

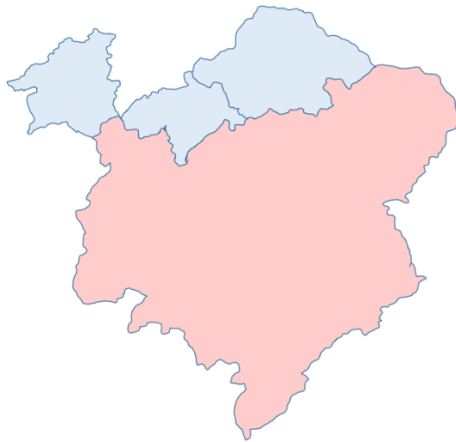
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Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Hawick and Hermitage Community Councils
Multi Member Ward Report for April 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.

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 Policing News – Hawick & Hermitage – PS Ali Granger

There were 14 calls to Newcastleton in April, including concern for persons, road traffic matters, disturbance, nuisance and police information. Again, these figures don't include calls involving an ongoing issue PC Patterson is dealing with.

April saw the start of three new School Link officers (SLO's) in the Scottish Borders. PC Liam Nichol replaces PC Ula Trochimiak as the new Hawick SLO and PC Connor Flockhart will replace PC Ryan Stewart covering Selkirk and Burnfoot. PC's Nichol and Flockhart come from the Community Action Team and so have good experience in dealing with community issues.

Finally, PC Liam Lawrence will replace PC Carin Tait-Logan as the new Kelso & Jedburgh SLO, coming to the Community Policing Team from Response Policing.

We wish all the best to PC Trochimiak and PC Stewart as they move into other policing departments – both have worked extremely hard for young people in Hawick and have built hugely positive relationships, which the new SLO's will be able to build upon. PC Carin Tait-Logan remains in the community Policing team as the new Jedburgh Community Officer, and we are grateful to retain her vast SLO experience in the Community Policing Team – she will be able to provide guidance to the new SLO's. PC Tait-Logan also covered the Hawick Schools in recent months and did an excellent job whilst still managing to cover her own area in Cheviot.

PC's Nichol, Flockhart, Lawrence and Tait-Logan all assisted with the Hawick High School April holiday provision where almost 90 young people attended activity days. Below PC Nichol (left) is pictured with PC Flockhart (right) before they took part in bubble football with the young people.



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In early April community officers assisted the Proactive Crime Unit with a series of drugs search warrants including 1 in Hawick and 2 in Galashiels.

In early April community officers saw a 15 year old male on a public footpath using a petrol-powered off-road motorbike close to Mansfield Road in Hawick. The officer was on foot patrol and was able to block the path and stop the rider. The motorbike was seized and the rider was charged with 4 traffic offences.

On 28th April they assisted trading standards with a search warrant execution in Hawick. 50 packets of counterfeit tobacco were seized with relevant reports submitted by Trading Standards.

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 217 mental health related calls, around 23 missing person enquiries and approximately 109 domestic related incidents.

Hawick and Hermitage area had 47 mental health related calls and zero 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 07/04/2025 report of an assault at Cheviot Road. Ethical crime report submitted as victim not willing to engage.

On 12/04/2025 report of an assault at Howegate/High Street. Enquiries ongoing

On 20/04/2025 report of an assault at Drumlanrig Square. CID aware, enquiries ongoing.

On 21/04/2025 report of a disturbance at Loan, after investigation, ascertained a male had been assaulted . Male arrested and charged, held for custody next day, reports submitted.

On 27/04/2025 report of an assault at Base Nightclub, Baker Street. Crime report submitted, enquiries ongoing

On 29/04/2025 report of an assault at Howegate. Informant spoken with and refused to provide statement. Crime report to be raised, enquiries ongoing.

Anti-Social Behaviour

On 02/04/2025 report of dog fouling at Trinity Primary School. Enquiries to be made to trace male responsible.

On 06/04/2025 report of a disturbance at Beaconsfield Terrace. Female arrested for breach of bail and held in custody for court, reports submitted

On 07/04/2025 report of known females causing nuisance within Morrisons, Mart Street. Reporter spoken to – no free officers available to attend.

On 19/04/2025 report of a disturbance on road near Woodlands Cottage, Newcastleton. For further enquiry.

On 19/04/2025 report of youths causing nuisance at Morrisons, Mart Street. Crime reports submitted, youths traced and charged, reports submitted.

On 21/04/2025 report of youths chapping doors and running at Buccleuch Terrace, Newcastleton. Details passed to Community Police for awareness, caller aware to call back if youths return.

On 23/04/2025 report of banned youths threatening staff at Morrisons, Mart Street. No sets free to attend. Contact made with Morrisons who confirmed youths had left. Community Officers made aware.

On 25/04/2025 report of a disturbance at Allars Crescent. Fo further enquiry.

On 26/04/2025 report of a disturbance at South Hermitage Street, Newcastleton. Patrons causing a disturbance. PC Patterson aware and dealt with issue.

On 30/04/2025 report of banned female within store at Morrisons, Mart Street. Female had left store, no crimes occurred, pre-existing crime reports will be updated due to youth offending child concern.

On 30/04/2025 report of a disturbance at Laidlaw Terrace. Informant spoken with, males had left area, and no direction of travel. Informant advised to call back if males returned.

Vandalism/Vehicle Crime

On 04/04/2025 report of youths causing nuisance and damage to a front door at Buccleuch Street. Enquiries ongoing.

On 05/04/2025 report of damage to an external door handle at Allars Crescent, for further enquiry.

On 12/04/2025 report of damage to a front door at Towerdykeside. Crime report raised. Enquiry complete.

On 23/04/2025 report of window being smashed at Arthur Street. For further enquiry.



Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Theft by Housebreaking

On 14/04/2025 report of housebreaking at shop on High Street. CID aware, for further enquiry.

On 28/04/2025 report of housebreaking at Earl Street. CID aware, for further enquiry.

Theft

On 04/04/2025 report of theft from clothing bin situated within car park at Morrisons, Mart Street. Crime report submitted and enquires complete.

On 18/04/2025 report of theft of goods from Morrisons, Mart Street. For further enquiry.

On 18/04/2025 report of two thefts of fuel from Morrisons, Mart Street. For further enquiry.

On 19/04/2025 report of theft by known females at Morrisons, Mart Street. For further enquiry.



Improving Road Safety

On 05/04/2025 report of male failing to obey to no entry signs at Northcote Street. Conditional offer given and accepted by male.

On 24/04/2025 report of a vehicle with no MOT at Buccleuch Street. Ticket issued.

On 26/04/2025 report of dangerous carriage of passengers and no MOT at Bourtree Terrace. Endorsable ticket issued.

On 30/04/2025 officers observed a road traffic offence at High Street, lost in heavy traffic. Driver to be traced and charged with careless driving.

Killed or Seriously Injured

No accidents where persons were killed or seriously injured.



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:

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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.