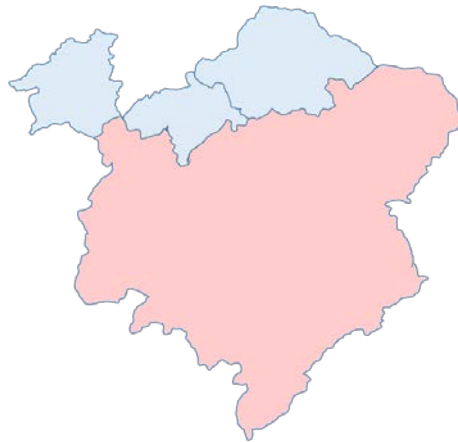




Scottish Borders Area Command

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Hawick and Hermitage Community Councils
Multi Member Ward Report



1ST of January 2020 to 31ST of January 2020.

Police Report for Hawick and Hermitage.

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.

Multi Member Ward Priorities Road Safety, Drug Dealing and Misuse, Violent Crime and Antisocial Behaviour

Road Safety

At the busy tail end of the festive season and throughout the month of January, mobile patrols and static road safety checks were carried out by officers in both the Hawick and Hermitage areas. A total of 27 road safety checks were carried out where officers stopped a total of 61 vehicles. There were no positive breath tests during any of the above safety checks and no offences were detected.

As the annual New Year Hunt passed through the town of Hawick a vehicle was seen to be driven in a manner which caused alarm to the horses and riders. One male was later traced and a report for Careless Driving has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

A moped was stolen from the Hawick area and was later seen being ridden in an erratic manner. Efforts were made to apprehend those responsible however the vehicle was later found abandoned. Enquiries are ongoing.

A vehicle was stopped and the driver was cautioned and charged with having no valid insurance in place and the vehicle was seized.

Drug Dealing and Misuse

Various calls were received throughout the month of January from concerned members of the public reporting what they believed to be the smell of cannabis emanating from neighbouring properties. Specific protocols are adhered to in relation to how the Police handle this information and we actively encourage anyone with concerns in relation to the Misuse of Drugs to contact their local police station or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or by visiting www.crimestoppers.org.uk

During the month of January, 1 positive drugs search was carried out in the Hawick area where a male was found to be in possession of a number of items and was subsequently cautioned and charged under the Misuse of Drugs Act.

Violent Crime

Whilst walking to work in the early hours of the morning, a member of the public has identified a distressed male in Hawick town centre. This incident resulted in a minor assault and enquiries are ongoing.

Anti-social behaviour

Officers attended a recurring complaint regarding noise and antisocial behaviour from a property in Hawick. Two persons have been cautioned and charged re threatening and abusive behaviour.

Officers attended a complaint regarding antisocial behaviour from a male in Hawick town centre. He was traced by officers where he was cautioned and charged re urinating and threatening and abusive behaviour.

Reports received regarding a male banging on windows in the Hawick area. Officers attended promptly and located the male who received a warning.

Reports were received from The Stirches area of Hawick, in relation to youths throwing snowballs and rocking cars. Officers attended and carried out a search of the area however, the youths appeared to have moved on. Mobile patrols were carried out in the area during the remainder of the evening.

An intoxicated male was ejected from a licensed premise in Hawick after he became abusive with staff. Officers attended and the male was warned.

A Window was smashed in the West End area of Hawick. No suspects were traced and enquiries are ongoing.

Reports of shouting and disturbance in West End area of Hawick. Officers attended but the males had moved on. Patrols were thereafter carried out in the area with no further issues.

Officers attended reports of raised voices and sounds of a loud party near to Hawick town centre. The occupants of the property were warned.

Reports were received regarding shouting and screaming near to Hawick town centre. Officers attended where a female was issued with a warning.

Hawick - reports were made of a loud party, persons brawling and banging on doors. All parties concerned were spoken with and given suitable advice and warned accordingly.

A member of the public reported youths causing a nuisance, banging on doors and throwing stones at near to Hawick High School. Officers attended and made an extensive search for the offending youths however they appeared to have moved on.

Campaigns

Safe Online Dating Campaign - Launches February 3rd 2020

Police Scotland are partnering with Get Safe Online in February to promote safer online dating.



Online dating brings all the convenience and choice in the world - this campaign focuses on ensuring individuals are doing it safely and securely with a wide range of advice.

www.getsafeonline.org/datesafe

Top Tips

- It's fast, convenient and fun meeting new people online. But are they who they say they are? Get to know the person, not the profile, and ask plenty of questions.

- When you're dating online, analyse profiles and check the person is genuine by putting their name, profile pictures or any repeatedly used phrases and the term 'dating scam' or 'romance fraud' into your search engine. This will help you to check whether people are scammers or "catfish" (a "catfish" is someone who pretends to be someone they're not using Facebook or other social media to create false identities, particularly to pursue deceptive online romances).
- Talk to your friends and family about your online dating choices. Be wary of anyone who tells you not to tell others about them.
- Don't send money or share your bank details with someone you've met online, no matter what reason they give you or how long you've been speaking to them.
- Stay on the dating site's messenger service until you're 100% confident they're who they say they are, and they have genuine intentions. Doing so provides better protection against financial and personal threats.
- Be wary about sending intimate images or videos of yourself to someone you've met online. This could lead to problems later on, and you can never be sure who will get to view them.
- It's tempting to tell your new date far too many personal details before you've really got to know them. Don't overshare!
- If you've been dating online and decide to meet in person, follow the safety rules. Make sure the first meeting is in a public place, let someone else know where you're going to be and keep your mobile phone switched on.
- If you think you've been a victim of fraud, report to Police Scotland on 101.

If anyone wishes to view Quarterly Public Performance reports which include information from the Community Action Team, then please visit

[https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/downloads/download/963/quarterly_public_performance_reports - all priorities post 2017](https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/downloads/download/963/quarterly_public_performance_reports_-_all_priorities_post_2017)

Feedback from a meeting/contacting your CBO

Anyone with information relating to any criminal activity can contact Police Scotland by dialling 101 or alternatively anonymously by calling CRIMESTOPPERS on 0800 555111 or alternatively visit www.crimestoppers.org.uk.

Should the Community Council wish to discuss any matters highlighted in the report, please contact:

PC Allan Patterson Community Officer

PC John Irvine Community Officer

If anyone has any further requests for information then please email

HawickHermitageCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk

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