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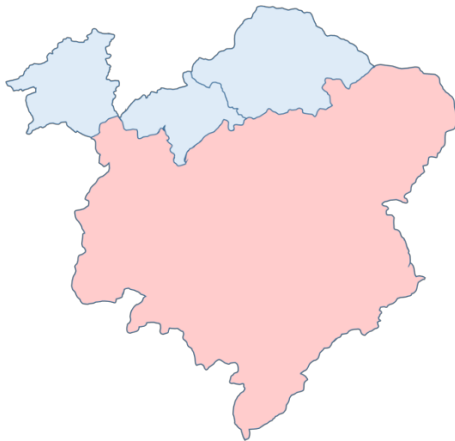


## **Scottish Borders Area Command**

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

East Berwickshire Community Councils  
Multi Member Ward Report for February 2025

(Up to 28/02)



**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

During February, Berwickshire Community officers PC's Jacobs and MacLeod assisted in the aftermath of the very sad death of a woman in Chirnside. We recognise the impact this will have had on the local community and thank them for the understanding and support during the investigation. PC's MacLeod and Jacobs carried out reassurance patrols and assisted their CID colleagues with enquiries.

Should you, or anyone you know, require support regarding these tragic set of circumstances, or similar, please access the below services;

**Cruse Bereavement Care Scotland:** 08088026161

**Petal People Experiencing Trauma and Loss:** 01698324502

**The Samaritans:** 08457909090

**The Compassionate Friends:** 083451232304

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PC Jacobs has carried out high visibility patrols in Eyemouth, during which she issued parking tickets where issues arose.

As well as assisting response officers with disturbances and a vandalism in the town, PC Jacobs attended a P7/S1 drop-in session at Berwickshire Connect providing positive engagement with young people.

School Link Officer PC Cameron delivered an input to S6's at Eyemouth High School on the topic of Consent and Sexual offending. The input covered topics such as offences with sending or receiving explicit images, staying safe on nights out, safe sexual practice as they move into adult life/university.

PC Cameron attended several meetings in support of children in Berwickshire as well as Eyepride, an LGBTQ+ group run within EHS by students and teachers to provide a safe space for students, LGBTQ+ or otherwise.

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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 Q2 2024.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



## Protecting Vulnerable People in a Physical & Digital World

*In February 2025 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 163 mental health related calls, around 29 missing person enquiries and approximately 76 domestic related incidents.*

*East Berwickshire had 11 mental health related calls and 2 missing person enquires. 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 12/02/25 report of a female being assaulted on Coldingham Road, Eyemouth, Enquiries complete and recorded police warning issued to a male for assault.

On 22/02/25 report of a female youth having been assaulted by another female youth in Main Street, Reston. Enquiries ongoing.

### Anti-Social Behaviour

On 08/02/25 report of damage to a security light at Erskine Place, Chirnside. Male traced, arrested and charged with vandalism and threatening and abusive behaviour.

On 14/02/25 report of a male causing a disturbance and being aggressive towards a female at Eyemouth harbour. Male found by officers in breach of bail conditions. Male conveyed to Hawick Custody and charged with a breach of bail condition and threatening and abusive behaviour.

On 19/02/25 report of a male shouting and threatening another male outside his property in Nisbet Avenue, Eyemouth. Male issued with a Recorded Police Warning for threatening and abusive behaviour.

On 20/02/25 report of a male being in possession of a weapon concealed within his clothing whilst in Victoria Road, Eyemouth. Male traced and caution and charged with being found in possession of an offensive weapon. Relevant paperwork submitted.

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On 22/02/25 report of an ongoing disturbance in Market Place, Eyemouth in relation to males fighting with each other out on the street. Males were obstructive and verbally abusive on police arrival. Males charged reported for vandalism, resisting arrest, obstructing officers and threatening and abusive behaviour

### **Vandalism/vehicle damage**

On 09/02/25 report of a window of a property in Beach Avenue, Eyemouth having been smashed. Enquiries complete.

On 10/02/25 report of the rear window of a vehicle having been smashed whilst parked overnight in Lammerview, Chirnside. Enquiries ongoing.

On 12/02/25 report of a vehicle having been vandalised whilst it was parked in Paxton Terrace, Eyemouth. Enquiries complete.

## **Reducing Acquisitive Crime**

### **Theft by Housebreaking**

On 04/02/25 report of unknown persons attempting to gain access to a property in Glebe Place, Chirnside by causing damage to the handles of a door. Enquiries complete.

### **Theft**

On 09/02/25 report of male filling his vehicle with fuel at the Penny Petroleum, Eyemouth, returning to his vehicle and driving away, making no attempt to pay. Enquiries ongoing.

On 15/02/25 report of male entering the Co-Op, Main Street, Chirnside, taking food items from the meat section and leaving the store without paying. Enquiries ongoing.

On 15/02/25 report of male entering the Co-Op, High Street, Eyemouth, taking food items from the meat section and leaving the store without paying. Enquiries ongoing.

