

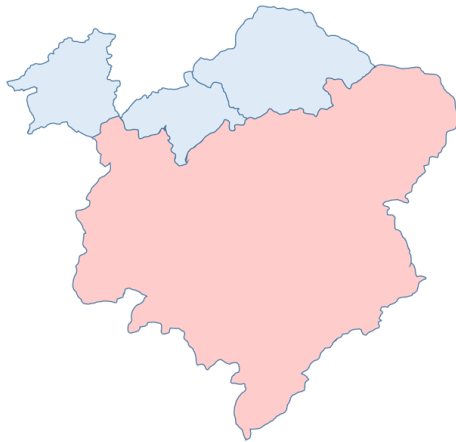
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Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

East Berwickshire Community Councils
Multi Member Ward Report for November 2020



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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Figures for the whole Scottish Borders Area

(Data from 01/04/2020 – 23/11/2020)

	2019 /2020	2020 /2021	% Change	Local Area Commanders Comment
Total Crimes and Offences (Group 1-5)	2379	2234	-6.1	The detection rate for Group 1-5 is 53.5% compared to 56.5% at same time last year.
Group 1: Non Sexual Crimes of Violence	57	85	49.1	The detection rate for Group 1 is 82.4% compared to 75.4% at same time last year.
Serious Assaults	24	33	37.5	The detection rate for Serious Assaults is 93.9% compared to 70.8% at same time last year.
Robberies	12	12	-	The detection rate for Robberies is 66.7% compared to 91.7% at same time last year.
Common Assaults	631	604	-4.3	The detection rate for Common Assaults is 74.8% compared to 72.4% at same time last year.
ASB (Incidents)	5010	3703	35.3	The 35.3% increase in ASB incidents can be attributed to public nuisance calls related to COVID19.
Hate Crime	47	59	25.5	The detection rate for Hate Crimes is 79.7% compared to 85.1% at the same time last year.
Group 2: Sexual Crimes	152	182	19.7	The detection rate for Group 2 is 64.8% compared to 77% at same time last year.
Rape – Recorded Crime	40	27	-32.5	The detection rate for Rape is 66.7% compared to 80% at same time last year.
Domestic Abuse – Recorded Crime	411	507	23.4	The detection rate for Domestic Abuse Crimes are 81.9% compared to 70.8% at same time last year.
Group 3: Crimes of Dishonesty	974	824	-15.4	The detection rate for Group 3 is 33.7% compared to 41.2% at same time last year.
Housebreakings – Domestic	75	27	-64.0	The detection rate for Domestic Housebreakings is 59.3% compared to 40% at same time last year.
Motor Vehicle Thefts	55	35	-36.4	The detection rate for Motor Vehicle Thefts is 60% compared to 63.6% at same time last year.



Community Sergeant Update

PS Paul Begley

Throughout November 2020, we have continued our rural crime campaign and a number of farms have been visited and provided free information packs in addition to vital information sharing between the farmers and Police. We now have some Selecta DNA packs that we are able to provide, which are an effective prevention measure to reducing Acquisitive crime. If there are any farms that would like further information then please get in touch.

As we move into December, Police Scotland have launched their Annual Festive Drink / Drug Campaign and we encourage members of the community to report anyone who they believe to be driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol. This can be done via 999 if it is ongoing, 101 or alternatively Crimestoppers. Anyone reporting this can request to remain anonymous.

I would like to wish the community a safe December and festive period.

Local Policing Priorities

1. Protecting most vulnerable
2. Reducing violence and Anti-Social Behaviour
3. Reducing acquisitive crime
4. Improving road safety
5. Tackling serious and organised crime



Protecting most vulnerable

In November 2020 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 112 mental health related calls and around 24 missing person enquiries and approximately 64 Domestic related incidents.

East Berwickshire had 6 mental health related calls and 1 missing person enquiry. 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

Assaults

On 05/11/2020 report of Juvenile assaulted at Eyemouth High school. Enquires continuing

On 05/11/2020 report of female assaulted in Coldingham High Street. Enquires continuing

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On 06/11/2020 report of two males assaulted in Renton Terrace Eyemouth. Youth assailant charged and reported to youth offending team.

