

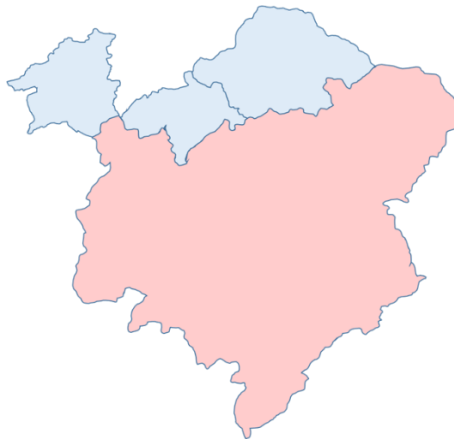
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Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Hawick and Hermitage Community Councils
Multi Member Ward Report for August 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 14 calls to Newcastleton during August regarding concern for persons, road traffic issues and assist member of the public.

August continued to be a busy time for Hawick community officers. Assistance was still required on community events elsewhere, including Eyemouth Herring Queen and Coldstream Civic Week.

Regular patrols have been carried out at Burnfoot Primary School, Sleepy Valley, Kenilworth Avenue and Fairhurst Drive. It is acknowledged that the number of young people congregating in Kenilworth Avenue has increased recently and we are increasing our patrols in response, alongside our work with partners in the Burnfoot Problem-Solving Partnership (PSP).

Patrols also carried out in the town including Morrisons, Sainsburys, High Street & Trinity Gardens. Patrols have also been carried out at Stirches where large groups of young people have been gathering, however the vast majority have been found to be playing sports and behaving responsibly.

Officers have been focusing on issues caused by electric Scooters and off-road bikes, with advice, education and warnings already having been circulated, we have now moved onto seizing scooters and reporting offences. Young people under the age of 16 are routinely reported to the Children's Reporter due to the nature of these offences (Road Traffic) and this could impact on their future driving licence. Parents are urged not to provide their children with electric scooters or off-road bikes unless they are riding them on private ground with the permission of the landowner.

Schools officer spent the summer attending various summer programme activities and carrying out patrols of areas causing concern.

Community officers also assisted their response colleagues with several incidents including missing persons, assaults, concern for persons, road collisions and responding to various other calls from the public. PC's Mortimer and Tait-Logan also attended the emergency service workers day at Lilliardsedge Caravan Park, where they were able to chat with members of the community and engage with young people.

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 August 2026 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 193 mental health related calls, around 26 missing person enquiries and approximately 96 domestic related incidents.

Hawick and Hermitage area had 8 mental health related calls and 4 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 02/08/2026 report of assault at Robertson Place. Both parties arrested, one charged with an assault to severe injury, the other with assault to injury.

On 19/08/2026 report of an assault at Ramsay Road. Statements noted from witness and victim. For further enquiry

Anti-social Behaviour

On 02/08/2026 report of youths banging on doors and windows at Laidlaw Terrace. Officers attended, area searched with no trace.

On 04/08/2026 a report of a disturbance in Moat Crescent. For further enquiry.

On 06/08/2026 report of youths putting shopping trolleys onto roadway at Mart Street. Officers attended, trolleys had been put back to Morrisons, no trace of youths.

On 06/08/2026 report of a disturbance at Lothian Street. Reporter spoken to and given suitable safety advice.

On 06/08/2026 report of a disturbance at Loan. Officers attended, area searched with no trace, no one made themselves known to police.

On 07/08/2026 report of 3 female youths causing nuisance and refusing to leave Morrisons, Mat Street. Youths made off prior to police arrival. No crimes.

On 08/08/2026 report of a disturbance at Baker Street. Two males arrested and charged with various offences, both to appear at court at a later date.

On 10/08/2026 report of two female youths causing a disturbance at Morrisons, Mart Street. No crimes or damage, advice given.

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On 11/08/2026 report of female youths causing issues within Morrisons, Mart Street. Officers searched for females and they were traced in Duke Street. Statements noted from security staff and staff regarding theft, assault and abusive behaviour. Both females charged and reported.

On 15/08/2026 report of a disturbance at Oliver Crescent. Female arrested for police assault and threatening and abusive behaviour.

On 16/08/2026 report of a disturbance at Loan. Male cautioned and charged for possession of bladed article and assault. Male held in custody.

