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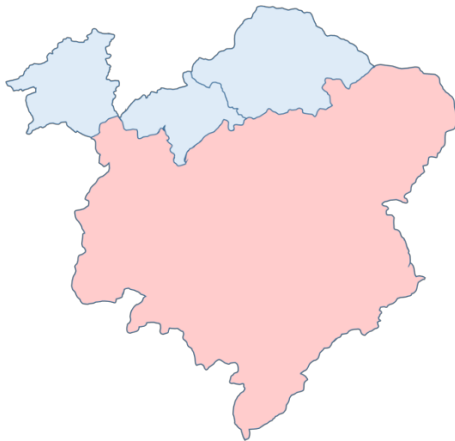


## **Scottish Borders Area Command**

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

East Berwickshire Community Councils  
Multi Member Ward Report for January 2025

(Up to 31/1)



**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**

Community officer PC Jacobs and School Link Officer PC Cameron have been working alongside our partners in the community to continue to build their relationships with young people within the community. They have attended at Ayton and Reston Primary Schools with community groups Splash, Field to Fork and Berwickshire Swap, working with all the pupils, discussing healthy choices. This was a unique opportunity to engage positively with the students to build trust and confidence in the Police.

PC Cameron has also been carrying out online safety inputs, attending multi agency meetings, carrying out offender warnings and providing vital support and assistance to his schools where possible. He has assisted the Child and Adult Protection Unit with an investigation where his relationships with young people have proved to be vital.

School Link Officers and Community Sergeants also gathered from across the Scottish Borders on 20<sup>th</sup> January to share information on good working practices. They received inputs on current youth offending, child protection and anti social behaviour processes.

As well as carrying out a number of footpatrols in our area, focussing on inappropriate parking and antisocial behaviour, PC Jacobs has been working with her Response Colleagues, identifying and supporting the most vulnerable members of our community and assisting with neighbour disputes.

## **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 January 2025 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 212 mental health related calls, around 10 missing person enquiries and approximately 74 domestic related incidents.*

*East Berwickshire had 19 mental health related calls and 1 missing person enquiry. 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

### Anti-Social Behaviour

On 04/01/25 report of ongoing issues with dirt bikes being ridden without permission on land at Middle Monynut, Co'path. Community Action Team made aware.

### Vandalism/vehicle damage

On 14/01/25 report of the outer pane of a living window in Chapel Street, Eyemouth had been smashed by use of an unknown instrument. Enquiries ongoing.

On 16/01/25 report of a vehicle being scratched with an unknown implement whilst it was parked in Marine Square, Eyemouth. Enquiries ongoing.

On 25/01/25 report of a male using the 999 system to contact police and being threatening and abusive to the call handler. He thereafter attended at Eyemouth Police Station and whilst speaking with officers, he began to act in a threatening manner and caused damage to a door. Male arrested, caution and charged for threatening and abusive behaviour and vandalism and released on special undertaking to attend Jedburgh Sheriff Court at a later date.

## Reducing Acquisitive Crime

### Theft by Housebreaking

On 01/01/25 report of a break into one of the wooden outhouses at Eyemouth Golf Club and a golf buggy having been taken. It was found abandoned in a nearby field. Enquiries ongoing.

On 14/01/25 report of an attempt break-in to a unit on Eyemouth Industrial Estate. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

On 23/01/25 report of a break into a garage at Tower Farm Cottages, Co'path and four dirt bikes having been taken. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

### Theft

On 11/01/25 report of theft of a trailer from a property in Woodside, Allanton. Enquiries carried out. Trailer was found abandoned in the Northumbria area and recovered by local police. Statement noted. Enquiries ongoing.

On 16/01/25 report of unknown persons entering the rear garden of a property in The Square in Co'path, entering an insecure shed and moving items within the shed. Nothing was taken. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

On 27/01/25 report of unknown persons entering a property in the High Street, Eyemouth and taking alcohol. Enquiries ongoing.

## Improving Road Safety

On 03/01/25 officers carried out routine checks on a vehicle which was being driven by a male in Barefoots Crescent, Eyemouth. Checks confirmed that the male had taken the vehicle without the consent of the owner, he was driving without a licence, insurance and a valid test certificate. He was also found to be in possession of a controlled drug. Male cautioned and charged for numerous traffic offences and being in possession of a controlled drug. Vehicle seized.

