

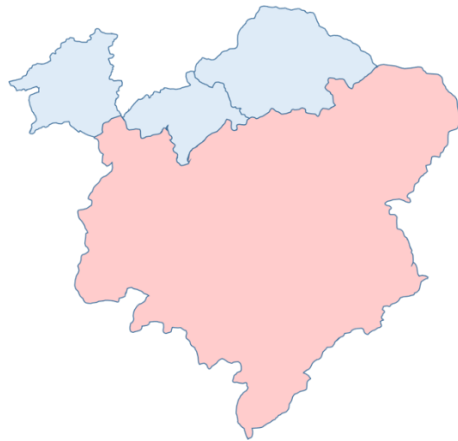
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Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Hawick and Hermitage Community Councils
Multi Member Ward Report for APRIL 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

Throughout April PC's Mortimer and Patterson have been carrying out targeted patrols of the town shops, visiting stores which are frequently experiencing shopliftings. The patrols deter shopliftings, whilst allowing enquiries into incidents which have already taken place.

On 22nd April, Sgt Granger and PC Mortimer attended a follow up meeting with Hawick retailers. They invited two officers from the National Retail Crime Taskforce to attend to provide specialist advice and support. This unit was set up in 2025 with £3m Scottish Government funding.

The new online shoplifting report system was discussed, which gives opportunity for retailers to report incidents direct, with links to provide CCTV footage, which will reduce admin time for both shop staff and officers. The link is found at

[Retail crime form | Police Scotland](#)

and is for reporting shoplifting only. Shopwatch, shop layouts, security, shop radios were also discussed. Scottish Borders Community Policing have been allocated funding from the taskforce to be able to deliver further targeted patrols, specifically dedicated to the prevention and detection of retail crime.

Members of the public can help by informing shop staff if they see anything suspicious within shop premises.

In April PC Mortimer also attended at the Burnfoot Hub Easter event on the 5th, Burnfoot community council meeting on the 6th and family fun days organised by Community Learning and Development on the 8th. Patrols have also been carried out in the Stirches area after reports of anti-social behaviour there, as well as Burnfoot shops, Wilson Drive and Fairhurst Drive.

Sgt Granger and PC Mortimer also attended the Burnfoot Problem Solving Partnership meeting at Burnfoot Hub on the 28th, now chaired by the new local Area Commander, CI David Rourke, where ongoing partnership work to tackle Antisocial behaviour was discussed.

PC's Mortimer and Patterson have also conducted speed checks at Southdean and Denholm this month, as well as parking patrols at Trinity, Wilton, Drumlanrig primary schools and Hawick High School. Both officers have been assisting response colleagues with a range of calls, including concern for persons, missing persons, firearms enquiries, and arrests of persons wanted for various offences.

PC's Patterson, Mortimer, and Sgt Granger were involved in a training day organised by the National Rural Crime Unit on 23rd April at Kelso Racecourse – it covered UK wide trends and information on the latest technology assisting us to catch offenders.

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 April 2026 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 160 mental health related calls, around 14 missing person enquiries and approximately 106 domestic related incidents.

Hawick and Hermitage area had 25 mental health related calls and 1 missing person enquiries. Due to GDPR and protection of victims/subjects involved; we are unable to share any more specific information in relation to this 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

Assault

On 02/04/2026 a report of assault and robbery at Allars Crescent. A male was arrested and charged with the offence.

On 06/04/2026 report of an assault and hate crime at Howegate. A male was arrested and charged with the offence.

On 19/04/2026 report of an assault at High Street. Police contacted and attended, however, parties involved did not wish to provide any further information and declined medical treatment. Parties were conveyed home by police.

On 23/04/2026 a report of an assault in Bourtree Place. Enquiry ongoing.

On 25/04/2026 a report of assault in Moss Place. Youth charged with 2 x assault.

Anti-Social Behaviour

On 01/04/2026 report of three female youths within Morrisons Supermarket, Mart Street, causing nuisance. Youths had left store prior to police arrival. Followed up by community officers, one female youth charged with several offences and relevant reports submitted

On 02/04/2026 a report of a disturbance in Teviot crescent. No complaints made on police arrival.

On 03/04/2026 a report of youths kicking a door in Moss Place, Newcastleton.

On 07/04/2026 report of youths refusing to leave B & M, Croft Road. Females apprehended in relation to another incident of shoplifting.

On 11/04/2026 a report of a disturbance in Crown Close. Male arrested on unrelated matter. No complaints regarding disturbance.

On 11/04/2026 a report of youths kicking a door in Loan. Ongoing issue.

On 12/04/2026 a report of youths kicking a door in Walters Wynd. Ongoing issue.

