

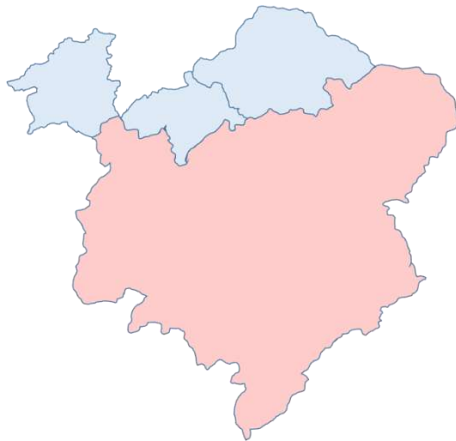
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Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

East Berwickshire Community Councils
Multi Member Ward Report for January 2026



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 Update – East Berwickshire

This month, Community Officers PC Jacobs and MacLeod have assisted their Response colleagues with identifying and reporting 3 prolific shoplifters from the Eyemouth area. Those identified had been responsible for multiple thefts from the Co-Op and Penny Petroleum, with stolen goods valued in excess of £1000. These offences are detailed below.

PC Jacobs is also following a positive line of enquiry after a number of vehicles sustained damage at the end of the month – a number of which had gone unreported.

There has also been intelligence reported to police regarding further damaged vehicles. Members of the public are encouraged to come forward and report all matters of vandalism, no matter how minor. This is vital for detecting crime and is essential for taking offenders to court. Information can be provided by calling 101, speaking to your local officers or reporting anonymously via Crimestoppers on **0800 555111**.

All School Link officers across the Borders have been involved in Crucial Crew, which returned in January after 8 years. The Borders Community Policing Team were committed to bringing this event back, recognising the vital personal safety skills it teaches. We started on 26th January at the Border Union Showground, Kelso, and finished on 12th February. It involved 8 practical based safety scenarios being delivered to all 1200 Primary 7 school children across the Borders, including Fire, Road, Water, Rail, Bus, Farm, electrical and internet safety.

The event involved a huge amount of planning and preparation, with initial discussions regarding the event starting in spring last year. The Border Union Showground have been vital in the return of the event, providing us with a venue with the funding support from the Margaret Carlow Trust. Police approached SBC Education to be equal partners in the venture, who agreed, recognising the need for personal safety education.

Feedback has been incredibly positive, and we have funding and commitment from all partners to carry on for at least the next 2 years. Many thanks to our partners at SBC Education & the Border Union Showground. Also, many thanks to our partners in delivering the scenarios over the 3 weeks – Royal Highland Educational Trust, Borders Water Rescue, Jed Hearts Here and Kelso Heartbeat, SP Energy Networks, Inspire at SBC and Scottish Fire & Rescue Service – without their help the event could not have been possible.



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 January 2026 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 167 mental health related calls, around 20 missing person enquiries and approximately 98 domestic related incidents.

East Berwickshire had 8 mental health related calls and 1 missing person enquires. 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 21/01/2026 report of a door being damaged whilst a male was forcing entry into a property in Chapel Quay, Eyemouth and the householder having been assaulted within. Suspect traced, arrested, conveyed to Hawick where he was caution and charged with offences and held to appear in court the next day.

Anti-Social Behaviour

On 12/01/2026 report of youths trying to access caravans at Eyemouth Holiday Park. Officers attended. Youths were not trying to gain entry to the caravans but were being a nuisance by banging on the doors. Relevant advice given to all parties.

On 17/01/2026 report of three dirt bikes being ridden around the fields at Edrom Newton Steading, Duns. Officers attended. They have confirmed with the landowner that the riders have permission to use the land. No issues.

On 18/01/2026 report of about 8 – 10 dirt bikes being ridden in the forest area near to Cranshaws Farm, Duns. Enquiries being carried out with the Landowner.

On 31/01/2026 report of a male causing a nuisance outside the Co-Op, High Street, Eyemouth. One male arrested, charged and reports submitted.

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Vandalism/vehicle damage

On 07/01/2026 report of a disturbance ongoing within a property in Main Street, Grantshouse and two vehicle windscreens having been smashed with a brick. Officers attended, statements noted. One male arrested and charged, relevant reports submitted.

