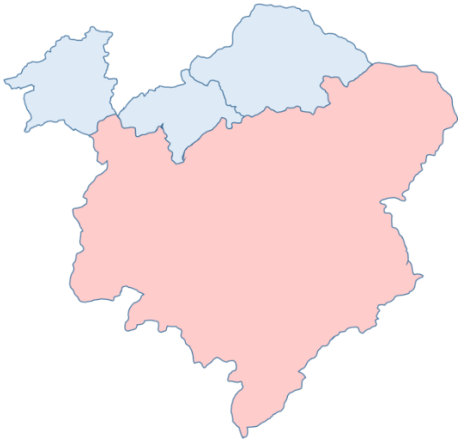
Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Hawick and Hermitage Community Councils

Multi Member Ward Report for OCTOBER 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.

Community Policing News – Hawick & Hermitage

There were 16 calls to police from the Newcastleton area in October, including concern for persons, suspect persons, public nuisance, assist member of the public, road traffic matters and on 27th-28th October, 4 calls regarding theft by housebreaking, all detailed below. Again many thanks to the local CCTV initiative who are extremely helpful regarding investigation of these incidents. PC Patterson has been in the village over the month and is looking into restarting the monthly police surgeries where residents can come and speak with PC Patterson regarding any issues or concerns in the village. Schools officer PC Nichol also attended Newcastleton to speak to the older half of the school about internet safety and spent time with the younger children, giving advice about staying safe.

Community PC's Mortimer and Patterson have been carrying out antisocial behaviour foot patrols around areas causing concern, such as Striches, Wilton Primary, Burnfoot. Young people have been spoken to, details taken and parents informed regarding any antisocial behaviour. We are aware there are more incidents taking place than are reported to police, so we urge residents to contact police either on 101 or by using the online contact form at Contact Us form | Police Scotland if they are experiencing antisocial behaviour in their area.

Patrols have also been carried out in the High Street and parking tickets issued. Patrols have been carried out in the towns supermarkets in response to continued antisocial behaviour issues. PC Patterson also attended the Ridonkulous event in Hawick on the 24th October with his police push bike.

Hawick School link officer PC Nichol has had a very busy October with the High School and Primary Schools. Within the High School he has conducted Sextortion and County Lines inputs with all of the S3 pupils, explaining what sextortion is, how it can happen and what to do if you become a victim of this as well as explaining what county lines are and the signs to look for in young people if they are potentially being taken advantage of.

He has dealt with various incidents within the school; attending multi-agency meetings for pupils to encourage higher attendance in school and held Restorative Justice Meetings due to youth offending.

Plans for young people to attended Pringles sports lounge on a Tuesday night have been made with thanks to Craig from Pringles, SBC, Hawick High School and police working together to make this possible, first night scheduled for 10/11/2026.

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 October 2026 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 176 mental health related calls, around 15 missing person enquiries and approximately 82 domestic related incidents.

Hawick and Hermitage area had 28 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 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 05/10/2026 report of an assault and theft at Allars Crescent. Enquiry ongoing

Antisocial Behaviour

On 04/10/2026 a report of a male kicking a door in Howegate. No trace of unidentified male. Safety advice given.

On 05/10/2026 report of a disturbance at Trinty Street. Male arrested and charged with threatening and abusive behaviour and possession of an offensive weapon.

On 06/10/2026 report of a disturbance at High Street. Officers attended, no report of injuries, statements noted, no victim at this time.

On 06/10/2026 report of unknown persons involved in a disturbance at Allars Crescent. Officers attended, nothing ongoing on arrival. No complaints being made, and refusal to engage by informant.

On 07/10/2026 a report of youths knocking on doors and running away in Newcastleton. PC Patterson made aware

On 08/10/2026 a report of a disturbance in a shop in Bourtree Place. Male arrested and held for court for threatening and abusive behaviour.

On 17th and 18th October several calls to Morrisons regarding antisocial behaviour by youths. Youths identified and VPD's submitted. Several youths spoken to with parents.

On 19/10/2026 two reports of youth's antisocial behaviour within Morrisons, Mart Street.
Youths identified, staff not making any complaints. Passing attention to continue in store.

On 21/10/2026 report of youths damaging property in Morrisons car park. No damage caused. Youths moved on.

