

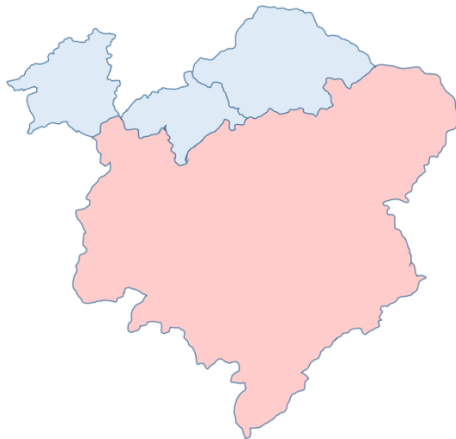
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Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Hawick and Hermitage Community Councils
Multi Member Ward Report for FEBRUARY 2026



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.

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Community Policing News – Hawick & Hermitage

In February there have been 8 calls to police from the Newcastleton area, involving road traffic issues, concern for persons calls, one assault and assist members of the public. PC Patterson has been in the village regularly over the month, assisting with response calls and dealing with local enquiries. PS Granger will be attending the next Community Council meeting on 10th March.

PC Patterson has carried several parking patrols at Trinity, Drumlanrig, Hawick High and Wilton schools as well as Hawick High Street, and several parking tickets have been issued. He has also carried out antisocial behaviour patrols at Wilton Park and patrols of the High Street to tackle retail crime. We understand retail crime is a serious concern for retailers in the town and are in contact with the community council regarding the shop WhatsApp group, which is proving extremely useful as a warning system. Hopefully we can meet with retailers in the coming weeks to explore what we can all do to tackle shoplifting in the area.

On 26th February, PC Mortimer and PC Patterson attended a multi-agency scenario at Teviot/Slitrig rivers. This was a Scottish Fire and Rescue led training operation, simulating the multi-agency response of emergency services should several casualties end up in the river. Scottish Ambulance service were also in attendance. These are incredibly worthwhile exercises and build knowledge and skills in dealing with serious incidents.



In the first two weeks of February PC Nichol assisted his community colleagues with the hugely successful return of Crucial Crew which welcomed every primary 7 in the borders to Springwood Park, Kelso to participate in 8 interactive potentially real-life situations.

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He assisted his response colleagues with numerous incidents, covered court duty and attended biweekly Cluster Action Group meetings, as well as being a visible presence in the town when the school were of for the February break.

PC Nichol worked alongside SFRS and conducted a Fire Setters home visit with a young person to help educate on the dangers of playing with fire.

An online Safety and Cyberbullying input was conducted at Trinity Primary and Stirches Primary Schools, Denholm's JRSO's were out with PC Nichol conducting speed checks in the village and Primary 3/4's were educated on some Hate Language.

He was ever present within Hawick High School, delivering an 'Imagine a man' session with a youth worker to some S2's and a Domestic Abuse Awareness input was presented to 4th, 5th and 6th years.

Work has begun to schedule another work experience weeks for some Hawick High School students after the success of last year's program.

We note there has been several reports of kicking at doors and other property and PC Nichol will organise some assemblies regarding this issue. Any individuals identified will be spoken to in the presence of parents and appropriate action taken.

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 February 2026 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 142 mental health related calls, around 22 missing person enquiries and approximately 91 domestic related incidents.

Hawick and Hermitage area had 16 mental health related calls and 0 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 types of calls 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 08/02/2026 a report of assault in Moss Place, Newcastleton. Male charged with 2 x minor assault and relevant paperwork submitted.

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On 21/02/2026 a report of an assault in Baker Street. Enquiries ongoing.

Anti-Social Behaviour

On 01/02/2026 report of a disturbance at High Street. Report submitted to the Procurator Fiscal. Crime reports raised for breach of the peace and police assault.

On 01/02/2026 report of a disturbance at High Street. Recorded Police Warning issued and relevant paperwork submitted.

On 01/02/2026 report of a disturbance at Stonefield Place. Officers attended, no noise on arrival. Housing provider to be made aware of issues.

On 02/02/2026 a report of youths kicking cars in Gladstone Street. No damage to cars and youths not traced.

On 04/02/2026 information report of children kicking doors at Drumlanrig Court. Complainer spoken to and advice given.

On 05/02/2026 report of a disturbance at Beaconsfield Terrace. Female arrested, cautioned and charged.

On 05/02/2026 report of antisocial behaviour at Myreslaw Green. Community Officers will give area passing attention, nothing ongoing, caller advised to call back if youths return.

On 06/02/2026 a report of a male fighting in High Street. Male traced nearby. No complaints of assault.

On 12/02/2026 a report of a disturbance at a house in Ramsay Road. No disturbance heard on arrival, but entry forced and no persons within. Occupants traced safe and well.

On 13/02/2026 a report of youths kicking a door in Walters Wynd. Ongoing issue. Being dealt with by community officers

On 14/02/2026 a noise complaint to Renwick Terrace. Music turned down.

On 22/02/2026 a report of youths kicking a door in Walters Wynd. Ongoing issue being dealt with by community officers

On 23/02/2026 report of a disturbance at Trevelyan Terrace. Recorded Police Warning issued.

On 23/02/2026 report of a public nuisance at Buccleuch Street. Intoxicated male, moved on, no criminality

On 28/02/2026 report of youths damaging property at playpark at Teviot Crescent. Officers attended, area searched, no trace of youths and no damage found at park.

Vandalism/Vehicle Crime

On 17/02/2026 a report of windows smashed at a house in Borthaugh Road. For further enquiry.

On 18/02/2026 report of damage to a door at Buccleuch Street. For further enquiry.

On 20/02/2026 a report of youths throwing stones into building site at High School. Damage to a van reported. For further enquiry.

On 23/02/2026 report of damage to a wing mirror at Oliver Park. For further enquiry



Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Theft

On 04/02/2026 report of theft of goods at Boots Chemist, High Street by known male. Male traced, cautioned and charged.

On 16/02/2026 a report of theft of furniture from a landlord in High Street. For further enquiry.

On 16/02/2026 a report of theft from a common close in Howegate. For further enquiry.

On 18/02/2026 report of theft of goods from Morrisons, Mart Street. Female charged with theft by shoplifting and S38 criminal justice, youth offending paperwork submitted.

On 24/02/2026 report of theft of money from wallet at Wetherspools, Bourtree Place. Suspect to be traced, relevant paperwork submitted.

On 24/02/2026 report of theft of alcohol from Morrisons, Mart Street. For further enquiry.

On 28/02/2026 report of theft of a mobility scooter from Valentine Row. For further enquiry.

Theft by Housebreaking

No reports



Improving Road Safety

On 02/02/2026, female cautioned and charged with no license and no insurance at Arthur Street, Hawick, report submitted.

On 25/02/2026 at Loan, Hawick, vehicle seized for no insurance, tax or MOT. Relevant reports submitted



Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

Serious and organised crime enforcement – February 2026

The Scottish Borders CID Proactive Unit executed 2 x Drug & General Evidence Warrants during the month of February within the town of Galashiels and Duns. Quantities of Class A and B drugs were recovered as well as cash. 3 males have been reported for supply offences and are awaiting trial.

2 x formal warnings have been issued for possession of personal amounts of class A and class B drugs following searches.

1 x illegal knife was were recovered and 1 x males reported for this offence.

Following a search in December 2025, a weapon seized has been identified as prohibited and a report has been submitted.

In addition to drug enforcement, 1 x male was reported for theft of motor vehicle following enquiry for a theft in Peebles.

1 male was reported for theft HB from 2025 following enquiries in Galashiels

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:

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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.