On 11/11/2020 report of female assaulted in Queens Road Eyemouth. Assailant traced arrested charged and held in custody for court.

Anti-Social Behaviour

On 02/11/2020 a report of youths throwing eggs at the caravan park in Eyemouth. No damage.

On 05/11/2020 a report of youths with fireworks in Chirnside. No trace of the youths on Police attendance.

05/11/2020 report of neighbour shouting and swearing at next door neighbour in the Eyemouth area Police attended and neighbour issued with Recorded Police Warning.

08/11/2020 report of male shouting in the street. Police attended and issued male with Recorded Police Warning.

On 14/11/2020 youths were reported to be congregating at the High Street Car Park, Eyemouth. Police traced and warned the youths regarding Covid Breaches.

On 15/11/2020 reports of youths throwing stones in Chirnside. Police traced youths involved and they were conveyed home and warned in front of parents.

On 15/11/2020 report of male breaching Covid regulations in Chirnside area. Police attended and issued male issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice.

On 15/11/2020 report of Police officer's being assaulted. Female assailant arrested and charged and held in custody for court.

On 21/11/2020 report of hare coursing in the Auchencrow area, 3 males traced, no evidence of hare coursing but males issued with Covid Antisocial Behaviour Fixed Penalty Notice tickets for travelling from Tier 3 area to Tier 2.

On 21/11/2020 Scottish Borders Community Action Team were on patrol and heard youths at Eyemouth Primary School. Youths vacated on seeing the police, alcohol was left behind and seized by Police.

Vandalism

On 11/11/2020 report of a car being damaged in The Avenue Eyemouth. Enquires continuing.

On 15/11/2020 report of damage to public toilet doors in the High Street Eyemouth. Enquires continuing.

On 24/11/20 report of damage to vehicle at Market Place, Eyemouth. Enquires continuing.



Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Theft by Housebreaking

On 20/11/2020 report of entry being gained and items being taken without owners consent at a Public House at Masons Wynd Eyemouth. Male perpetrator traced arrested and charged released on Police bail with date to appear at court.

Theft

On 12/11/2020 report of trailer being stolen from Browns Bank Eyemouth. Enquires continuing.

On 19/11/2020 report of items being taken from local store in High Street Eyemouth. Enquires continuing.

On 23/11/2020 report of items being taken from local store in High Street Eyemouth. Enquires continuing.



Improving Road Safety

Within the Jedburgh Sheriff Court Jurisdiction there were 76 parking tickets issued in November.

On 01/11/2020 a male was charged with having no insurance in Eyemouth after a number of anonymous reports from a member of the public.

On 02/11/2020 a male was charged with driving whilst his licence was revoked near to Cockburnspath and his car was seized.

03/11/2020 report of Eyemouth resident driving a motor vehicle without a valid licence. Vehicle traced and driver charged with driving unaccompanied on a provisional licence further charges to libel against owner of vehicle.

11/11/2020 report of vehicle being struck in the Eyemouth area and driver failing to stop. Enquires ongoing.

11/11/2020 a conditional offer issued to a driver in Allanton for having no MOT.

12/11/2020 report of vehicle being driven in the Chirnside area without a valid MOT certificate. Vehicle traced and driver charged with having NO MOT.

16/11/2020 a conditional offer issued to a driver in Eyemouth for having no MOT.

18/11/2020 a driver was charged with driving whilst using a mobile phone and having no MOT near to Burnmouth.

19/11/2020 a driver was charged in Eyemouth for having no drivers licence and expired MOT. The vehicle was uplifted.

On 24/11/2020 a driver's vehicle was uplifted for having no insurance near to Cockburnspath. The driver and passenger were charged with other road traffic offences.



Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

Operation Hawkeye

The main purpose of the Group (Operation Hawkeye) is to target those transient criminals for whom the borders of Divisions and Forces do not matter.

