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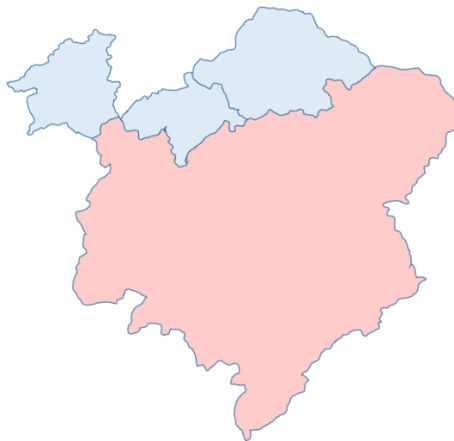


## **Scottish Borders Area Command**

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

### **Hawick and Hermitage Community Councils**

Multi Member Ward Report for SEPTEMBER 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 have been 16 calls to Newcastleton in September, including theft, concern for persons, assist members of the public and road traffic incidents.

PC's Patterson and Mortimer have been patrolling their wards at several locations of concern, including the High Street, paying particular attention to Trinity Gardens. Shoplifting patrols have taken place at Morrisons, Aldi, Lidl and Sainsburys due to increased reported of antisocial behaviour. We have been working with partners to help resolve issues caused by some the more prevalent offenders. Parking tickets have been issued on the High Street and at Wilton Primary along with speed checks at Denholm, Mansfield, Newcastleton and on the Loan. Both officers have been assisting response with calls from members of the community.

Officers assisted with The Tour of Britian in Earlston and The Tour of the Borders, plus local Hawick active travel event – Ridonkulous in the High Street where PC Patterson carried out cycle patrols.

PI Caverhill attended the Hawick Community Council meeting in September where he was able to address issues raised and speak with various members of the community.

During September, PC Reilly, School Link Officer has been in the schools talking about anti-social behaviour and what it's like to be a police officer. He also arranged a 5-week programme with a group of youngsters where they spoke about anti-social behaviour and what they would like to see happen in their town for them. After discussions they went over to the MUGA for a game of football. PC's Lawrence and Nichol also went along and after the 5-week block, the youngsters had a better understanding of anti-social behaviour, its impact and they felt more confident approaching police and speaking to us.

## 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 September 2026 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 188 mental health related calls, around 31 missing person enquiries and approximately 100 domestic related incidents.

Hawick and Hermitage area had 21 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 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

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### **Assault**

On 03/09/2026 reports of males wearing balaclavas attempting to assault a male and female. Enquiry ongoing.

On 13/09/2026 report of an assault at Service Station at Mart Street. Enquiry ongoing.

On 14/09/2026 a report of serious assault in Allars Crescent. Male and female arrested and charged. Held for court.

On 16/09/2026 report of an assault at Wetherspoons, Bourtree Place. Male traced, refused to provide details regarding an assault. No complaints, relevant paperwork to be submitted

On 23/09/2026 a report of assault on Loan. Enquiry complete.

On 29/09/2026 a report of a male with a knife causing a disturbance on Howegate. Male arrested.

### **Antisocial Behaviour**

On 01/09/2026 a report of rowdy youths in Morrisons. Youths taken home to parents.

On 03/09/2026 reports of a drunk male being a nuisance in pubs on High Street and Silver Street. Male traced and taken home.

On 04/09/2026 a male given a fixed penalty for threatening and abusive behaviour in Trinity Gardens.

On 05/09/2026 an E-Scooter seized by officers in Mart Street. Youth reported for various road traffic offences.

On 12/09/2026 report of antisocial behaviour at Morrisons, Mart Street. Officers attended, spoke with security, no crimes identified, area searched with no trace.

On 12/09/2026 further report of antisocial behaviour at Morrisons, Mart Street. Details submitted for the attention of ASBU.

On 12/09/2026 report of youths climbing on scaffolding at Earl Street. Informant telephoned, youths were no longer there. Advised to call back if they return.

On 12/09/2026 email report of antisocial behaviour by youths at Walters Wynd. For further enquiry

On 12/09/2026 report of group of youths on roof behind Wetherspoons, near to Douglas Haig Court. Youths no longer at location, proprietor has checked roof and no damage. Caller unable to give descriptions of youths due to it being dark.

On 16/09/2026 report of a disturbance at Slitrig Crescent. Officers attended, area searched with no trace of persons.

On 26/09/2026 email report of youths kicking door at Walters Wynd. For further enquiry.

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### **Vandalism/Vehicle Crime**

On 11/09/2026 report of damage to a water pipe at Skelfhill. for further enquiry.

On 22/09/2026 report of damage to tyres at Heronhill Crescent. For further enquiry.

On 25/09/2026 report of damage to an electrical OpenReach cabinet at North Bridge Street. for further enquiry.

On 25/09/2026 report of damage to water supply at Skelfhill. For further enquiry.

On 29/09/2026 a report of vandalism to a car in Dalkeith Place. For further enquiry.



### **Reducing Acquisitive Crime**

#### **Theft by Housebreaking**

On 18/09/2026 a report of theft housebreaking to a shed in Hermitage. Enquiry ongoing.

#### **Theft**

On 03/09/2026 a report of theft of a mobile phone from a house in Trinity Street. Enquiry ongoing.

On 03/09/2026 a report of theft in Earl Street. For further enquiry.

On 12/09/2026 report of theft from B&M Bargains, Croft Road. for further enquiry.

On 12/09/2026 report of known youths stealing alcohol at Morrisons, Mart Street. For further enquiry.

