

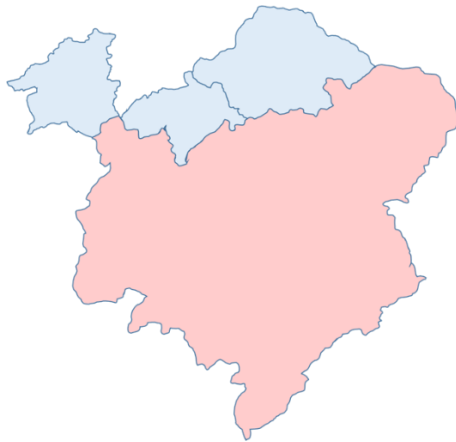
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Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Hawick and Hermitage Community Councils
Multi Member Ward Report for JUNE 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

There were 18 calls to Newcastleton in June, including concern for persons, vehicle damage, disturbance, assault, alarm calls, road traffic accident and a report of counterfeit notes.

Officers from Community Policing were heavily involved in events in Hawick at the start of the month, with Kirking Sunday, the early morning chases from Monday 2nd through to Thursday 5th June, colour bussing, Common-Riding Friday and Saturday on the 6th and 7th June. These events went well, with common riding marshals working closely with police to ensure safety of all involved. Only minor issues were reported up the Mair on Friday and Saturday evenings. Community Inspector, Robbie Noble, chose to attend both events on the Friday and Saturday in his final week as a serving officer, prior to retiring. Inspector Noble is a well-known face in Hawick, having carried out the role of Community Sergeant previously. We wish him all the best in his retirement. His replacement is Inspector Rory Caverhill.

The policing of Hawick common riding involves teamwork, with community officers attending from the entire Scottish Borders. In the latter part of the month, Hawick officers returned the favour and spent time in other areas assisting officers at Selkirk Common Riding, Peebles Beltane Festival, Melrose Festival, Walkerburn, Morebattle ride out (Kelso & Jedburgh attendees) and Galashiels Braw Lads Gathering.

That said, PC's Patterson and Mortimer have still found time to carry out school parking patrols at Drumlanrig, Trinity & Wilton. Speed checks have been carried out at Denholm, Bonchester Bridge & Newcastleton. Antisocial behaviour patrols carried out around Burnfoot, Wilton Park and areas near to near to Morrisons. PC Mortimer carried out a walkaround of Burnfoot with SBHA to tackle issues in Burnfoot. Both officers have also assisted response teams throughout the month.

Throughout June PC Nichol has continued working with the 'Boys Group' based at the Hub in Hawick high School, working on things such as writing a letter to your 18-year-old self and what you wanted to achieve by then and a team building exercises encouraging them to work together.

He has dealt with in school incidents such as assaults and hate incidents and continued to be a uniformed presence at break times in some schools.

PC Nichol gave a safety input to all the soon to be first years at Hawick High School when they were on their two-day visit as well as attending the transition event which gave him the chance to introduce himself to parents and children and explain his role.

A Hate Crime input was given to the Primary 6/7s of Drumlanrig Primary School, due to some recent reports of certain language being used. This was educational for both years and a chance for them to ask questions on a topic they did not have a lot of knowledge on.

PC Nichol has also assisted with the local festivals that are ongoing, as well as assisting response colleagues, assisting with high risk missing persons and utilising the police quad bikes where required.

PC Nichol is working on a Positive Male Role Model project - this is something we look to build on through the summer and have up and running for the school coming back in August.

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 June 2025 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 193 mental health related calls, around 33 missing person enquiries and approximately 95 domestic related incidents.

Hawick and Hermitage area had 24 mental health related calls and 2 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

- On 25/06/2025 reports of an assault on school bus travelling to Newcastleton from Langholm. Youths reported accordingly.

Anti-Social Behaviour

- On 01/06/2025 report of a disturbance at Baker Street. Officers attended, nothing ongoing, persons on High Street but no disturbance.
- On 02/06/2025 report of a disturbance at High Street. Officers attended, area searched with no trace.
- On 08/06/2025 report of a disturbance at High Street. Crime report raised for threatening and abusive behaviour. Male traced and issued with a recorded police warning.
- On 09/06/2025 report of eggs thrown at house in Crumhaughill Road. No criminality established through enquiries.
- On 10/06/2025 report of assault and threatening behaviour on High Street by a known male. No crimes established.