There have been several high value thefts of Plant and Agricultural Machinery in England which have been recovered in Scotland also English SOCG's coming to Scotland, stealing Plant and using it to force ATM's. Through cross border cooperation it has resulted those responsible being jailed for a number of years.

The operation concentrates on the real time sharing of information regarding the theft of Quad Bikes, Plant, Tractors and other machinery was imperative to assist the Scottish Borders and other areas in targeting key nominals. This is linked with the Rural Crime prevention initiative.

There have been a number of Misuse of Drugs Act warrants executed by the Scottish Borders Community Action Team, who have successfully seized cash and drugs from a number of addresses

European Arrest Warrant

A Polish male was arrested in the Scottish Borders. He was wanted on a European arrest warrant which was issued on 2018 following his conviction for being in possession of cannabis. He was convicted in 2009 in Poland, however he fled Poland and had been living in Scotland since 2015, avoiding and evading authorities knowing he was wanted. Local officers traced the male and he was arrested.

There have been a number of high value telephone, email and online scams, claiming to be banks, HMRC, DWP, Health Board, telephone or broadband to name a few. They appear very plausible, however a social media message has been shared which includes the details of where to report incidents and prevent others being scammed.

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/information/report-suspicious-emails>

Understandably, if a crime has occurred, then call Police Scotland.

Campaigns



With the clocks going back, it's another reminder that winter is coming. This can mean changes to road conditions which can affect everybody from pedestrians and cyclists to motorists. As daylight hours change and the weather becomes more unpredictable, Police Scotland is here throughout to keep people safe.

Chief Superintendent Louise Blakelock said: "Keeping people safe on our roads is a priority for us throughout the year, however as we head into the winter months it is important to ensure vehicles and drivers are prepared for the change in road conditions.

"I would encourage drivers to check their vehicles before we experience the first of the wintry conditions. Some simple steps can be taken to prepare such as checking lights on vehicles to make sure they are in good working order, ensure tyres have sufficient tread, check windscreen washer fluid levels and look out scrapers for clearing frost and ice from your vehicle.

"As the nights get darker, I would also ask pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders to ensure they are visible to other road users.

"More best practice for road users this winter will be highlighted over the coming week as part of our winter road safety campaign."

Mobile CCTV

In partnership with Scottish Borders Council, Mobile CCTV cameras can be deployed across the Scottish Borders in response to significant ASB / crime.

Rural Acquisitive Crime

Our rural acquisitive crime campaign continues focussing on farm theft prevention. Approximately 40 prevention packs have now been delivered to farms by Community Teams. Forensic DNA marking kits and signage, enabled by community partnership funding, have been received and distribution to farms across the Scottish Borders by Community Policing Team Officers has begun.

No Cold Calling Zones

We continue to promote the uptake and refreshment of No Cold Calling Zones across the Scottish Borders.

CAT Update:

SBCAT continue to respond and take a partnership approach to reported incidents of unauthorised off road motorcycles in the Monynut area of Berwickshire. Recent action involved sending letters to the registered keepers of vehicles parked in the area over recent weekends. This process appears to have seen a reduction of motorcycles attending in the area. Further planned partnership activity is to be undertaken.



Youth Patrols – CAT activity for youth patrols have focused on Kelso, Peebles, Eyemouth, Selkirk and Hawick. CAT officers have engaged with youths, seized alcohol and as a result of activity in October a number ASB letters have been sent to the parents of those youths identified as involved in ASB across the region.

CAT have executed a number of MDA warrants across the region recovering a substantial amount of Class A, B and C controlled drugs. During the execution of a MDA warrant in Hawick, £1980 in cash was seized along with a Class B drugs with a potential street value of £3150. During the execution of a warrant in the Peebles, Class B drugs with an approximate street value £700 along with £3442 in cash and £1080 in counterfeit currency. Cat have further executed MDA warrants in Galashiels, Kelso, Peebles and Hawick with recoveries of both Cash and controlled substances.

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 have to ensure compliance with GDPR.