

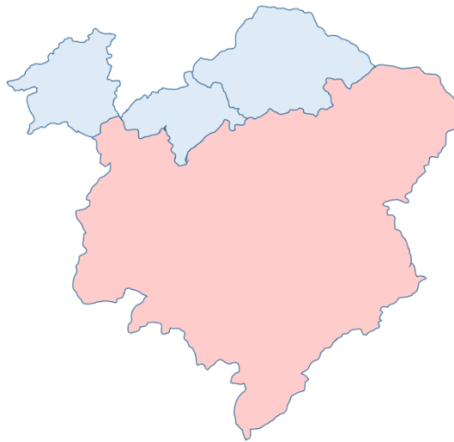
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Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Leaderdale and Melrose Community Councils
Multi Member Ward Report for May 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 – PC Ian Porter

Along with policing at several Common Riding events this month, the focus has been retail crime as part of the Police Scotland National Retail Crime taskforce.

As part of a small, dedicated team of Community officers within the Scottish Borders, we have seen several high tariff offenders be brought to justice in partnership with the various retail outlets in the area.

A significant number of outstanding shopliftings and retail assault crimes have also now been solved, to protect the businesses and their staff within the county.



Busy Weekend of Policing Across the Scottish Borders

Over the weekend of 23rd & 24th May, officers from across the Scottish Borders supported a wide range of events and community activities, helping to keep everyone safe while ensuring events ran smoothly.

These included:

 The Melrose 7's

 The Jim Clark Rally

 Kelso Races Ladies Day

 Community Rideout's including the Threepwood and Mossypaul Rideout's

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Chief Inspector Rourke even managed to catch up with a celebrity guest at the Melrose 7's — Bill, the British & Irish Lions mascot! 🦁



Alongside these large-scale policing operations, officers also responded to a total of 287 incidents reported across the Scottish Borders, making it an extremely busy and challenging weekend for the service.

A huge thank you to all officers, staff, partners, organisers and members of the public for their support, patience and co-operation throughout the weekend. 💙

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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 May 2026 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 236 mental health related calls, around 20 missing person enquiries and approximately 108 domestic related incidents.

Leaderdale & Melrose had 25 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 these types of calls 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

On 23/05/2026 report of an assault in High Street, Melrose.

On 25/05/2026 report of an assault at Horsemarket, Earlston.

On 26/05/2026 report of theft shoplifting from retail premises in Earlston.

Anti-Social Behaviour

On 02/05/2026 report of ongoing loud party in Horsemarket, Earlston.

On 16/05/2026 report of a customer refusing to leave Tweedbank Service Station, Galashiels.

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On 16/05/2026 report of a disturbance in Weirhill Place, Melrose.

On 23/05/2026 report of intoxicated female in High Street, Melrose.

On 23/05/2026 report of intoxicated youth in High Street, Melrose.

On 23/05/2026 report of a disturbance at Scotts Place, Melrose.

Vandalism

On 24/05/2026 report of damage at Gattonside. Melrose.

Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Theft by Housebreaking

None

Theft

On 04/05/2026 report of theft from Borders General Hospital, Melrose.

On 06/05/2026 report of a phone fraud in Blakehope Court, Tweedbank.

On 07/06/20256 report of a credit card fraud in Melrose.

On 15/05/2026 report of theft of a push bike in Carlin Court, Tweedbank.

On 21/05/2026 report of theft from High Cross Avenue, Melrose.

Improving Road Safety

On 01/16/2026 - A driver was issued a fine for driving with no number/Hackney carriage plate at Carfraemill

Killed or Seriously Injured

None



Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

Serious and Organised Crime Enforcement – May 2026

The Scottish Borders CID Proactive Unit executed 10 x Drug & General Evidence Warrants during the month of May within the towns of Galashiels, Hawick and Jedburgh.

Quantities of Class A and B drugs were recovered as well as cash. 5 males have been reported for supply offences and 1 male reported for possession of class A drugs.

1 x male reported for disqualified driving and driving while under the influence of drugs in Kelso.

In addition to drug enforcement, enquiries are continuing into theft of a number of motor vehicles, high value bikes and equipment from various rural locations across the Borders region including Newcastleton, Peebles and Clovenfords.

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

Motorcycles make up around 1% of traffic on Scotland's roads but account for 18% of fatalities. This highlights the disproportionate vulnerability of motorcyclists on our roads.

Our national [#MotorcycleSafetyCampaign](#) aims to

- Promote safe and responsible motorcycling/driving.
- Address the behaviours that could contribute to the risk of road traffic collisions through engagement and enforcement where necessary.
- Reduce the number of casualties and improve driver/rider behaviour.

If you're a rider looking to refresh your skills, Rider Refinement courses for 2026 are ongoing. These one-day sessions run across the country between April and October and are delivered by Police Scotland's Road Policing Unit, supported by IAM RoadSmart.

Details can be found here <https://orlo.uk/IOFjo>



E-BIKES – KNOW THE LAW

Many riders may not realise that some bikes being used on our roads and public spaces are illegal under UK law.

To be classed as a legal Electrically Assisted Pedal Cycle (EAPC), an e-bike will normally need to meet the following requirements

- ✓ Electric assistance must cut out at 15.5mph (25kph)
- ✓ The motor must not exceed 250 watts continuous power
- ✓ Must have pedals that can be used to propel it
- ✓ Riders must be aged 14 or over

These regulations are in place to protect all road users and pedestrians.

YOUR E-BIKE MAY BE ILLEGAL IF:

- ✗ It has a throttle capable of propelling the bike above 3.7mph without pedalling
- ✗ It can exceed 15.5mph using motor power alone
- ✗ The motor continues to assist when the rider is not pedalling

If an e-bike does not comply with EAPC regulations, it is classed in law as a moped or motorcycle.

This means riders may legally require:

- A valid driving licence with the correct entitlement
- Insurance
- An approved helmet
- Vehicle registration and road legality compliance

 Riders using illegal e-bikes or off-road bikes risk:

- The bike being seized
- Penalty points on their driving licence (or any future one!)
- Driving disqualification 

PARENTS / GUARDIANS

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If you purchase or allow the unlawful use of an e-bike by a child or young person, you could potentially be charged with “causing or permitting” various road traffic offences.

For example, knowingly allowing a child to ride an illegal e-bike on roads, parks or other public spaces may result in action being taken against you. Parents and guardians have a responsibility to ensure bikes are legal and used appropriately. This could result in fines and penalty points on YOUR driving licence!

Please help us keep our communities safe by ensuring e-bikes are legal, safe and used responsibly.

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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