On 17/02/25 report of theft of cast iron bench from the front garden of a property in Coldingham Road, Eyemouth. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

On 26/02/25 report of male being handed a bank card to purchase alcohol within the Co-Op, High Street, Eyemouth and failing to return it to the owner. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

## **Improving Road Safety**

On 03/02/25 whilst officers were on mobile patrol in the Eyemouth area, they observed a female driving a vehicle who was known to them as being a disqualified driver. The vehicle was stopped and further enquiries were carried out and it was established that the female had taken the vehicle without the owner's consent. The female was cautioned and charged with three driving offences and taking the vehicle without the owner's consent. Relevant paperwork submitted.

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On 01/02/2025 – a driver was issued a fine for driving with no MOT in Eyemouth.

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On 06/02/2025 – a driver was issued a fine and penalty points for use of handheld mobile phone while driving in Eyemouth.

On 24/02/2025 – a driver was issued a fine and penalty points for driving with no insurance in Chirnside.



## Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

### Serious and organised crime enforcement – February 2025

The Scottish Borders CID Proactive Unit executed 2 Drug Warrant during the month of February which resulted in the significant seizures of Class B and C Drugs. 2 persons were reported for drug related offences.

A male was stopped and searched under the Misuse of Drugs Act which resulted in the seizure of a quantity of Class A drugs from within a vehicle. Following assistance from our Road policing colleagues, several road traffic offences were identified. A report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

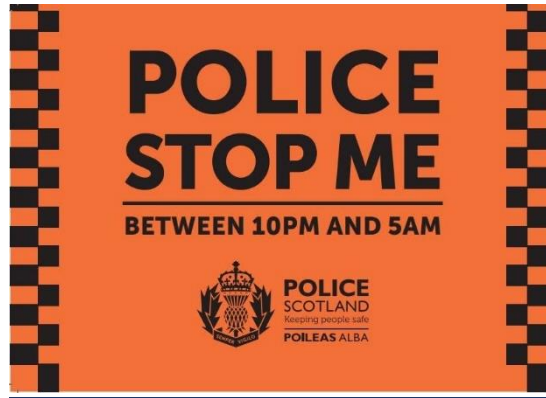
Another industrial sized cannabis cultivation was also discovered at a business premises within Hawick. This had a value of approximately £300,000 with enquires still ongoing in relation to this. This was widely reported in local and national news outlets.

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.

## Campaigns

Launch of the Stop Me Sticker Campaign to help tackle rural crime. Police Scotland is providing farming communities with a specially designed, waterproof sticker than can be displayed on tractors, excavators, and other rural machinery, encouraging police to stop them to verify ownership and permitted use during set hours where the machinery is not routinely used by the owners.

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Sextortion is blackmail. Criminals target people through dating apps, social media, text or email and manipulate them into sharing sexual content that they later use to demand money. Don't panic, don't pay, report it to police.

Read more at <https://orlo.uk/UPF97>



## CAT Update

### ROAD SAFETY & PARKING TICKETS –

Officers have been carrying out high visibility enforcement across the Borders and addressing parking concerns there. Extra attention was given to Galashiels, Selkirk, Duns and Chirnside following complaints.

On the 5<sup>th</sup> February SBCAT were on mobile patrol in Burnfoot when there was a report of a no injury collision between an electric off road motorbike and a car. The bike was seized, and the rider was charged with several offences under the Road Traffic Act.

On the 15<sup>th</sup> February SBCAT officers came across a van in Galashiels that appeared to be abandoned with it's lights on. Upon inspection a driver was found to be in the driver's seat but heavily intoxicated with alcohol. He failed the breath test and was later charged with drink driving.

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

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On the 26<sup>th</sup> of February a rural patrol of farms was completed using the quad bikes in the area around Galashiels. Numerous farmers were spoken to and anti-theft farm vehicle stickers were handed out.

### **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.

On the 9<sup>th</sup> February 2025 there was a serious incident in Chirnside and SBCAT assisted with the enquiry. A male was arrested and later appeared at Jedburgh Sheriff Court for murder.

On the 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025 the SBCAT were first to attend an immediate call to a pub in Galashiels following an assault whereby a male was left unconscious. The CAT assisted with the arrest of the suspect and took the injured male to the BGH.

### **PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE –**

Since late December the SBCAT has been making attempts to trace a male who was wanted for a domestic related serious assault in Hawick. This continued into early February but by working with intelligence analysts in Edinburgh we were able to narrow down his location and he was subsequently arrested in Cheshire.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of February a priority warrant was issued for a registered sex offender in Selkirk. The SBCAT were on duty and immediately attended at his address and arrested him.

Also, on the 10<sup>th</sup> of February SBCAT officers were in Selkirk when reports came in regarding a male approaching teenage females in a concerning manner in the town centre. The male was traced and issued with a recorded police warning.

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

In early February the SBCAT assisted the Proactive Crime Team as they executed a drugs search warrant in Hawick. Cannabis plants worth an estimated £290,000 were seized from the property.

### **OTHER ISSUES OF NOTE-**

SBCAT officers now have access to Selecta DNA tagging Spray. This can be sprayed on suspects making off from us, such as those using off road bikes and failing to stop. It leaves an invisible residue behind which shows up under a UV light, allowing us to identify offenders.

### **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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