On 14/09/2026 several reports of antisocial behaviour and shoplifting reported to police involving young girls. Incidents at Morrisons, Sainsburys, Lidl and Wilton Primary school. Youths taken home and youth offending report submitted.

On 18/09/2026 Two reports of theft shoplifting and assault of a member of staff at Morrisons and Morrisons garage, Mart Street. Enquiry ongoing.

On 21/09/2026 report of theft of alcohol/antisocial behaviour within Morrisons. Mart Street, by known persons. Enquiry ongoing.

On 21/09/2026 report of theft of fuel from Saughtree, Ashtrees, Newcastleton. For further enquiry.

On 24/09/2026 a report of theft of a mobile phone on High Street. For further enquiry.

On 26/09/2026 two reports of theft at B & M Bargains, Croft Road by known person. For further enquiry.

On 30/09/2026 report of theft at B & M Bargains, Croft Road by known person. For further enquiry.

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## Improving Road Safety

On 17/09/2026 report of a road traffic offence, no insurance at Ramsay Road. Vehicle seized

On 25/09/2026 report of a road traffic offence, no insurance held, at North Bridge Street. Vehicle seized

On 26/09/2026 report of a road traffic collision at Volunteer Park, Buccleuch Road. For further enquiry.

### Killed or Seriously Injured

None



## Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

### Serious and organised crime enforcement – September 2026

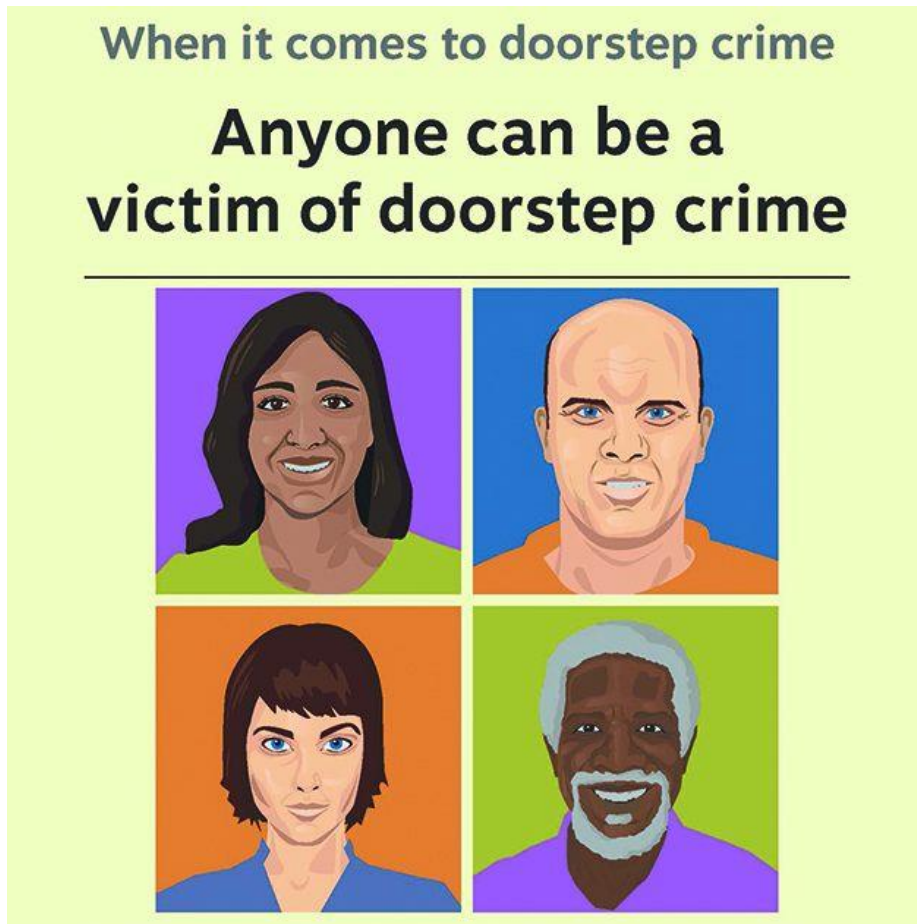
The Scottish Borders CID Proactive Unit executed 1 x Misuse of drug Warrants during September and conducted 4 stop and searches in relation to drugs. 3 x persons have been reported for concern in the supply of class A after recoveries of cocaine. 1 x male has been issued a FPW following recovery of a personal amount of cannabis was recovered.

Enquiries into numerous thefts across the Scottish Borders have been continuing. 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. Working in partnership with police forces in England, a male has been charged with multiple thefts of plant and machinery across Chirnside, Reston and Coldingham and a report submitted to the procurator fiscal. The male is currently on remand in England for thefts.

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



Anyone can fall victim to doorstep crime. Be vigilant if cold callers appear at your door and offer to do work on your property.

Criminals target the most vulnerable in our community – look out for your neighbours.

Report doorstep crime by calling 101 or 999 in an emergency.



Have you registered your bike with [@BikeRegister](https://www.bikeregister.co.uk)? 

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BikeRegister is the UK's national cycle database and is used by every UK police force to help identify and return stolen and lost bikes to their rightful owners.

Registration is completely free and only takes a couple of minutes. Once registered, owners can securely record their bike's details, frame number and photographs, making it much easier for the police to identify recovered bikes and reunite them with their owners.

For additional protection, BikeRegister also offers a range of highly visible and forensic security marking kits. These act as a powerful theft deterrent while providing police with a clear indication that a bike is registered on the national database.

Keep your eyes peeled for the local Police Scotland Youth Volunteers carrying out FREE bike security marking in the area over the coming months.

### **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.police.uk](mailto:LothianScotBordersCPTHawickHermitage@scotland.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.

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