

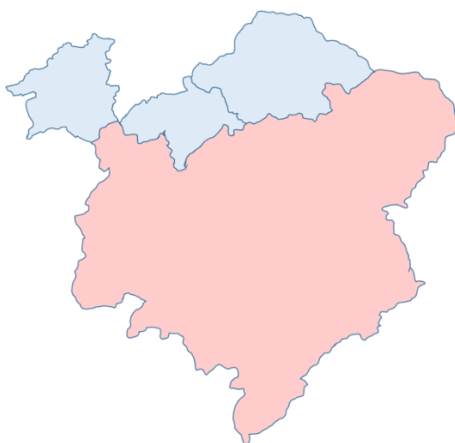
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Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

East Berwickshire Community Councils
Multi Member Ward Report for May 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.

iThe 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

This month has seen the start of a busy events season for Community Officers in the Scottish Borders, with the first event for East Berwickshire being the Jim Clark Rally, which passed without any incident. PC Jacobs has also been involved with covering the Election, the Election Count and the Coldstream Burns Club Wreath laying detail.

Along with working events, PC Jacobs has been carrying out foot patrols, engaging with several groups of youths as well as attending the local Connect Berwickshire Youth Drop-in session. PC Jacobs has also carried out Speed checks in Coldingham and Foulden where no offences were recorded.

PC Jacobs has been assisting her Response colleagues by attending a range of incidents including reports of concern for people in mental health crisis, potential victim of exploitation, ongoing violent disturbances and various road traffic matters.

During May there were 3 reports of vehicles having been broken into and cash being stolen from within. Residents are urged to be mindful of leaving valuables unattended and visible within their cars.

The focus of May for SLO PC Luke Cameron was the implementation of Imagine A Man at Berwickshire High School. Imagine A Man is a toolkit and programme designed by charity No Knives, Better Lives, to tackle the rise in negative masculinity amongst young men and promote positive, more progressive masculinity. This is accomplished by completing activities centred around prompting discussion and reflection on what it means to be a man, challenging stereotypes and negative influences, promoting resilience and problem solving and challenging misogyny. The first 4 weeks of the programme have been a great success, with some fantastic discussions taking place and some very poignant reflections by the young men.

As always, PC Cameron has been busy delivering early intervention with young people who have come into conflict with the law across all schools and has supported with exclusion meetings, assaults, hate crimes and providing general advice and support to the schools.

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 May 2026 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 236 mental health related calls, around 20 missing person enquiries and approximately 108 domestic related incidents.

East Berwickshire had 12 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 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 03/05/2026 report of a male being assaulted at Highview Caravan Park, Coldingham. One male arrested, charged and released on an undertaking.

On 15/05/2026 report of an assault on bus between Berwick and Eyemouth. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing with Officers pursuing a positive line of enquiry.

On 19/05/2026 report of male having been assaulted in Abbots Row, Coldingham. An ethical Crime Report has been submitted.

On 23/05/2026 report of assault, High Street, Eyemouth. Crime Report submitted. . Enquiries ongoing to trace female.

On 31/05/2026 report of assault Guest House, Eyemouth Statements noted. One male arrested.

Anti-Social Behaviour

On 14/05/2026 report of unknown persons ringing the doorbell of a property in Marine Square, Eyemouth, several times late into the evening. Officers attended. All properties in darkness. No persons in the area.

On 17/05/2026 report of an altercation between two drivers at Press Castle, Coldingham. Ethical crime Report submitted.

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On 22/05/2026 report of a disturbance ongoing within a property in Bennison Square, Eyemouth. Officers attended, nothing ongoing. No complaints made.

On 22/05/2026 report of male banging on the door of a property in Marine Square, Eyemouth, making threats. Crime Report submitted and Officers are pursuing a positive line of enquiry.

On 22/05/2026 report of a male shouting random verbal threats as he was walking along Albert Road, Eyemouth. Officers attended. Area searched, no trace of male.

On 25/05/2026 report of a male causing a disturbance within a property in Abbots Row, Coldingham. Officers attended. Male returned to home address. No complaints made.

On 29/05/2026 report of unknown persons fly-tipping in the service yard at Eyemouth High School. Enquiries ongoing.

On 30/05/2026 report of male threatening another male at Windram Park, Chirnside. Enquiries ongoing.

Vandalism/vehicle damage

None

Theft by Housebreaking

On 02/05/2026 report of entry to a shed at Woodend, Co'path and stealing items from within. Crime Report submitted. All possible lines of enquiry investigated with no suspects identified.

On 04/05/2026 report forced entry to a locked container at a building site near to Westloch Road, Coldingham, causing damage to the frame. Locus was rummaged through, but no items were stolen. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing as possibly linked to other acquisitive crimes in the area.

On 23/05/2026 report of window forced open and entering premises at Harbour Road, Eyemouth and stealing items from within. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

On 23/05/2026 report of outbuildings at the rear of High Street, Ayton having been forced open by means unknown and items taken from within. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing with officers pursuing a positive line of enquiry.