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- On 16/06/2025 report of a disturbance at Stonefield Place. Male cautioned and charged with production of cannabis and released on summons.
- On 16/06/2025 report of a disturbance at Cheviot Road. Statements noted, crime report submitted for threatening and abusive behaviour. Enquiries ongoing.
- On 19/06/2025 a report of two males fighting in Moat Park. No trace on police arrival and no suspects.
- On 22/06/2025 report of a disturbance at Moss Place, Newcastleton. No criminality
- On 28/06/2025 a report of named youths kicking at a door in Laidlaw Terrace. For further enquiry.
- On 29/06/2025 report of youths causing public nuisance at Weensland Road. Advice given, no further police action.
- On 29/06/2025 report of youths shouting and screaming and throwing things out of the window at Bourtree Place. Officers attended, parents spoken to regarding child's behaviour.
- On 30/06/2025 report of youths on new path with motorbike at Weensland Mill. Circulated to local officers for awareness.

Vandalism/Vehicle Crime

- On 25/06/2025 report of damage to street furniture at A7 south of Hawick near Branxholm. Male arrested in connection with this and RTA offence.
- On 25/06/2025 report of damage to a door at Fisher Avenue. No suspect and no CCTV at locus. Other enquiries continuing.

Hate Crime

- On 19/06/2025 a report was received regarding abusive behaviour towards a transgender person. Crime report raised for further enquiry.



Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Theft

- On 03/06/2025 report of theft of E-Bike and equipment from North Bridge Street. Crime submitted and enquiries continue.

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- On 04/06/2025 report of theft from a house in Howegate. Crime submitted for theft and enquiries ongoing.
- On 04/06/2025 report of theft of money from a house in Mill Path. Crime submitted and enquiries continue.
- On 08/06/2025 report of theft from caravan, theft of tools and attempted theft of fuel from Craik Forestry cottages. For further enquiry.
- On 12/06/2025 a report received in Bonchester Bridge of theft of a motor vehicle and tack from an insecure outbuilding. vehicle recovered, enquiries ongoing.
- On 12/06/2025 report received in Hermitage of the theft of a quad bike from a secure container. Crime raised for further enquiries.
- On 18/06/2025 report of theft of fuel from petrol station in Weensland Road. Enquiries continue.
- On 20/06/2025 report of theft of scrap metal from Crumhaugh House, Crumhaugh Road. For further enquiry.
- On 20/06/2025 report of theft of fence posts from Earlside Farm, Hawthornside. No lines of enquiry due to remote location and passage of time.
- On 21/06/2025 report of theft of a radiator during works to a property at Moat Crescent. Diary appointment scheduled for further enquiry.
- On 21/06/2025 report of theft of a bike which had been padlocked to a fixed post at Baker Street. Enquiries complete.
- On 23/06/2025 a male was disturbed taking items from a MV in Longcroft Crescent. All items recovered and enquiries complete.



Improving Road Safety

- On 05/06/2025 report of a road traffic collision at B6399 at Liddesdale Road, Newcastleton. Male cautioned and charged. Minor injury.
- On 08/06/2025 report of a road traffic collision at Orchard Terrace. Parties have exchanged details, non-reportable RTC.
- On 22/06/2025 third party report of a road traffic collision/possible hit and run at Ramsay Road. No damage. No further action.

- On 30/06/2025 report of dangerous driving at Slitrig Crescent. CCTV enquiries ongoing.

Killed or Seriously Injured

None



Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

Serious and organised crime enforcement – June 2025

The Scottish Borders CID Proactive Unit executed 12 Drug & General Evidence Warrants during the month of June which resulted in the seizures of quantities of Class A/B controlled drugs and over £20,000 cash from the various addresses.

14 persons were reported for drug related offences during the month. These incidents were within Galashiels, Kelso Duns, Hawick and Peebles.

A report was also submitted in related to human trafficking offences committed by a nominal in the East of the Scottish Borders and another cannabis cultivation seizure in that area of the Borders has attracted a degree of media interest.

Proactive CID would like to re-enforce the message to all wards that any drug related crime or organised criminality in the Scottish Borders can be anonymously reported via CrimeStoppers, who are an independent charity not connected to the Police. The public can of course still use 101 for this purpose too.

Campaigns



Drowning Prevention Week (DPW) is our biggest campaign of the year, targeting families, carers, teachers and instructors of children aged five to fifteen years old with the aim of educating them about water safety.

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With the right water safety education – such as knowledge of the Water Safety Code – accidental drownings are preventable. Drowning Prevention Week is deliberately timed ahead of the school summer holidays when children spend more time outdoors and when vital water safety skills can help keep children safe.

Please help spread the word and encourage everyone to have the water safety conversation with children. DPW is critical in raising awareness and encouraging the public to enjoy water safely.

There are lots of leisure operators and swimming pools/schools getting involved in Drowning Prevention Week this year.

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.