

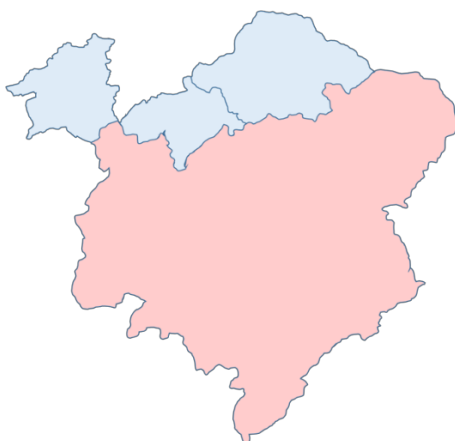
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Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

East Berwickshire Community Councils
Multi Member Ward Report for September 2024



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.

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Community Update – East Berwickshire – PS Ali Granger



PC Jacobs, East Berwickshire Community Officer, has been focusing on Road Safety during September, carrying out high visibility speed checks, primarily outside schools to safeguard and highlight the dangers of speeding.

PC Jacobs was approached by several members of the public who expressed concerns about the speed of vehicles travelling on Toll Booth Road. Following this, a speed check was carried out there.

During September Berwickshire School Link Officer, PC Cameron has been active in both of his High Schools, providing support and advice to management and also dealing with a number of reported incidents including an assault which took place in the community. PC Cameron has spent significant time one to one with various children with a view to helping them make better choices and avoid further offending.

PC Cameron has managed to get his lunch time Sports Club back up and running in both high Schools, getting steady attendance of approximately 14 pupils at each School, engaging in a variety of sports but with a current interest in Flag American Football.

PC Cameron was also delighted to welcome Cockburnspath Nursery to Eyemouth Police Station to give them a tour and deliver some safety advice should they run into trouble, and go through how to make a 999 Call



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Please encourage as many members of the community as possible to complete the 'Your Police Survey' for 2024/25, 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 twice per year at Scottish Borders Council.

[Item No. 5 a - Scottish Borders Scrutiny Oct-Mar.pdf \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

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



Protecting Vulnerable People in a Physical & Digital World

In September 2024 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 193 mental health related calls, around 20 missing person enquiries and approximately 89 domestic related incidents.

East Berwickshire had 22 mental health related calls and 1 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 15/09/24 report of a male and female being assaulted outside The Tavern, positive lines of enquiry ongoing.

On 16/09/24 report of a youth having been assaulted by another youth at Toll Bridge, Eyemouth. Enquiries ongoing.

On 19/09/24 report of assault in Haymons Cove, Eyemouth. Suspect traced and arrested. Enquiry Complete.

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Anti-Social Behaviour

On 01/09/24 report of a disturbance in Hurkur Crescent, Eyemouth. Informant did not wish to provide a statement or make a complaint. Ethical Crime Report submitted.

On 02/09/24 report of a female being verbally threatened by another female at Swan Court, Eyemouth. Positive lines of enquiry ongoing.

On 19/09/24 report of three males refusing to leave the bar and being verbally abusive to customers in the Cutty Sark Inn, Eyemouth. Males had left prior to police arrival. It had been a dispute over non-refundable rooms. No complaints made.

On 19/09/24 report of a female being verbally abusive to another female in Haymons Cove, Eyemouth. Accused was identified and issued with a Recorded Police Warning for threatening and abusive behaviour.

On 28/09/2024 report of a disturbance within a property in Whitehall Close, Chirnside. No criminality, referred to partner agencies.

Vandalism/vehicle damage

On 27/09/2024 report of a vehicle having been set alight at Braeheads, Coldingham. Lines of enquiry being investigated by CID officers.

Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Theft by Housebreaking

On 05/09/24 report of access being gained to the Waste Transfer Station, Whitsome by cutting through the fence and thereafter stealing items within. Enquiries complete.

Theft

On 19/09/24 report of male theft shoplifting from the Co-Op, High Street, Eyemouth. Positive lines of enquiry ongoing.

On 20/09/24 report of known female stealing a bottle of wine from the Penny Petroleum, Toll Road, Eyemouth. Enquiries ongoing to trace and charge suspect.

On 24/09/2024 report of theft shoplifting from Co-op, High Street, Eyemouth. Enquiries ongoing.

On 25/09/2024 a female from Houndwood, Reston reports historical thefts from 2022. Enquiries ongoing.

Improving Road Safety

On 09/09/2024 – a driver was issued a fine and penalty points for driving with no insurance in Eyemouth

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On 18/09/2024 – a driver was issued a fine and penalty points for driving with no insurance in Reston



Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

Serious and organised crime enforcement – September 2024 – to follow

Campaigns

Student Safety

Police Scotland aims to provide students with important safety advice on how they can avoid becoming a victim of crime. Common frauds that students are experiencing range from the more recognisable faceto-face fraud to those carried out by someone anonymously online. Advances in technology enable you to carry out daily tasks more easily but can be frequently exploited by fraudsters interested in personal information and money. The guide will provide information and advice to increase awareness to identify potential frauds and prevent the loss of valuable data to those intent on stealing it.