On 23/10/2026 report of a disturbance and ongoing fight at Howegate. Officers attended, nothing ongoing, locals advised intoxicated persons causing disturbance. No complaints.

Vandalism/Vehicle Crime

On 02/10/2026 a report of vandalism to a door at Trinity Street. Enquiry ongoing.

On 05/10/2026 report of damage to a motor vehicle at Moat Crescent. for further enquiry.

On 09/10/2026 a report of vandalism to a van in Lovell Court. Enquiry ongoing.

On 26/10/2026 a report of a disturbance in a café on High Street. No complaints made on police arrival and an ethical crime recorded.

Hate Crime

On 17/10/2026 a report of homophobic abuse in Duke Street. Enquiry ongoing.



Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Theft by Housebreaking

On 04/10/2026 a report of housebreaking and theft of scooter in Lovel Court. No further lines of enquiry.

On 27/10/2026 a report of theft from garden shed in South Hermitage Street, Newcastleton. Enquiry ongoing.

On 27/10/2026 a report of theft from garage in Walter Street, Newcastleton. Enquiry ongoing.

On 27/10/2026 a report of theft from a workshop in Bankend, Newcastleton. Enquiry ongoing.

On 28/10/2026 report of theft from a garage at Langholm Street, Newcastleton. Enquiry ongoing.

Theft

On 01/10/2026 a report of theft from Morrisons, Mart Street. Enquiry ongoing.

On 09/10/2026 a report of theft of a bicycle on Trevelyan Terrace. Enquiry ongoing.

On 16/10/2026 a report of theft from a house in Kirkstile. No further lines of enquiry.

On 24/10/2026 report of theft of fuel from Weensland Filling Station. Enquiry ongoing.

Robbery

None

Improving Road Safety

On 01/10/2026 report of a road traffic offence at Northcote Street. Male issued with a traffic fixed penalty notice for driving motor vehicle without a current test certificate.

On 04/10/2026 report of a road traffic collision at Hawick Golf Club. Both vehicles uplifted. Crime report raised for careless driving.

On 06/10/2026 report of road traffic collision at Wiltonhall Farm entrance. No criminality, no injury.

On 28/10/2026 report of a road traffic collision at Dalkeith Place. Diary appointment scheduled for further enquiry.

Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

Serious and organised crime enforcement – October 2026

The Scottish Borders CID Proactive Unit executed 8 x Misuse of drug Warrants during the month of October. Supply amounts of cocaine, heroin and cannabis have been recovered along with cannabis plants and 7 x individuals have been reported for drug supply offences. Enquiries continue following the recovery of suspected amphetamine at an address in Hawick. In addition to the controlled drugs approximately £20,000 cash has been seized identified as made from illicit drug dealing. 2 x persons were held in custody and have since been released on bail following the recovery of a substantial amount of cannabis during a stop and search of a vehicle destined for the Scottish Borders.

1 x male has been reported to the procurator fiscal for attempted break ins to 2 business premises in Galashiels.

Enquiries into numerous thefts across the Scottish Borders. Positive lines of enquiry are being pursued into these crimes, and we would ask people to remain vigilant with security when leaving homes and business premises unoccupied on darker nights. We would seek to encourage reporting of any suspicious vehicles frequenting areas also. We continue to work with partner forces in Northumbria, Durham and Cumbria in relation to thefts in Newcastleton, Tweedbank, Jedburgh, Chirnside and Kelso.

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



If you are considering buying a child an e-bike as a gift there are some important things you should know-

Children must be over 14 to ride an e-bike in Scotland.

However, make sure what they're riding is an Electrically Assisted Pedal Cycle (EAPC), otherwise the bike will be classed as a motorcycle or moped.

- **The bike should not be able to exceed 15.5mph by the motor.**
- **It should not have a continuous rated power output higher than 250 watts.**
- **The pedals should propel it, and not a 'twist and go' handlebar function, for example. does not have pedals that can propel it.**

If the bike is not an EAPC, it will need registered, insured and the driver will need a valid licence.

Failure to do so may result in a fine, seizure of the bike and points on YOUR licence - even if you don't have one yet.

Remember, if you receive six penalty points in your first two years of driving, you will have your licence taken off you until you resit your driving test.

Learn more about e-bike use 👉 https://orlo.uk/6OfUo

Have you registered your bike with @BikeRegister? 🚲

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

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