

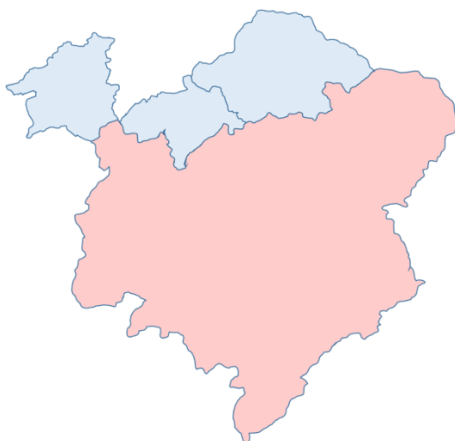
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Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

East Berwickshire Community Councils
Multi Member Ward Report for September 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

With the School term now back in full swing, School Link Officer (SLO) PC Cameron has been busy in his Schools helping with all matters great and small.

With the new Cluster Action Group meetings now in place, PC Cameron meets with representatives from Social Work, Health, Educational Psychology and others to discuss the Cluster's most high tariff young persons/families and young people on the edge of care. The objective of these meetings is to strengthen partnership working across the agencies involved with young people and ensure a joint-up approach to aiding families and children in crisis.

PC Cameron has also been doing his best to be present and visible in his High Schools, assisting with Break/Lunch time duty. This work is the less obvious, but equally impactful part of the job that gives SLOs the chance to get to know the young people in their Schools and form relationships that help build trust with the Police should the students come into difficulties in life.

SLO's reach extends outside of the School setting, and the knowledge and experience they gain can be put to good use in tackling anti-social behaviour. PC Cameron demonstrates this in assisting a local caravan park who are having issues with local youths causing disruption to patrons and being difficult with staff, PC Cameron has identified some of those responsible and given them suitable advice and education around the consequences of ASB. This work is ongoing, and PC Cameron is continuing efforts to identify any young people involved in ASB around the ward area and working with them through the schools to tackle issues.

PC Cameron has also been getting ahead of the game and delivering assemblies to Primary school children on Winter Safety/Road Safety. As the darker nights roll in it is important that the children learn the value of wearing appropriate warm clothing, bright colours and remembering their helmets when riding bikes, demonstrated using an egg and Egg Helmets, with *smashing* results.



This month, PCs Jacobs and MacLeod have started working with our Junior Road Safety Officers from local primary school across East and Mid Berwickshire. Pupils from Ayton, Coldstream and Swinton have been learning about safe parking, speeding and keeping safe as the nights draw in. They have also been assisting PC Jacobs and MacLeod to carry out speed checks outside their primary schools. PCs Jacobs and MacLeod were extremely impressed with all the JRSOs enthusiasm and look forward to meeting their counterparts from the remaining schools.



PC Jacobs and MacLeod have been involved in Operation Jackdaw in September. This focuses on reports of thefts by shoplifting in the Borders. PC MacLeod, along with PC Jacobs attended local stores throughout Berwickshire (East and Mid) and passed on crime prevention advice and have submitted reports to the procurator fiscal regarding common offenders. On the back of these lines of enquiry, evidence gathering regarding CCTV was clarified with some shops and guidance documents were created assisting stores to retain and supply police CCTV for their enquires.

Following on from last month's report of concerns around road safety in Coldingham, PC Jacobs deployed 'Pop-up-Bob' in two locations over a two-week period. In addition to this, 2 speed checks were carried out with one driver warned. Speed checks were also carried out in Chirnside (1 warning) and in Eyemouth.

PC Jacobs has been working in partnership with NHS and Social Work in order to form a joint approach when dealing with calls relating to concerns over mental health. Following a multi-agency meeting, PC Jacobs carried out joint work with Social Work providing support for vulnerable members of the community.

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 2025 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 208 mental health related calls, around 40 missing person enquiries and approximately 93 domestic related incidents.

East Berwickshire had 25 mental health related calls and 8 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 01/09/2025 report of disturbance and assault in Main Street, East End, Chirnside. Female arrested, charged and released on undertaking to appear at Jedburgh Sheriff Court at a later date.

Anti-Social Behaviour

On 07/09/2025 report of ongoing issues with youths causing a nuisance at Eyemouth Holiday Park. No crimes identified, however youths identified and banned from the park due to general anti-social behaviour.

On 11/09/2025 report of an intoxicated male causing a disturbance at Highview Caravan Park, Coldingham. Officers attended. One male arrested and charged with several offences. Male to appear at court.

On 13/09/2025 report of ongoing issues with youths in Deanhead Drive, Eyemouth. Informant spoken to. School Link Officer made aware.

