

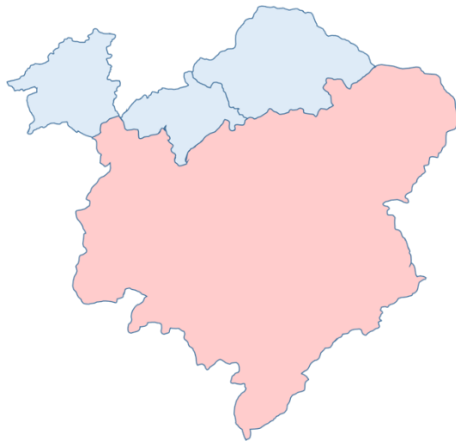
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Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

East Berwickshire Community Councils
Multi Member Ward Report for April 2026



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.

The data provided in this report is for information purposes only and is not official crime statistics. Due to delayed reporting or recording of crimes, incidents or road accidents and the management of crime enquiries, there is likely to be differences between the information in this report and the final Police Scotland statistics. It would not be appropriate to refer to, quote or use any data in this report as official statistics.

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Community Update – East Berwickshire

During April, PC Jacobs assisted her Response colleagues with a range of incidents including a number of road traffic collisions, concern for welfare and disturbance calls.

PC Jacobs has carried out several footpatrols in Eyemouth, focussing on areas previously identified as being anti-social behaviour hotspots and has carried out of speed checks in Chirnside, Foulden and Eyemouth during which no offences were detected.



PC Jacobs along with a number of Officers attended a training day provided by the National Rural Crime Team which focussed on acquisitive crime, giving insight and tools to help prevent future crimes and to solve those already committed. This is particularly relevant as we unfortunately continue to see thefts from our local farms and construction sites.

PC Jacobs has also been assisting PC MacLeod, Mid Berwickshire CBO, following intelligence that a number of small fires had been set in and around Duns. Further to this, PCs Jacobs and MacLeod attended 2 fires at Duns Castle Estate which had to be extinguished by SFRS. Due to the proximity to tinder dry wood, this had potential to cause significant danger in the surrounding area. Four youths were identified as being responsible and have been reported to the relevant agencies, further The SFRS Community Action Team have been contacted to provide fire safety inputs with the children involved.

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 2026 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 160 mental health related calls, around 14 missing person enquiries and approximately 106 domestic related incidents.

East Berwickshire had 12 mental health related calls and 3 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 types of calls 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 01/04/2026 report of an altercation between two males and one male thereafter being assaulted in The Crofts, Ayton. One male arrested.

On 21/04/2026 report of an intoxicated male assaulting a member of staff in the Allanton Inn, Allanton. Male arrested, cautioned and charged.

Anti-Social Behaviour

On 05/04/2026 report of youths riding on scrambler bikes in Upper Monymut. No further calls received.

On 07/04/2026 report of a male being abusive to the driver of a vehicle whilst at the Ayton junction heading towards the A1. Crime Report submitted. Male traced and issued with a Recorded Police Warning.

On 19/04/2026 report of a disturbance ongoing in Main Street, Grantshouse. Officers attended. One male who was heavily under the influence of alcohol was arrested and conveyed to Hawick Police Station. Male was released when sober and issued with a Recorded Police Warning.

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On 20/04/2026 report of an intoxicated female sitting outside Loughs Bakers, High Street, Eyemouth and shouting at people passing by. Officers attended. Area searched, no trace of female.

On 25/04/2026 report of persons throwing stones at the window of a property in Dominies Way, Chirnside. Enquiries ongoing.

On 26/04/2026 report of a male posting racist comments and having an offensive sticker on his vehicle in Eyemouth. Officers are following a positive line of enquiry.

Vandalism/vehicle damage

On 05/04/2026 report of a vehicle tyre having been slashed whilst parked on Gunsgreen Crescent, Eyemouth. Enquiries complete with no suspect identified.

On 08/04/2026 report of damage to a door in Beach Avenue, Eyemouth. Enquiries ongoing.

