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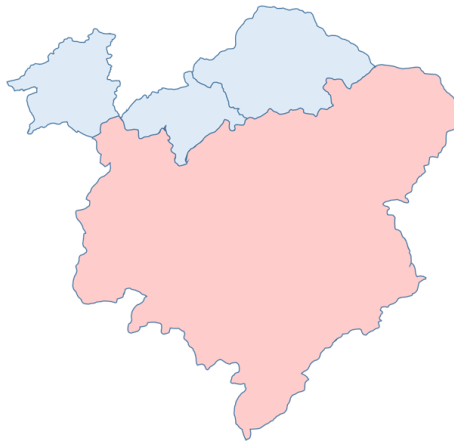


Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

East Berwickshire Community Councils
Multi Member Ward Report for December 2021

(25/11/21- 31/12/21)



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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Community Sergeant Update

PS Stephen Granger

I hope that everyone had an enjoyable festive period and wish everyone all the best for the New Year ahead.

Recent weeks have underlined that coronavirus continues to present personal and professional challenges for everyone. Public welfare and safety is paramount and that includes that of police officers, police staff and their families which is critical as policing works to maintain a quality service for the public. Officers locally have demonstrated their resilience, professionalism and commitment throughout the entire pandemic which will continue. I would like to thank you all for your continued understanding and patience as we strive to meet the needs of all our local communities.

As is normally the case we have had a busy start to 2022. January sees the relaunch of the Police Scotland Take Five for Fraud Campaign which runs from 3rd until 28th January. Cases of criminals exploiting unsuspecting people and persuading them to part with money or personal information are continuing to rise. Criminals are becoming more sophisticated and convincing in their methods, and taking advantage of advances in technology. They will often conduct extensive research on potential victims to make themselves appear legitimate. Of particular note are crimes committed online, as fraudsters use the internet more and more to target victims.

Throughout the campaign the public and business will be encouraged to Take Five – and follow this straightforward and impartial advice:

- **Stop** - Taking a moment to stop and think before parting with your money or information could keep you safe.
- **Challenge** - Could it be fake? It's ok to reject, refuse or ignore any requests. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you.
- **Protect** - Contact your bank immediately if you think you've fallen for a scam and report it to Police Scotland.

More information can be found on the Police Scotland website by clicking the below link

<https://www.scotland.police.uk/what-s-happening/campaigns/2020/take-five/>

In addition anyone can sign up to receive trusted alerts and advice from [Neighbourhood Watch Scotland](#) on a range of safety and security issues targeted to their local area.

I have temporary oversight from a Sergeants perspective for all of the Community Policing Teams for the Scottish Borders at present after the departure in December of PS Paul Begley to another post. This is a short term arrangement and a permanent replacement for Paul, Sergeant Alison Granger, will be in post at the end of January. Prior to this I would continue to encourage contact via the CPT email address at the end of this report for routine community policing matters.

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 December 2021 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 228 mental health related calls, around 17 missing person enquiries and approximately 96 domestic related incidents.

East Berwickshire had 25 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

Assaults

Anti-Social Behaviour

On 13/12/21 report of an ongoing disturbance outside flats in Marine Square, Eyemouth. Nothing ongoing on Police arrival. No complaints were made by any parties. One male issued with a Recorded Police Warning for his manner of behaviour towards Police Officers.

On 26/12/21 report of possible hare coursing in Swinton. Males left area when confronted by informant. Statement noted by Officers and Wildlife Crime Officer emailed.

On 27/12/21 report of males having been seen fighting outside a pub in Eyemouth, however they had moved on. Officers attended and checked CCTV and enquiries being carried out.

On 28/12/21 report of male being assaulted within property in Marine Square, Eyemouth. Statements noted. Male suspect to be traced.

Vandalism

On 25/11/21 report of van being spray painted with graffiti whilst parked overnight on Market Place, Eyemouth. Enquiries ongoing.

On 29/11/21 report of caravan window being smashed at Eyemouth Holiday Park. Youths had been seen in area. No trace on Police arrival. Enquiries ongoing.

On 4/12/21 report of caravan being spray painted with graffiti whilst parked in storage at Templehall. Informant owns the land to store caravans and has made owner of caravan aware. On 6/12/21 owner of caravan has contacted Police to report damage. Enquiries ongoing.



Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Theft by Housebreaking

On 07/12/2021 report of housebreaking to a property in Abbey Road, Coldstream, and items having been taken. Enquiries ongoing.

On 23/12/2021 report of housebreaking to a property in Whitehall Road, Chirnside and items having been taken. Enquiries ongoing.

Theft

On 03/12/21 report of theft of copper tank in Lamberton Value of tank £30. Suspect persons had been seen within grounds of property. Statement noted. Enquiries ongoing.

On 12/12/21 report of persons filling their vehicle with fuel from Eyemouth Filling Station, entering garage and purchasing items within the garage, but failed to pay for fuel. Enquiries ongoing.

On 13/12/21 report of theft of 250 litres of diesel from lorry whilst parked overnight in the layby on the A1 at Reston. Enquiries ongoing.

On 18/12/21 report of theft of tools from an insecure garage at a farm in Duns. Enquiries ongoing.

On 24/12/21 report of theft of jewellery from within a property in Main Street, Reston. Enquiries ongoing.

On 29/12/21 report of persons having entered property in St Abbs, and taking a jacket with car keys within and thereafter stealing motor vehicle outside house. Vehicle recovered nearby. Enquiries ongoing.

On 31/12/21 report of theft of jewellery from within a property in Hurkur Crescent, Eyemouth. Enquiries ongoing.



Improving Road Safety

Within the Jedburgh Sheriff Court Jurisdiction there were 11 parking tickets issued in December.

Killed or Seriously Injured

No accidents where persons were killed or seriously injured.



Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

On evening of 2nd December officers from the community action team executed a drug search warrant at an address on the outskirts of Hawick recovering a cannabis cultivation consisting of a number of plants and bags of herbal matter. Total value of plants seized is between £5k and £15k. Value of herbal matter is between £1k and £1.5k. Enquiry ongoing to confirm and trace occupant.

Campaigns

Divisional Domestic Abuse campaign

Regular social media posts highlighting local (DAAS) and national helpline contact details and reporting mechanisms

Ongoing engagement with main local employers to share campaign messages, information in relation to local support services and charities and prevention messages targeting perpetrators directly.

Rural

Scottish Borders Partnership against Rural Crime (SBPARC) the partnership continues to meet regularly to address local priority rural crime throughout the year.



- We continued to distribute free Selecta DNA forensic marking kits & signs and crime prevention advice to farmers and rural business. These can be requested by Farmers / Rural businesses using the [Contact Us Form](#) on the Police Scotland Website.

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No Cold Calling Zones

- Any community organisation wishing to refresh their zone (those with the old Lothian and Borders Police signs) or interested in setting up a new zone should contact their local community policing team <https://www.scotland.police.uk/secureforms/contact/>



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CAT Update:

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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.