On 17/09/2025 report of persons climbing on the scaffolding on the High Street, Eyemouth and banging on complainer's windows. Officers involved with an ongoing incident. Contact made with informant who confirmed the persons had moved on.

On 18/09/2025 report of persons climbing on the scaffolding on the High Street, Eyemouth and banging on informant's windows. No sets free to attend. Contact made with informant who confirmed the persons had moved on.

On 19/09/2025 report of persons kicking at the door of a property on the High Street, Eyemouth. Officers attended. Youths traced spoken to and warned re their behaviour. Local Schools Officer and Community Officers emailed for follow up and passing attention to be given.

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On 19/09/2025 report of a male making verbal threats outside Station Cottages, Chirnside. Enquiries carried out. One male arrested and caution and charged with Threatening and Abusive Behaviour.

On 22/09/2025 reports of ongoing issues with youths in Deanhead Drive, Eyemouth. Advice given. Community Officers made aware.

On 23/09/2025 report of youths causing a nuisance at Eyemouth Holiday Park and refusing to leave when requested. Youths had left prior to police arrival. Patrols to continue

On 26/09/2025 report of persons riding quad bikes on land at Kirkgate, Chirnside. No trace on police arrival. Patrols to continue.

On 29/09/2025 report of youths causing a nuisance at Eyemouth Holiday Park and refusing to leave. No trace of youths on police arrival. Patrols to continue

On 29/09/2025 report of a male in the Chirnside area phoning 999 and being verbally abusive and making threats to harm. Officers attended at his home address whereby male was hostile and aggressive to them. Male arrested charged and reported.

Vandalism/vehicle damage

On 08/09/2025 report of a vehicle having been vandalised whilst it was parked on The Avenue, Eyemouth. Enquires complete.

On 10/09/2025 report of two vehicles having been vandalised whilst they were parked on The Avenue, Eyemouth. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

On 16/09/2025 report of an abandoned vehicle with windows smashed in a layby on Main Street, East End, Chirnside. Enquiries ongoing to contact the registered keeper.

Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Theft by Housebreaking

On 04/09/2025 report of unknown persons attempting to gain entry to a garage by causing damage to a lock in Crofts Road, Co'path. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries complete.

Theft

On 01/09/2025 report of theft from a storage facility at Gunsgreenhill Industrial Estate, Eyemouth. Enquiries continue.

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On 13/09/2025 report of male theft shoplifting in the Co-Op, High Street, Eyemouth. Enquiries complete.

On 19/09/2025 report of theft from an insecure garage on Victoria Road, Eyemouth. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries complete.

On 27/09/2025 report of theft shoplifting in the Co-Op, High Street, Eyemouth. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

Improving Road Safety

On 07/09/2025 – a driver was issued a fine for driving with no MOT in Cockburnspath.



Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

Serious and organised crime enforcement – September 2025

The Scottish Borders CID Proactive Unit executed 5 Drug & General Evidence Warrants during the month of September throughout the command area all were positive and a variety of MDA charges were proffered against 5 persons. A number of stop and searches were also conducted in identified hotspot areas 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



Police Scotland are working with Universities and colleges nationally to launch its Student Safety campaign to promote key messages to help students feel safe as term time comes to a start.

As many of you will have or know of children attending University and College for the first time, we thought that you would like to take every opportunity to share those safety messages.

The key messages of the campaign centre around six main safety areas which affect students; Home and Property, Online Safety, Party Safety, Identity Safety, and Illicit Trade.

Home/Property Safety

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Take care when arranging accommodation – don't leave yourself open to fraud and find you've nowhere to live when you arrive. Properly research any potential property.

Think about your level of security – are there working locks on doors and windows? Ensure you close them every time you go out.

Record details of all your valuables and mobile property, including phones, laptops, cameras and tablets at www.immobilise.com

Online Safety

Always use passwords or PINS on mobile phones, tablets, laptops and desktops.

Use privacy settings on social networking sites and think carefully about who you make an online friend.

What goes online stays online – don't leave yourself open to criminal charges or vulnerable to blackmail. Think carefully about what you're saying and pictures you are posting on social networking sites.

Party/Out and About Safety

Stick with friends and don't leave parties or nights out with strangers – if you're going home by taxi, call in advance and book one.

Be sensible about how much alcohol you drink – a drunk person is a far easier target for criminals, especially at places like cash machines.

Don't take drugs or New Psychoactive Substances (so-called 'legal highs') – they are illegal and you don't know what's in them so why risk your life?

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.

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