

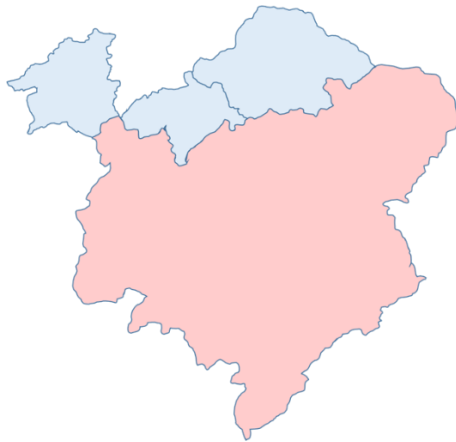
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## **Scottish Borders Area Command**

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Hawick and Hermitage Community Councils  
Multi Member Ward Report for March 2025



**The information provided within this report, is predominately based on the Hawick and Hermitage Multi Member Ward Policing Plan and the areas you have identified as priorities.**

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## Community Policing News – Hawick & Hermitage – PS Ali Granger

There have been 7 calls to Newcastleton this month regarding roads traffic issues, concern for person and advice (these calls are excluding an ongoing neighbour issue). PC Patterson attended Newcastleton Community Council meeting and has been carrying out speed checks in the village.

School parking patrols have been carried out at Trinity, Drumlanrig and Wilton Primary School with several parking tickets being issued. Parking tickets have also been issued elsewhere throughout the town due to irresponsible parking. Speed checks have also been carried out and pop-up bobs deployed throughout the ward area. PC Patterson has been assisting response officers with calls and also has been dealing with several neighbour disputes.

He also attended Hawick Reivers Festival, assisting with the parade and movement of vehicles

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 March 2025 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 201 mental health related calls, around 23 missing person enquiries and approximately 89 domestic related incidents.*

*Hawick and Hermitage area had 44 mental health related calls and 5 missing person enquiries. 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

### Assault

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On 03/03/2025 report of an assault in High Street, Hawick. No complaints being made. Ethical crime report submitted. Suitable safety advice given.

On 06/03/2025 report of assault in High Street, Hawick. Crime report created for enquiry. Enquiries ongoing.

On 17/03/2025, report a male assaulted by 2 suspects within a supermarket in Hawick. Police attended, statements noted and both suspects were arrested and charged with various offences.

On 23/03/2025 report of an assault at Trinity Street. Officers attended, alleged victim refused to provide details or statement and became irate and spat towards police officers. Accused reported or summons for culpable and reckless behaviour and police assault.

On 26/03/2025 report of an assault of male at Allars Crescent. Male arrested, charged and held to appear at court next lawful day.

### **Anti-Social Behaviour**

On 01/03/2025 report of youths shouting, causing a nuisance in Howegate, Hawick. Area searched for youths but no trace.

On 03/03/2025 report of youths causing a nuisance within Morrisons Supermarket and car park, Hawick. Prior to police arrival informant called to say youths had left.

On 07/03/2025 report of loud music, and general noise from an address in Ramsay Road, Hawick. Officers attended, all in order. No crimes identified.

On 08/03/2025 report of disturbance, males shouting in North Bridge Street, Hawick. No males shouting or disturbance on arrival of police.

On 11/03/2025 report of youths aged 12-13 throwing items at a house window in Buccleuch Place, Hawick. Area searched, no trace of youths. Advice given.

On 11/03/2025 report of a disturbance at Allars Bank. Male arrested and charged.

On 18/03/2025 report of threatening behaviour from patient within Hawick Health Centre, Hawick. Crime report raised for Breach. One male arrested and charged.

On 21/03/2025 report of a disturbance at Elm Court. No persons willing to provide details. Ethical crime report submitted, enquiries complete.

On 30/03/2025 report of noisy youths at Bourtree Place. All officers committed with other incidents. No further calls.

### **Vandalism/Vehicle Crime**

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On 12/03/2025 report of damage to a window at Hawick Library, North Bridge Street, Hawick. Crime report created for enquiry. Enquiries ongoing.

On 27/03/2025 report of damage to a living room window and broken glass panel on door at Borthaugh Road. Enquiries continuing.

On 28/03/2025 report of damage to a front door at Glebe Mill Street. Ethical crime report created and suitable advice provided.

On 30/03/2025 report of theft and damage to a motorbike at Moat Crescent. Bike has been recovered, for further enquiry.



### Reducing Acquisitive Crime

#### Theft by Housebreaking

On 22/03/2025 report of forced entry and theft of money at Northcote Street. For further enquiry.

#### Theft

On 02/03/2025 report of a theft from Morrisons, Hawick. Crime report submitted for further enquiry.

On 23/03/2025 report of theft of groceries by known person from Morrisons, Mart Street. for further enquiry.

On 23/03/2025 report of theft of bankcard from Stonefield Place and cash taken from cash line. For further enquiry.

On 28/03/2025 report of theft of items from Ramsay Road. For further enquiry.