STUDENT ONLINE SAFETY GUIDE

SUPPORT AND WELLBEING

Please, seek help from your university/college wellbeing services for assistance and guidance.

Samaritans
A free, confidential emotional support service available 24/7, 365 days a year for anyone in the UK and Ireland
Call 116 123
www.samaritans.org

Breathing Space
A free, confidential service for anyone in Scotland experiencing low mood, depression or anxiety. It has a helpline and a webchat; see the website for times available
www.breathingspace.scot

Papyrus
Provides confidential advice and support and works to prevent young suicide in the UK
www.papyrus-uk.org

CALM
A campaign to try to reduce suicide rates, particularly in men. CALM has a helpline and webchat available 5 pm – midnight, 365 days a year
www.thecalmrooms.net

FURTHER INFORMATION, ADVICE AND GUIDANCE

NCSC Sextortion Emails
www.ncsc.gov.uk/guidance/sexortion-scams-how-to-protect-yourself

Phishing
www.ncsc.gov.uk/collection/phishing-scams

Revenge Porn Helpline - Sextortion
www.revengepornhelpline.org.uk

Get Safe Online
www.getsafeonline.org

Victim Support Scotland
www.victimsupport.scot

Take Five
www.takefive-stopfraud.org.uk

Money Mules
www.nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/moneymuling

Police Scotland
www.scotland.police.uk/advice-and-information/internet-safety



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The Herbert Protocol is here to give you some reassurance and help keep your loved ones safe. The system provides the police with everything they need to know to search for the person living with the dementia. It's a form that is kept at home containing important information regarding known routines, habits as well as descriptions of your friend/relative and details of their and others involved with their care. It can be handed to Police so that you do not have to worry about gathering the information during what can be a very stressful time. You can download the form from www.scotland.police.uk/your-community. It should be kept up-to-date so that all the information is relevant and current. A recent photograph should also be kept with the form. The police will only need the form when the person is reported missing and the form will be returned when the person is found. What should I do if I am concerned that my friend or relative is missing? If you believe the person is missing and at risk of harm, please call '999' at the earliest opportunity. Tell the operator you have a Herbert Protocol form.

CAT Update:

ROAD SAFETY – SBCAT have continued carrying out road checks in numerous locations in the Scottish Borders and have dealt with 26 traffic offences this month.

On 1st September the CAT dealt with a drunk driver in Berwickshire and it transpired that he taken the car without consent of the owner. He was charged with drunk driving along with several other offences.

On the same date the CAT took part in a motorcycle initiative completing static checks targeting motorcyclists.

On 11th September the CAT conducted speed checks and foot patrols outside schools in Newcastleton and West Linton following complaints from the local community. During the month other speed checks were completed outside schools including some of our other smaller communities such as Stow, Gordon and Earlston.

PARKING TICKETS – Officers have been carrying out high visibility enforcement across the Borders and addressing parking concerns there. Advice has been given to drivers and 48 tickets have been issued.

Passing attention was given to Galashiels, Peebles, Duns and Eyemouth. Several parking tickets were also issued in Coldstream and Selkirk following complaints from the public.

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. 44 static checks were carried out throughout the Scottish Borders this month along with numerous hi-visibility patrols of rural areas.

In early September a CAT officer paired up with our divisions Wildlife officer for 3 days. Using our quad bikes, they conducted rural patrols across Berwickshire targeting wildlife crime and other rural crimes. Crime prevent advice was given a numerous farmers and rural workers.

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On the 20th of September CAT officers along with officers from several other police forces in the North of England took part in Operation Checkpoint. This involved static road checks targeting cross Border rural acquisitive crime.

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – High visibility patrols have continued in targeted areas of the Scottish Borders to address concerns highlighted as per our taskings. This includes outside Jedburgh Sheriff Court on Monday court days.

On the 21st of September the SBCAT along with the Specials Initiative Team conducted, foot, mobile and bicycle patrols of Burnfoot. An E-scooter was seized from a juvenile and returned to the parents. 2 youths were charged with, shouting swearing and being threatening towards police. Further patrols were completed with officers including some in plain clothes.

Later in the evening the SIT and CAT conducted road checks stopping 120 vehicles and detecting 9 traffic offences in the Hawick area.

10 youth warning letters were issued during the month of September

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 with 2 arrested this month for a non-domestic offences. The SBCAT has also assisted with high-risk domestic enquiry packs.

Throughout September the CAT has been making enquiries into a violent male wanted for a priority arrest warrant and for serious domestic offences in Hawick. The male has since fled to the South of England. We've been liaising with the local police and they are making attempts to arrest him on our behalf.

DRUG ENFORCEMENT –

2 people have been searched under the Misuse of Drugs Act with both of them being found in possession of a personal amount of cannabis. The CAT was not involved in any drugs search warrants in September.

OTHER ISSUES OF NOTE-

Following training in September all of the CAT are now trained to use the quad bikes.

We've also had some response officers do trainings days with us, helping us with our taskings as part of their third-year training.

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

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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.

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