On 23/04/2026 report of a vehicle having been scraped with a key along the passenger side whilst parked in Marine Square, Eyemouth. 1 male has been identified as being responsible, enquiries continue to trace and charge him accordingly.

On 26/04/2026 report of a large rock having been thrown into a plastic box within a garden in Haymons Cove causing damage to the lid and its contents. Enquiries complete with no suspects identified.

On 30/04/2026 report of theft shoplifting in the Co-Op, High Street, Eyemouth. 1 female traced, arrested, charged and reported to PF.

Theft by Housebreaking

None.

Theft

On 07/04/2026 report of male theft shoplifting in McColls Service Station, Industrial Estate, Eyemouth. Crime Report submitted. Male traced and issued with a Recorded Police Warning.

On 14/04/2026 report of the window of a vehicle parked on Houndlaw Park, Eyemouth having been smashed and unknown persons gaining entry and taking items from within. Crime Report submitted. All possible lines of enquiry complete with no suspects identified.

On 16/04/2026 report of guests taking items from an Airbnb in School Road, Coldingham and refusing to return them. Crime Report submitted.

On 18/04/2026 report of theft shoplifting in the Co-Op, High Street, Eyemouth. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

On 24/04/2026 report of theft of heating oil from tank within the garden of a property in Eyemouth Road, Coldingham. Enquiries complete with no suspect identified.

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On 28/04/2026 report of theft of farm gates from Bushelhill, Abbey St. Bathans. Enquiries ongoing.

Improving Road Safety

On 23/04/2026 – a driver was issued a fine for driving with no MOT in Eyemouth

On 24/04/2026 – a driver was issued a fine and penalty points for careless/inconsiderate driving in Burnmouth

On 25/04/2026 – a driver was issued a fine and penalty points for speeding in Eyemouth



Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

Serious and organised crime enforcement – April 2026

The Scottish Borders CID Proactive Unit executed 5 x Drug & General Evidence Warrants during the month of April within the towns of Galashiels, Peebles and Hawick.

In addition to this, proactive vehicle stops have been undertaken. Quantities of Class A, B and C drugs were recovered as well as proceeds of crime.

1 male was reported for proceeds of crime seizure following a cash seizure in Hawick.

1 male has been reported for supply of class B drugs with a quantity of cash also seized.

1 x male found to be in the UK illegally has been arrested for supply of class A drugs seized during a vehicle stop and search in Galashiels.

1 x female has been reported for driving whilst disqualified and no insurance in Hawick.

In addition to drug enforcement, enquiries are being conducted into stolen vehicles from the Berwickshire area that are at this time all believed to be linked.

Serious and organised crime is commonly associated with drug supply; however, it should be highlighted that vehicle crime including thefts, housebreakings and plant theft are all other forms of organised crime often conducted by groups looking to profit from these activities.

Campaigns

Looking for event tickets?

Criminals create fake posts or pages on social media and search engines to scam people looking for tickets or travel deals.

Follow [#TakeFive](#)'s top tips to avoid ticket fraud:

- Stick to official ticketing sites and official resale – avoid buying tickets on social media
- Double check there are no small changes or errors in the web address

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- Look for the padlock symbol and 'https' in the web address: 's' stands for secure
 - Use secure payment methods and avoid paying by bank transfer
- Contact your bank immediately if you think you've been scammed and report it to Action Fraud.

Find more advice at this link <https://orlo.uk/hPQ80>



Sexual Extortion or Sextortion is where criminals manipulate victims into sharing explicit images or believing they have nude images, using them as leverage for extortion.

Online sextortion is a form of sexual blackmail. It involves criminals targeting you through dating apps, social media, text or email and manipulate you into sharing sexual images/videos that they later use to demand payments under threats of public exposure.

Criminals may use a false identity to befriend you online and then threaten to send images to your family and friends.

Sextortion is Blackmail!

If you are a victim of Sextortion:

- * Don't Panic
- * Don't Pay
- * Tell a trusted person
- * Report to Police



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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 must ensure compliance with GDPR.

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