On 30/05/2026 report of unknown persons forcing the lock of a barn at Auchencrow, entering it and stealing red diesel from within. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

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Theft

On 01/05/2026 report of male filling up his vehicle with fuel at the Penny Petroleum, Industrial Estate, Eyemouth and driving away without paying. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

On 01/05/2026 report of theft of electric fence batteries and drills from Lamberton Holding. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

On 03/05/2026 report of theft of quad bike from a shed at Farm in Coldingham. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

On 03/05/2026 report of theft of a van which had been parked in the public car park, Kirkgate, Chirnside. Crime Report submitted. Vehicle recovered in neighbouring Force area. Enquiries ongoing.

On 04/05/2026 report of further theft of farm gates from Cockburnspath. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

On 06/05/2026 report of theft of a van by unknown means which had been parked and secure in Priors Walk car park, Coldingham. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

On 12/05/2026 report of theft from gardens at Paxton. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

On 16/05/2026 report of two females' theft shoplifting in retail premises, High Street, Eyemouth. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

On 23/05/2026 report of female theft shoplifting in retail premises, High Street, Eyemouth. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

On 29/05/2026 two separate reports of a female theft shoplifting in retail premises, High Street, Eyemouth. CCTV checked. Statements noted. Positive lines of enquiry

On 29/05/2026 report of unknown persons smashing the passenger side window of a motor vehicle and taking money from within whilst parked at Upper Houndlaw, Eyemouth. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

On 29/05/2026 report of unknown persons smashing the driver side front window of a motor vehicle and taking money from within whilst it was parked on North Street, Eyemouth. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

On 30/05/2026 report of unknown persons entering an unlocked vehicle parked at Auchencrow and taking money from within. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

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On 30/05/2026 report of theft of a van from Edrom. Officers attended and statement noted. Complainer has been since informed by Northumbria Police that the van had been recovered in their area. Enquiries being carried out.

Improving Road Safety

On 05/05/2026 – a driver was issued a fine and penalty points for driving with no insurance in Lamberton.



Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

Serious and organised crime enforcement – May 2026

The Scottish Borders CID Proactive Unit executed 10 x Drug & General Evidence Warrants during the month of May within the towns of Galashiels, Hawick and Jedburgh.

Quantities of Class A and B drugs were recovered as well as cash. 5 males have been reported for supply offences and 1 male reported for possession of class A drugs.

1 x male reported for disqualified driving and driving while under the influence of drugs in Kelso.

In addition to drug enforcement, enquiries are continuing into theft of a number of motor vehicles, high value bikes and equipment from various rural locations across the Borders region including Newcastleton, Peebles and Clovenfords.

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

Motorcycles make up around 1% of traffic on Scotland's roads but account for 18% of fatalities. This highlights the disproportionate vulnerability of motorcyclists on our roads.

Our national [#MotorcycleSafetyCampaign](#) aims to

- Promote safe and responsible motorcycling/driving.

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- Address the behaviours that could contribute to the risk of road traffic collisions through engagement and enforcement where necessary.
- Reduce the number of casualties and improve driver/rider behaviour.

If you're a rider looking to refresh your skills, Rider Refinement courses for 2026 are ongoing. These one-day sessions run across the country between April and October and are delivered by Police Scotland's Road Policing Unit, supported by IAM RoadSmart.

Details can be found here <https://orlo.uk/IOFjo>



🚲 E-BIKES – KNOW THE LAW 🚲

Many riders may not realise that some bikes being used on our roads and public spaces are illegal under UK law.

To be classed as a legal Electrically Assisted Pedal Cycle (EAPC), an e-bike will normally need to meet the following requirements

- ✓ Electric assistance must cut out at 15.5mph (25kph)
- ✓ The motor must not exceed 250 watts continuous power
- ✓ Must have pedals that can be used to propel it
- ✓ Riders must be aged 14 or over

These regulations are in place to protect all road users and pedestrians.

⚠️ YOUR E-BIKE MAY BE ILLEGAL IF:

- ✗ It has a throttle capable of propelling the bike above 3.7mph without pedalling

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- ✗ It can exceed 15.5mph using motor power alone
- ✗ The motor continues to assist when the rider is not pedalling

If an e-bike does not comply with EAPC regulations, it is classed in law as a moped or motorcycle.

This means riders may legally require:

- A valid driving licence with the correct entitlement
- Insurance
- An approved helmet
- Vehicle registration and road legality compliance

 Riders using illegal e-bikes or off-road bikes risk:

- The bike being seized
- Penalty points on their driving licence (or any future one!)
- Driving disqualification 

PARENTS / GUARDIANS

If you purchase or allow the unlawful use of an e-bike by a child or young person, you could potentially be charged with “causing or permitting” various road traffic offences.

For example, knowingly allowing a child to ride an illegal e-bike on roads, parks or other public spaces may result in action being taken against you. Parents and guardians have a responsibility to ensure bikes are legal and used appropriately. This could result in fines and penalty points on YOUR driving licence!

Please help us keep our communities safe by ensuring e-bikes are legal, safe and used responsibly.

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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