### Improving Road Safety

- On 13/03/2025 – a driver was issued a fine for the driver not wearing a seat belt in Hawick
- On 14/03/2025 – a driver was issued a fine for visible/distracting television in Hawick

On 18/03/2025 – a driver was issued a fine and penalty points for careless/inconsiderate driving in Hawick

On 29/03/2025 – a driver was issued a fine and penalty points for careless/inconsiderate driving in Hawick

#### Killed or Seriously Injured

No accidents where persons were killed or seriously injured.



## Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

### Serious and organised crime enforcement – March 2025

The Scottish Borders CID Proactive Unit executed 7 Drug Warrant during the month of March which resulted in the seizures of Class A, B and C controlled drugs. Six persons were reported for drug related offences during the month.

The majority of these incidents were within Galashiels, Hawick and Kelso.

Several other searches and disused building checks were conducted over the month, in relation to industrial sized cultivations which have been evident within the local communities of the Scottish Borders over the last two years.

These were all found to be in order however we would like to reinforce the message that assistance from members of the public seeing any unusual activity at such premises should be reported to the Police, anonymously if need be.

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



The Scottish Partnership Against Rural Crime (SPARC) has identified the worrying of livestock as one of the key issues impacting on rural/agricultural communities in Scotland.

All livestock are valuable assets and any harm to them impacts an owner/farmer's livelihood. It is every dog's instinct to chase, even if they are usually obedient and good with other animals. Consequently, all dogs should be kept under proper control by the owners/handlers whether they are in an urban or rural area.

In respect of Livestock Worrying, the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953 has been updated from November 2021 to the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (Amendment) (Scotland) Act 2021 and features several key changes:

- Renaming of offence
- Widens categories of livestock
- Increased Penalties
- Additional Police Powers

All of which it is hoped will bring the legislation in line with modern farming practices, act as a clear deterrent. and provide further support to livestock owners.

Chasing by dogs can do serious damage to livestock, even if the dog doesn't catch them. The stress of chasing/attacking/worrying by dogs can cause animals to die and pregnant stock to miscarry. Livestock fleeing from dogs are often killed or seriously injured by their panicked attempts to escape, often causing significant collateral damage to fences and field boundaries in the process. Dogs chasing ewes and lambs can cause them to separate with lambs dying from starvation or hypothermia if they fail to find the mothering ewe again.

## **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 Kelso Square following complaints.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of March SBCAT officers were on mobile patrol in Galashiels when they stopped a vehicle. Within they found 4 males and an overwhelming smell of cannabis. All 4 were detained, searched and they were each found to be in possession of a personal amount of cannabis. The driver also failed the road drugs test and was arrested. All 4 were charged with possession and samples from the driver were sent for analysis. He will likely be reported for drug driving once the analysis is complete.

A few days later there was a call to Galashiels regarding a group of male youths smoking cannabis on a park bench. SBCAT officers attended and found the same youths from the incident on the 6<sup>th</sup> of March. They were all searched for controlled drugs and more cannabis was recovered.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of March SBCAT officers spent a shift doing a dedicated patrol of rural Peebleshire with extra attention being given to West Linton following concerns about parking at the primary school and speeding vehicles.

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

Quad bike patrols have been completed on the Selkirk side of the 3 Brethren following complaints of off-road bikes in the area and in Bannerfield. With officers engaging with local farmers when possible. Similar rural patrols have been completed at Monynut.

On the 29<sup>th</sup> of March a male was assaulted in Selkirk after trying to stop 3 males who were stealing scrap metal from his garden. SBCAT and Response officers attended at the scene and attempted to find the males who had made off in a vehicle. Initially there was no trace but there was a subsequent report of a vehicle crashing near Midlem. Officers attended and found the 3 males nearby in possession of the property stolen from Selkirk. All 3 were arrested and later charged with theft, with the driver also charged with drink driving and other traffic offences.

**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.

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During the evening of 19<sup>th</sup> of March SBCAT officers were conducting a foot patrol of Burnfoot. This was following a small fireraising that had occurred a few days prior. They were informed by a member of staff that youths had started another small fire against the wall of the school. Together they viewed the CCTV and were able to identify the youths.

Following several youths calls to Fairhurst drive in Hawick windows CAT officers conducted extra patrols and enquiries. CCTV was obtained from the Burnfoot Morrisons showing a group of female youths stealing eggs minutes before eggs were thrown at windows in Fairhurst Drive. A 4 youths were subsequently identified.

### **PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE –**

The SBCAT had no involvement with domestic enquiries during March.

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

In early March the SBCAT executed a search warrant in Selkirk. About £800 of cannabis was recovered along with small amounts of other controlled drugs. A male was arrested and later charged with supplying controlled drugs.

In late March a female wanted for supplying controlled drugs in the Borders was stopped by police trying to leave the country at Manchester Airport. SCBAT officers subsequently attended at Manchester, arrested and interviewed her.

On the 24<sup>th</sup> of March SBCAT assisted with the execution of a MDA warrant in Kelso. No drugs were found but SBCAT officers found a significant amount of unexplained cash within the property which was seized for further enquiry.

## **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:

[LothianScotBordersCPTHawickHermitage@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:LothianScotBordersCPTHawickHermitage@scotland.pnn.police.uk)

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