On 03/01/2025 – a driver was issued a fine for driving with no MOT in Eyemouth.

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On 03/01/2025 – a driver was issued a fine and penalty points for tyre – grooves less than 1.6mm in Chirnside.

On 13/01/2025 – a driver was issued a fine and penalty points for use of handheld mobile phone while driving in Houndwood House.

On 22/01/2025 – a driver was issued a fine for driving without an MOT in Eyemouth.

On 13/01/2025 – a driver was issued a fine and penalty points for use of handheld mobile phone whilst driving in East Berwickshire.



## Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

### ***Serious and organised crime enforcement – January 2025***

*The Scottish Borders CID Proactive Unit executed 4 Drug Warrants across the command area during January, all were positive and 2 persons were charged with drug related offences.*

*They would also like to highlight that the local communities across the Borders may have information which they deem insignificant in relation to people being seen at disused large premises over a period of time. Any suspicious activity will be followed up by this team but it is important that the public know they can report such matters in person at any Police Station, by use of 101 or anonymously via the Crime Stoppers charity.*

## Campaigns

January saw a national campaign throughout Police Scotland focusing on Fraud. Online sales and romance frauds and the links they have to gift card Scams.

A comprehensive list of the main fraud types can be accessed on the Police Scotland website at

[www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/advice-for-victims-of-crime/fraud/main-electronic-fraud-types](http://www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/advice-for-victims-of-crime/fraud/main-electronic-fraud-types)

### Scams

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Victims of Phone / Internet / Doorstep Scams continue to be provided with an incident follow-up information pack containing advice intended to prevent repeat victimisation. This pack now includes a copy of the latest “Little Book of Big Scams” which covers a huge variety of common scams. [Little Book of Big Scams – Cyber Scotland](#)

### CAT Update

#### **ROAD SAFETY & PARKING TICKETS –**

On 13<sup>th</sup> January the CAT conducted speed checks at multiple locations across the Borders following complaints. This includes Stow, where 2 speeding tickets were issued. Parking checks have also been completed outside schools including St Ronan’s in Innerleithen, Knowepark in Selkirk and Peebles High School, following complaints

Officers have been carrying out high visibility enforcement across the Borders and addressing parking concerns. Advice has been given to drivers and 53 parking tickets have been issued. Extra attention was given to Galashiels, Selkirk, Kelso, Eyemouth, Chinside and Peebles following complaints.

**RURAL ACQUISITIVE CRIME** – We carry out high visibility mobile patrols across rural areas at varying times while completing static road checks.

A total of 17 static road checks were completed with 16 traffic offences detected.

**VIOLENCE AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR** – High visibility patrols have continued in targeted areas of the Scottish Borders to address concerns highlighted as per our taskings.

This includes the Transport Interchange in Galashiels. On 22nd January SBCAT were conducting one of these patrols of the interchange when they found a bus driver had just been assaulted by a group of youths. Following enquiries 2 youths have been identified and will be reported for minor assault.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> January SBCAT officers responded to a call in Peebles regarding a male being threatened with a knife. The male had ran off from other officers but was quickly found by the CAT and arrested.

#### **PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE –**

The SBCAT has assisted with several domestic abuse enquiries during January along with several arrests on non-domestic warrants. Considerable efforts have been made to trace a male following a domestic related serious assault.

On 14<sup>th</sup> January SBCAT officers were first to arrive at a head on vehicle collision on the A7 near Selkirk. They assisted with first aid for one driver. The other driver was missing and was reported as a missing person. SBCAT then coordinated the police dog handler, police helicopter and Mountain Rescue to search the nearby areas and ensure the other driver wasn’t injured nearby.

#### **TACKLING SERIOUS AND ORGANISED CRIME –**

On 29<sup>th</sup> January SBCAT officers were tasked with trying to trace a male in Duns who was wanted for various offences. All of the CAT attended, 2 went to his front door while the rest contained the area. He subsequently exited his home peacefully and was arrested.

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SBCAT officers were at Selkirk Sheriff Court when they were passed a bag of cocaine which had been found. Following enquiries a male has been identified as having it in his possession and he will be reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

### OTHER ISSUES OF NOTE-

On 24<sup>th</sup> January, SBCAT were backshift and were involved with Storm Eowyn with one of us assisting the Council's response from the Council HQ and the rest assisting with the blocked roads.

### **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](mailto: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.

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