (no issues), ambulance parking bays at the health centres in Hawick (several tickets issued) In March the Central Ticket Office ran out of parking tickets. The SBCAT has very few blank tickets left, which has affected the figures for this month. We will be given new ticket books as soon as they are available.

RURAL ACQUISITIVE CRIME – We continue to carry out static road checks in rural areas at all times of day to deter and detect rural acquisitive crime. 13 static checks were carried out throughout the Scottish Borders this month along with numerous hi-visibility patrols of rural areas..

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At Monynut vehicle patrols and a quad bike patrols were completed on weekends with the following to report

On Sunday 7th April officers from SBCAT, ELCAT and Edinburgh conducted a joint day of action with patrols of Monynut and the surrounding area on quad bikes, off road motorcycles and off road motor vehicles. On this occasion no offences were detected.

However, the following day officers were conducting a mobile patrol at Monynut when a farmer

made them aware of 2 young males driving a vehicle erratically and generally messing about

endangering lambs. The vehicle was traced in the area and the driver was charged with careless driving.

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – High visibility patrols have continued in targeted areas of the Scottish

Borders to address concerns highlighted at these locations.

Similar high visibility foot patrols are being completed across the Borders with a focus on Peebles,

Innerleithen, Kelso, Newtown St Boswells and Burnfoot in Hawick due to youths causing ASB. As well

as Jedburgh Sheriff Court on court days due to previous reported issues with members of the public.

2 youth warning letters were issued during the month of April in relation to youths.

On 13 April the SB CAT assisted at Melrose 7s conducting foot patrols across Melrose. This continued

into the evening where we were once again joined by the Specials Initiative Team (SIT).

They

stopped 4 youths who had been drinking and contacted parents to collect. Alcohol was seized from

several other youths and disposed of, and some other minor issues were dealt with 2 recorded

police warnings were issued.

On 27th April the SIT returned to work with the SBCAT in Peebles, Innerleithen and Hawick.

Some

youths were taken home following ASB. 3 tickets were issued for minor offences, 5 licensed

premises were checked, and 60 vehicles were stopped.

PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE – Part of the SBCAT role is to trace persons wanted on

warrant/missing person/and bail curfew checks. SBCAT have carried out regular checks on multiple

individuals who are wanted on warrant. During the past month a total of 3 people were arrested on

warrant.

On 16th April 24 CAT officers carried out a bail check on a male in Hawick. The male was found to be

in breach of his conditions and was reported for warrant.

DRUG ENFORCEMENT – SBCAT officers have taken part in 4 drugs search warrants in the Scottish Borders.

On 5/4/24 the SBCAT executed 4 search warrants in one day. The first 2 were completed in Hawick

with the Proactive Crime Team. Over £1000 in cash was seized from one of the addresses.

A further

MDA search warrant was then executed in Selkirk with the Proactive Crime Team. About £7000 of

heroin was recovered along with Over £3000 in cash. Following this the SBCAT executed a MDA

search warrant in Galashiels with assistance from a Public Order team to force entry.

Personal

amounts of cannabis, cocaine and controlled tablets were seized from within.

OTHER ISSUES OF NOTE-

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On 10th April 2024 a suspicious device was found within a property in Selkirk. Due to a risk it could be

an explosive device the MOD's bomb disposal unit attended along with other specialists.

The SBCAT

assisted in securing the area, evacuating elderly residents and ensuring that the public were safe.

On 15th April 2024, CAT officers following a report of a S127 comms offence towards a Borders MP,

traced, arrested, interviewed and subsequently charged a male for the offence, with him being

released on a undertaking to appear at court.

New legislation relating to fox hunting came into effect last year. The new laws have been compiled

with across most of Scotland but there have been reports of offences in the Scottish Borders. Over

the past couple of months SBCAT have been investigating and this month 1 male was charged under

the new legislation, another was arrested, interviewed and released without charge. This was the

first time this legislation had been used in Scotland and this was reported by the press at a National

level.

As of 20th May the SBCAT will be reduced to 1 Sergeant and 6 Constables.

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:

EastBerwickshireCPT@scotland.pnn.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