

# **Scottish Borders Area Command**

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

East Berwickshire Community Councils Multi Member Ward Report for April 2025



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**

Berwickshire School Link Officer, PC Cameron has been within his Schools delivering a number of Inputs on Internet Safety, a particulally pertinent input in todays age of Smart phones and with young people using the internet from a very young age. PC Cameron finds that this is his most commonly delivered input at the request of the Schools due to the isuses they face with smart phones, potential bullying and other related issues.

PC Cameron also had the pleasure of attending the Berwickshire Cluster P7 Residential for the day, an invaluable chance to forge relationships with the kids and get to know them outside of a School setting. These visits have been beneficial in the past for creating relationships that will last through High School and beyond.



Over the past month PC Jacobs and SLO PC Cameron has been carrying out high-visibility footpatrols in the Eyemouth area, following a number of reports of youth Anti Social Behaviour. During these patrols, PC Jacobs and PC Cameron have been able to engage positively with numerous groups of young people and keep an eye on reported hot spots . We are pleased to report that over the course of the month we have seen a reduction in such calls.

PC Jacobs and PC MacLeod, Mid Berwickshire Community Beat Officer, organised a meeting with Berwickshire Housing Association and the Anti-Social Behaviour Unit with Scottish Borders Councils in order to discuss current issues and open cases as part of our ongoing partnership working. Highlighted areas were discussed, and the use of Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABCs) was raised as an effective measure in tackling disruptive behaviours.

Should you have any issues with ASB in your area, please have a look at the Scottish Borders Council Website for information with the Antisocial Behaviour Unit - <u>Antisocial behaviour | Scottish Borders Council</u>

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 April 2025 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 216 mental health related calls, around 24 missing person enquiries and approximately 109 domestic related incidents.

East Berwickshire had 21 mental health related calls, and 1 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 18/04/25 report of a youth having been assaulted by another youth in Northburn Road, Eyemouth. All parties have been spoken to in front of their parents. Relevant paperwork submitted.

On 25/04/2025 report of assault at Market Place, Eyemouth. Enquiries ongoing.

On 28/04/2025 report of a male having been assaulted at Renton Terrace, Eyemouth. Enquiries ongoing

### **Anti-Social Behaviour**

On 05/04/25 report of a group of youths causing a nuisance in the wooded area at Dow Drive, Eyemouth. No officers free to attend, no further calls received.

On 06/04/25 report of a youth being assaulted by two other youths whilst at the park at Acredale Road, Eyemouth. Officers attended, details noted and youths involved have been spoken to in the presence of their parents, reports submitted.

On 07/04/25 report of an intoxicated male sitting outside the Co-Op, Main Street, Chirnside being a nuisance to customers. Male had left prior to police arrival. No complaints made.

On 11/04/25 report of female being abusive to members of public in the Co-Op car park, Eyemouth. Further enquiry being carried out by officers.

On 16/04/25 report of a disturbance ongoing within a property in Abbots Row, Coldingham. There was nothing ongoing on police arrival. Both parties spoken to separately. There was no criminality.

On 20/04/25 report of a disturbance ongoing within a caravan at Coldingham Bay Leisure Park. Officers attended, nothing ongoing. All parties spoken to and no complaints being made.

On 20/04/25 report of a disturbance ongoing in Deanhead Drive, Eyemouth. Nothing ongoing on police arrival. Area searched, no trace. Informant updated.

#### Vandalism/vehicle damage

On 04/04/25 report of a disturbance ongoing between a group of males and females in Hinkar Way, Eyemouth. Nothing ongoing on police arrival but it was discovered by the informant that the nearside wing mirror of her motor vehicle had been damaged. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries complete.

On 04/04/25 report of a wall of a property in Main Street, East End, Chirnside having been damaged possibly by a vehicle having hit it. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries complete.

On 27/04/2025 report of damage to a window of a property in Church Street, Eyemouth. Crime report submitted and enquiries continue.

On 28/04/2025 report of vandalism at Beachcomber Amusements, High Street, Eyemouth. Crime report submitted for further enquiry.

# **Reducing Acquisitive Crime**

#### Theft by Housebreaking

On 09/04/25 report of unknown persons attempting to gain entry to the sheds and polytunnel within Eyemouth Community Garden. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries complete.

### Theft

On 11/04/25 report of theft from a secure container within the recycling centre. Enquiries ongoing.

On 16/04/25 report of theft of garden chairs from outside the Harbour Café, Harbour Road, Eyemouth. Female traced and charged. Enquiries complete.

On 27/04/2025 report of theft from a container at Eyemouth Recycling Centre, Eyemouth. A diary appointment has been made to obtain further details. Enquiries ongoing.

On 29/04/2025 report of theft from a charity shop in Manse Road, Eyemouth. Enquiries ongoing.

On 30/04/2025 report of theft of boxes from outside a property in Hay Terrace Hoprig Road, Cockburnspath. A diary appointment has been made to obtain further details.

### **Improving Road Safety**

On 01/04/2025 a driver was issued a fixed penalty ticket for driving with no MOT on the B6355 at Chirnside.

On 02/04/2025 a driver was charged with being under the influence of alcohol on the A6112 at Preston, Duns.

On 12/04/2025 a driver was issued with a conditional officer for careless driving on the A1107 at Eyemouth.



# **Tackling Serious and Organised Crime**

### Serious and organised crime enforcement - April 2025

The Scottish Borders CID Proactive Unit executed 30 Drug & General Evidence Warrants during the month of April which resulted in the seizures of significant quantities of Class A and B controlled drugs. Fifteen persons were reported for drug related offences during the month.

The majority of these incidents were within Galashiels and Hawick.

Most of these warrants were in connection with one Serious and Organised Crime Group operating across the Scottish Borders.

Serious and organised crime impacts local communities across the Borders and anyone with information on criminal activity or people living outwith their means are asked to contact Police Scotland on 101, report it at any Police Station or report it anonymously via the Crime Stoppers Charity.

## **Campaigns**



### **MOTORCYCLE SAFETY CAMPAIGN**

April is the start of Police Scotland's annual motorcycle safety campaign.

We are calling on road users to play their part in reducing motorcyclist deaths, after a new report showed there were 269 motorcycle deaths in a nine-year period.

Police Scotland released the findings as we launched a campaign asking drivers to be considerate of vulnerable road users, and for motorcyclists to take action against the risks.

Every year, March to September sees the highest number of motorcyclists killed or seriously injured.

Chief Superintendent Hilary Sloan, head of Road Policing, said:

"Motorcyclists are one of the most vulnerable road users. Cornering left hand bends and overtaking are the most common collision types. If you are speaking to bikers in your community, highlight these risks and talk about motorcycle safety.

"For other drivers, you are more likely to see a motorcyclist on the road from now until autumn so take an extra look for them, especially in rural areas on a weekend.

"Losing control of your bike or failing to look properly can happen in a split second."

"We are running Rider Refinement classes with a road safety charity and doing targeted patrols, speaking with all road users. But we need your help to change behaviours."

Engagement and enforcement activity will happen throughout the spring and summer months using both marked and unmarked police vehicles.

### 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 G	DPR.