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On 16/04/2026 report of youths causing a disturbance at Trinity churchyard. For further enquiry.

On 14/04/2026 report of a disturbance at Buccleuch Street. Accused was traced a short while after incident, charged and kept in custody to appear at court.

On 17/04/2026 report of youths throwing water balloons at Crumhaughhill. Informant spoken to and not looking for police attendance. Officers made aware, no damage caused.

On 18/04/2026 report of a disturbance at Lovel Court. Male arrested for vandalism.

On 19/04/2026 report of a disturbance at Teviot Crescent. Sixteen-year-old female conveyed home to her parents.

On 24/04/2026 a report of a disturbance in Bourtree Place. Culprits left prior to police arrival. No complaints.

On 27/04/2026 a report of a disturbance in Sainsburys. 2 males acting aggressively with staff. Enquiry ongoing.

On 29/04/26 report of a disturbance at Weensland Park. Recorded Police Warning issued and accepted.

Vandalism/Vehicle Crime

On 06/04/2026 report of vehicle windows being smashed and tyres slashed at Howegate. Enquiry ongoing.

On 18/04/2026 report of theft of vehicle from Allars Crescent. Enquiry ongoing.

On 25/04/2026 a report of vandalism to a window in Ramsay Road. Enquiry ongoing.



Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Theft

On 01/04/2026 report of theft of confectionary from Morrisons, Mart Street. A female was charged with the offence.

On 05/04/2026, two reports of shoplifting in High Street and a member of staff assaulted. Male arrested and held for court. Reports submitted.

On 08/04/2026 a report of theft of fuel from Morrisons, Mart Street. Enquiry ongoing.

On 21/04/2026 report of theft from Northcote Street. Enquiry ongoing.

On 28/04/2026 a report of theft in Towerdykeside. Enquiry ongoing.

Robbery

On 29/04/2026 report of a robbery at Bourtree Place. CID enquiry ongoing.



Improving Road Safety

On 03/04/2026 a report of a serious injury RTC in Cheviot Road where the vehicle failed to report. Driver identified the following day and enquiries ongoing.

On 15/04/2026 driver issued a fine for driving with no MOT in Hawick.



Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

Serious and organised crime enforcement –

The Scottish Borders CID Proactive Unit executed 5 x Drug & General Evidence Warrants during the month of April within the towns of Galashiels, Peebles and Hawick.

In addition to this, proactive vehicle stops have been undertaken. Quantities of Class A, B and C drugs were recovered as well as proceeds of crime.

1 male was reported for proceeds of crime seizure following a cash seizure in Hawick.

1 male has been reported for supply of class B drugs with a quantity of cash also seized.

1 x male found to be in the UK illegally has been arrested for supply of class A drugs seized during a vehicle stop and search in Galashiels.

1 x female has been reported for driving whilst disqualified and no insurance in Hawick.

In addition to drug enforcement, enquiries are being conducted into stolen vehicles from the Berwickshire area that are at this time all believed to be linked.

Serious and organised crime is commonly associated with drug supply, however it should be highlighted that vehicle crime including thefts, housebreakings and plant theft are all other forms of organised crime often conducted by groups looking to profit from these activities.

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 individual's unexplained financial gain or wealth or persons who are vulnerable in our communities and being targeted or exploited by others for any reason.

Campaigns

Looking for event tickets?

Criminals create fake posts or pages on social media and search engines to scam people looking for tickets or travel deals.

Follow [#TakeFive](#)'s top tips to avoid ticket fraud:

- Stick to official ticketing sites and official resale – avoid buying tickets on social media
- Double check there are no small changes or errors in the web address
- Look for the padlock symbol and 'https' in the web address: 's' stands for secure
- Use secure payment methods and avoid paying by bank transfer

Contact your bank immediately if you think you've been scammed and report it to Action Fraud.

Find more advice at this link <https://orlo.uk/hPQ8O>



Sexual Extortion or Sextortion is where criminals manipulate victims into sharing explicit images or believing they have nude images, using them as leverage for extortion.

Online sextortion is a form of sexual blackmail. It involves criminals targeting you through dating apps, social media, text or email and manipulate you into sharing sexual images/videos that they later use to demand payments under threats of public exposure.

Criminals may use a false identity to befriend you online and then threaten to send images to your family and friends.

Sextortion is Blackmail!

If you are a victim of Sextortion:

- * Don't Panic
- * Don't Pay
- * Tell a trusted person
- * Report to Police



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:

LothianScotBordersCPTHawickHermitage@scotland.pnn.police.uk

We will endeavour to provide you with this information, however some information is sensitive and as an organisation we must ensure compliance with GDPR.