On 15/01/2026 report of paint having been scratched off a vehicle with a sharp implement whilst it was parked on the High Street, Eyemouth. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

On 17/01/2026 report of the front door glass pane of a property in Glebe Crescent, Eyemouth having been damaged. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

On 20/01/2026 report of a car door having been dented by unknown means whilst it was parked at Herriotview, Main Street, Whitsome. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

On 21/01/2026 report of the wing mirror of a vehicle having been damaged whilst parked on Northburn Road, Eyemouth. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

On 21/01/2026 report of damage to the front door of a property in Killies Green, Eyemouth. Enquiries ongoing.

On 26/01/2026 report of the wing mirror of a vehicle having been damaged whilst parked on Coldingham Road, Eyemouth. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

On 26/01/2026 report of a car door having been dented by unknown means whilst parked outside the Community Centre, Albert Road, Eyemouth. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

On 28/01/2026 report of the bonnet of a car having been dented whilst parked on Hurkur Crescent, Eyemouth. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

Theft

On 02/01/2026 report of male theft shoplifting in the Co-Op, High Street, Eyemouth. Male detained and charged with the offence. Crime Report submitted.

On 10/01/2026 report of male theft shoplifting in the Co-Op, High Street, Eyemouth. Crime Report submitted. Male traced, charged and reported.

On 17/01/2026 report of male theft shoplifting in the Co-Op, High Street, Eyemouth. Crime Report submitted. Male traced, charged and reported.

On 18/01/2026 report of male theft shoplifting in the Co-Op, High Street, Eyemouth. Crime Report submitted. Male traced, charged and reported.

On 19/01/2026 report of same male theft shoplifting on several occasions in the Co-Op, High Street, Eyemouth. Crime Reports submitted. Male traced, charged and reported.

On 19/01/2026 report of female theft shoplifting in the Co-Op, High Street, Eyemouth. Crime Report submitted. Female traced, charged and reported

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On 20/01/2026 report of theft of fuel from an oil tank within the garden of Herriotview, Main Street, Whitsome. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

On 20/01/2026 report of same male theft shoplifting on several occasions in the Co-Op, High Street, Eyemouth. Crime Reports submitted. Male traced, charged and held for custody

On 21/01/2026 report of male theft shoplifting in the Co-Op, High Street, Eyemouth and acting in a threatening and abusive manner to staff when confronted. Crime Reports submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

On 22/01/2026 report of theft of fuel from an oil tank within the garden of Elm Bank, Main Street, Chirnside. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

On 25/01/2026 report of male theft shoplifting in the Penny Petroleum, Eyemouth Industrial Estate, Eyemouth. Crime Report submitted. Male traced, charged and reported.

On 26/01/2026 report of male theft shoplifting in the Penny Petroleum, Eyemouth Industrial Estate, Eyemouth. Crime Report submitted. Male traced, charged and held for custody

On 29/01/2026 report of male theft shoplifting in the Co-Op, High Street, Eyemouth. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

On 30/01/2026 report of theft shoplifting in the Co-Op, High Street, Eyemouth. Crime Report submitted. Male traced, charged and held for custody

On 30/01/2026 report of female theft shoplifting in the Co-Op, High Street, Eyemouth. Enquiries ongoing.

On 31/01/2026 report of male theft shoplifting in the Penny Petroleum, Eyemouth Industrial Estate, Crime Report submitted. Male traced, charged and held for custody

Improving Road Safety

On 02/01/2026 – a driver was issued a fine for driving with no MOT in Duns.

On 13/01/2026 – a driver was issued a fine and penalty points for use of handheld mobile phone whilst driving in Eyemouth.

On 17/01/2026 – a driver was issued a fine and penalty points for driving with no insurance in Eyemouth.

On 18/01/2026 – a driver was issued a fine for driving with no MOT in Eyemouth.

On 29/01/2026 – a driver was issued a fine and penalty points for tyre- base of groove not visible in Eyemouth.

On 29/01/2026 – a driver was issued a fine for obscured number/Hackney carriage plate in Eyemouth.



Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

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Serious and organised crime enforcement – January 2026

The Scottish Borders CID Proactive Unit executed 1 Drug & General Evidence Warrant during the month of January within the town of Galashiels, as well as positive stop and searches in Galashiels. These resulted in the seizures of quantities of Class A/B controlled drugs and 4 figure sum of cash Recovered. 1 person was reported for drug related offences including importation and another given a formal police warning for a possession offence.

In addition to drug enforcement, 1 x male was reported for theft of motor vehicle following the recovery of a stolen camper van from Hawick.

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.

This information can be on any criminal matter but includes an individuals unexplained financial gain or wealth or persons who are vulnerable in our communities and being targeted or exploited by others for any reason.

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.

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