

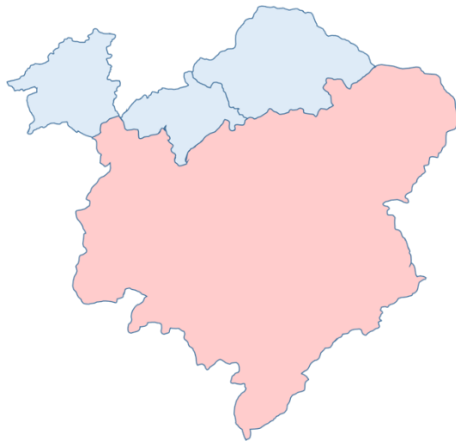
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Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Hawick and Hermitage Community Councils
Multi Member Ward Report for MARCH 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.

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 8 calls to Newcastleton over March which included the locks to a shed being cut off at Yethouse, concerns for persons, Road traffic offences, theft, and a suspicious vehicle

Officers are aware there are concerns regarding the volume of shoplifting in Hawick over recent months. Sergeant Granger attended a meeting with retailers on 11th March to understand their concerns and listen to the issues. PC Mortimer subsequently carried out patrols and visits to retail premises, providing reassurance, deterring offenders and progressing enquiries. A further meeting is planned for April.

PC Mortimer has also been carrying out speed checks at Southdean and Denholm, as well as carrying out antisocial behaviour patrols of Burnfoot, Common Haugh and Town Centre. He also has been helping to deliver the 'Imagine A Man' project along side community learning and development, which is an initiative aimed at promoting positive masculinity within our schools. PC Mortimer has also been assisting response policing teams with emergency calls throughout the month.

PC Patterson has been carrying out parking patrols at Wilton, Trinity, Drumlanrig, and Newcastleton Primary Schools, as well as Hawick High Street. Speed checks have taken place at Burnfoot Road, Newcastleton and the A7 at volunteer Park. PC Patterson has also been involved enquiries into prolific shoplifters and carrying out patrols of the High Street. He has also assisted Response policing teams with several urgent enquiries and calls.

Both PC Patterson and Mortimer were involved in policing the Hawick Reivers Festival, which went well and gave the opportunity for both officers to engage with members of their community.

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 March 2026 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 148 mental health related calls, around 30 missing person enquiries and approximately 82 domestic related incidents.

Hawick and Hermitage area had 11 mental health related calls and 3 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 01/03/2026 a report of domestic assault in Mart Street. Female arrested and held for court.

On 08/03/2026 report of an assault at Baker Street. Enquiries ongoing.

On 14/03/2026 report of an assault at Oliver Crescent. Recorded police warning issued for a minor, non-injury assault.

Anti-Social Behaviour

On 05/03/2026 report of a disturbance at High Street. For further enquiry.

On 06/03/2026 report of a disturbance at Allars Crescent. Officers attended, party ongoing, music has now been turned off, no complaints.

On 06/03/2026 report of males being abusive to staff at Coopers Bar, High Street. Officers attended, males had left area. Informant had contacted police to de-escalate situation. No further action.

On 08/03/2026 report of intoxicated males shouting and hitting vehicles at Duke Street. Officers attended and traced male responsible, enquiries ongoing.

On 13/03/2026 report of neighbour banging and shouting at Stonefield Place. Officers attended and dealt with.

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On 17/03/2026 report of a disturbance at Drumlarig Square. Male heard kicking and banging at door. Officers attended and dealt with.

On 17/03/2026 report of a disturbance at Silver Street. Enquiries ongoing

On 25/03/2026 a report of a disturbance in Stonefield Place. Male identified as being in breach of a bail curfew arrested and held for court.

Vandalism/Vehicle Crime

On 05/03/2026 report of damage to a reinforced panel at riverside at Teviot Crescent. Enquiry ongoing.

On 07/03/2026 report of vandalism to a combination lock attached to a bike at Drumlanrig Court.

On 15/03/2026 report of attempted theft of a vehicle at Elm Court. Enquiry ongoing

On 21/03/2026 a report of vandalism to a window in Oliver Place. Enquiry ongoing.

On 31/03/2026 a report of vandalism to a door in Elm Court. Enquiry ongoing.