On 19/08/2026 report of a disturbance at High Street. Male traced and searched, no complainers, no crimes established.

On 21/08/2026 report of antisocial behaviour at waterside at Duke Street. Statements noted and crime report raised for threatening and abusive behaviour.

On 22/08/2026 report of e-bikes doing wheelies at High Street. Lookout broadcast, no further calls.

On 24/08/2026 report of intoxicated males causing issues at High Street. Officers attended, group given advice and moved on.

On 26/08/2026 report of a disturbance at High Street. Male arrested for threatening and abusive behaviour.

Vandalism/Vehicle Crime

On 01/08/2026 report of a smashed panel of glass within a front door at O'Connell Street. Relevant paperwork submitted for vandalism.

On 02/08/2026 report of damage to newly planted trees at Rosebank Road. for further enquiry.

On 03/08/2026 a report of vandalism to a train carriage at Whitrope. Enquiry ongoing.

On 07/08/2026 report of damage to casing of an Openreach box at North Bridge Street. For further enquiry.

On 15/08/2026 report of damage to a window at Allars Crescent. for further enquiry

On 18/08/2026 report of damage to a camera at High Street. CCTV available. Crime report submitted.

On 22/08/2026 report of damage to a front door at Howegate. for further enquiry.

On 27/08/2026 report of damage to vehicle window at Liddesdale Road. Crime report raised for vandalism.

Hate Crime

On 06/08/2026 report of a hate crime at Skelfhill, Northhouse. Statements noted, crime report to be raised for threatening and abusive behaviour with a hate aggravator. Male cautioned and charged with the offence.

On 11/08/2026 report of assault and hate crime at Trinity Street. Crime report raised for assault with racial aggravator. Enquiry ongoing



Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Theft by Housebreaking

On 21/08/2026 online report of a housebreaking at Garages at North Bridge Street. Caller reporting forced entry but nothing missing. Details noted for crime report.

Theft

On 02/08/2026 report of theft of alcohol from Morrisons, Mart Street. for further enquiry.

On 08/08/2026 report of theft of a bike from Allars Crescent. for further enquiry.

On 09/08/2026 report of theft of fuel from Service Station, Mart Street. for further enquiry.

On 11/08/2026 report of theft of multiple items from B & M Bargains, Croft Road. Female charged and reported for the offences.

On 16/08/2026 report of theft of fuel from Service Station, Mart Street. For further enquiry.

On 18/08/2026 report of theft of fuel from Service Station, Mart Street. For further enquiry.

On 19/08/2026 report of theft of push bike from garden at Noble Place. Crime report raised for theft.



Improving Road Safety

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On 05/08/2026 report of driver not providing details on insurance following a road traffic collision. For further enquiry.

On 10/08/2026 report of a road traffic offence, no insurance, at Moss paul.

On 10/08/2026 report of a road traffic collision at North Hermitage Street, Newcastleton. Both vehicles cleared from road, and driver of motorcycle given a conditional offer for careless driving.

On 23/08/2026 report of a road traffic offence and manner of driving at Mart Street. For further enquiry.

On 23/08/2026 report of vehicle being driven with no insurance at Buccleuch Road. Crime report submitted.

Killed or Seriously Injured

No accidents where persons were killed or seriously injured



Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

Serious and organised crime enforcement – August 2026

The Scottish Borders CID Proactive Unit executed 3 x General Evidence Warrants during the month of August in the Bishop Auckland area as part of a cross-border policing response in relation to multiple thefts in the Scottish Borders. Power tools were recovered along with additional positive lines of enquiry being identified.

5 x stop and searches for drugs were undertaken in the towns of Hawick and Galashiels based on intelligence received from local communities. Every search was positive with cannabis and cocaine being recovered along with criminal cash. 1 male was reported for possession of cannabis. 2 Females and 3 males have been reported for being concerned in the supply of cocaine.

In addition to enforcement, enquiries are continuing into numerous thefts within the Eyemouth, Coldingham and Chirnside areas as well as break ins to properties at Innerleithen. Positive lines of enquiry are being pursued into these crimes, and we would ask people to remain vigilant with home security when leaving homes unoccupied.

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.

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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 must ensure compliance with GDPR.