

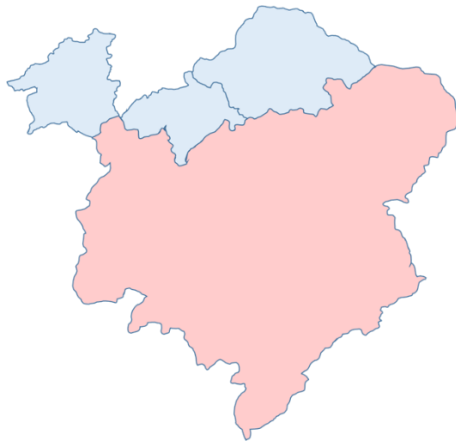
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The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Leaderdale and Melrose Community Councils
Multi Member Ward Report for February 2026



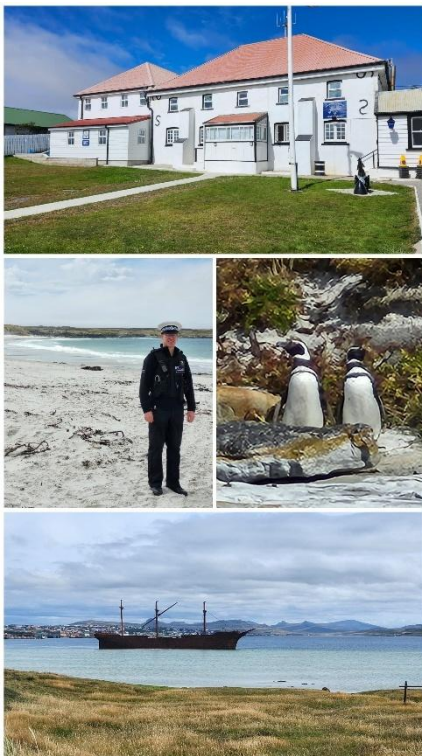
The information provided within this report, is predominately based on the Leaderdale & Melrose Multi Member Ward Policing Plan and the areas you have identified as priorities.

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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North Area Community Policing News – PS Crawford Laing

Scouts from Lauderdale Scout Group visited Galashiels Police Station over two evenings to find more about Policing in the Borders. They learned about the various roles within Policing and had some hands-on experience with some of the equipment used. They visited the Cells Complex to see where an arrested person would be taken before seeing the different vehicles available to the officers. They had a go with riot shields and learned how it is important to work as part of a team when dealing with public order situations. There was then some discussion about scenarios that they may face such as calling for an emergency service, online safety and Sextortion.



PC Lee Harper who for several years has been the School Link Officer for Galashiels and Earlston School Clusters has recently begun a secondment to the Royal Falkland Islands Police. He has a background in Roads Policing and was selected to undertake the Secondment to provide additional training to permanent Police on the Islands in relation to Roads Policing, School Link as well as general Policing duties. He is expected to be there for around six months and is already making links with the local communities and partner agencies there.

PC Gary Robertson will be undertaking the School Link post while Lee is away and has already been visiting the two High Schools and the many Primary Schools within his area. The School Link Officers give inputs to the different year groups on a variety of topics such as substance misuse, road safety and domestic violence. They are often involved in diversionary activities and assisting with any issues within the schools.

Local Policing Priorities

1. Protecting most vulnerable
2. Reducing violence and Anti-Social Behaviour
3. Reducing acquisitive crime
4. Improving road safety
5. Tackling serious and organised crime



Protecting most vulnerable

In February 2026 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 153 mental health related calls, around 22 missing person enquiries and approximately 97 domestic related incidents.

Leaderdale & Melrose had 19 mental health related calls and 6 missing person enquiries. Due to GDPR and protection of victims/subjects involved, we are unable to share any more specific information in relation to these types 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

Assaults

Anti-Social Behaviour

On 01/02/2026 report of a disturbance ongoing at a property in Weavers Linn, Tweedbank.

On 01/02/2026 report of threats received in Weirhill Place, Melrose.

On 01/02/2026 report of a neighbour issue re noise in Eildon Crescent, Melrose.

On 07/02/2026 report of a female defecating in street in Westfield Road, Earlston

On 09/02/2026 report of a female screaming and shouting at an address in Dingleton Road, Melrose.

On 11/02/2026 report of males believed to be smoking cannabis within school grounds at Lauder Primary.

Vandalism

Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Theft by Housebreaking

Theft

On 04/02/2026 report of theft of power tools from an address in Pleasance Park, Earlston.

On 20/02/2026 report of a theft from Priorwood House, Melrose.

Improving Road Safety

Killed or Seriously Injured

None

On 01/02/2026 – a driver was issued a fine and penalty points for speeding on Soutra Hill.

On 10/02/2026 – a driver was issued a fine and penalty points for driving with no insurance in Melrose.

On 17/02/2026 – a driver was issued a fine and penalty points for driving a dangerous load in Melrose.



Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

Serious and organised crime enforcement – February 2026

The Scottish Borders CID Proactive Unit executed two Drug & General Evidence Warrants during the month of February within the town of Galashiels and Duns. Quantities of Class A and B drugs were recovered as well as cash. Three males have been reported for supply offences and are awaiting trial.

Two Recorded Warnings have been issued for possession of personal amounts of class A and class B drugs following searches.

One illegal knife was recovered and the owner reported for this offence.

Following a search in December 2025, a weapon seized has been identified as prohibited and a report has been submitted.

In addition to drug enforcement, one male was reported for theft of motor vehicle following enquiry for a theft in Peebles.

One male was reported for Theft by Housebreaking from 2025 following enquiries in Galashiels.

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.

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 have to ensure compliance with GDPR.