Hate Crime

On 13/03/2026 online report of racial slurs and threats at Earl Street. Victim not engaging. Enquiry complete.



Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Theft

On 02/03/2026 a report of attempt theft opening lockfast place in Newcastleton. Enquiry ongoing.

On 02/03/2026 a report of theft from a yard at Whithaugh in Newcastleton. Enquiry ongoing.

On 03/03/2026 a report of theft of fuel from Morrisons, Mart Street. Enquiry ongoing.

On 10/03/2026 report of theft from Gladstone Street. Enquiry ongoing.

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On 11/03/2026 report of theft of fuel from Service Station at Mart Street. Enquiry ongoing

On 13/03/2026 report of theft of a temporary cable from a generator at Moss Road, Newcastleton. Enquiry ongoing

On 16/03/2026 report of theft of a bicycle from North Bridge Street. Enquiry ongoing

On 19/03/2026 a report of 3 x theft shoplifting in Morrissons, Mart Street. For further enquiry.

On 21/03/2026 2 x reports of theft of fuel from Mart Street. Enquiry ongoing

On 24/03/2026 report of theft of fuel from Newcastleton Wastewater Treatment Works. Enquiry ongoing.

On 27/03/2026 report of theft of fuel from Morrisons Service Station, Mart Street. Enquiry ongoing

Theft by Housebreaking

n/a

Robbery

n/a



Improving Road Safety

On 04/03/2026 report of a road traffic offence at North Hermitage Street, Newcastleton. Driver traced.

On 04/03/2026 a driver was issued a fine for driving with no MOT in Hawick.

On 05/03/2026 a driver was issued a fine and penalty points for driving with a dangerous load in Hawick.

On 06/03/2026 report of a road traffic offence, no MOT, at Liddesdale Road. Driver issued a Fixed Penalty Fine.

On 09/03/2026 report of a possible drink driver at Northcote Street. Accused failed roadside breath test and was conveyed to Hawick custody, released on undertaking once sober, with special conditions not to drive any mechanically propelled vehicles. To appear at court at later date.

On 16/03/2026 report of a road traffic collision at Dovecote Street. Further enquiry required, and crime report raised for careless driving.

Killed or Seriously Injured

No accidents where persons were killed or seriously injured



Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

Serious and organised crime enforcement – March 2026

The Scottish Borders CID Proactive Unit executed 3 x Drug & General Evidence Warrants during the month of March within the towns of Galashiels, Hawick and Selkirk. In addition to this, proactive vehicle stops have been undertaken. Quantities of Class A, B and C drugs were recovered as well as cash and weapons. 2 males have been reported for drug supply and offensive weapon offences and are awaiting trial.

2 x illegal knives, an imitation firearm and an axe were seized during stop and searches.

In addition to drug enforcement, 1 x quad and 2 x pick up vehicles stolen from Gordon, Duns and Cockburnspath have all been recovered and enquiries are ongoing into identifying those responsible.

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.

Campaigns

Anti-social off-road bike use is not just a nuisance - it's a risk to rider, public, wildlife and property. Off road dirt bikes (electric or otherwise) must be approved, taxed, insured and if applicable, have an MOT to be used on public roads. Riding on private land requires the landowner's permission.

With rising concerns from Scottish communities over the illegal use of off-road bikes, e-bikes, e-scooters and mopeds, our partners at Crimestoppers Scotland have launched a campaign to report illegal riding.

Crimestoppers want to help you speak up in a safe, secure, anonymous environment - either via their online form [Crimestoppers](#) or by calling trained staff on 0800 555111.

Information useful to provide includes:

- Location, date, time bike was seen
- Anything distinctive - colour, make, number plate
- Where stored
- Who is riding and what are they wearing
- Property damage

Riders not complying with the law face having their vehicle seized, a ban, fine or prison. You can also get more info on how you can report to local partners and where you can legally and safely ride an off-road vehicle via the Crimestoppers website. Click to learn more: [Illegal off-road bike activity across Scotland](#)

Local officers have the authority to seize vehicles being used illegally on public roads or on private land when there is no permission. Riders found violating the Road Traffic Act will be charged and reported.



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 must ensure compliance with GDPR.