



**TEVIOT AND LIDDESDALE
AREA FORUM
TO BE HELD ON
TUESDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER, 2016**

**Please find attached Item No. 9 in respect of the agenda
for the above meeting**

9.	Police Scotland (Pages 1 - 6) Update report by Police Inspector detailing ongoing work and initiatives in the Teviot and Liddesdale area. (To follow).	10 mins
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Teviot & Liddesdale Area Forum

Tuesday 20th September 2016

Report from
Inspector Carol Wood

Multi Member Ward Plans

Consultation with residents has allowed us to prepare priority plans based on local concerns. The combined Ward plan Priorities are:

- ❑ **Drug Dealing and Misuse**
- ❑ **Road Safety**
- ❑ **Violent Crime**
- ❑ **Antisocial Behaviour**

Drug Dealing and Misuse

We have, through intelligence gathered, carried out operations against people and premises involved in drug dealing and misuse, and where appropriate reported them to the Procurator Fiscal. We increased patrols in 'hot spot' areas, where people were identified as being involved in the misuse of illegal drugs. We continue to deliver inputs at schools, highlighting the dangers of drug misuse.

We will remain visible in the community to develop intelligence on people who deal in and use controlled drugs. We will continue to work with our partners, combining education and enforcement strategies. During the reporting period (August):

- A forty-two year old male was reported for the possession of class B drugs following the execution of a search warrant in Gladstone Street.
- A fifteen year old youth was reported for the possession of class B drugs following a stop and search at Millersknowes.
- A forty-four year old male was reported for being concerned in the production of class B drugs following the execution of a search warrant in Silverbuthall Road.
- A twenty-nine year old male was reported for the possession of class A drugs following a stop search on the Waverly Walk.
- Six further incidents reported by members of the public have led to further intelligence on various individuals and premises within Hawick.

Road Safety

Speeding/Inconsiderate Driving

We have trained Community officers in the use of speed guns. They have used these to detect drivers for speeding whilst deterring other forms of anti social driving. Also within the Teviot & Liddesdale Area Forum footprint, the Camera Safety van can frequently be found at various locations. To find out where the camera safety vehicle will be located go to www.lbsafetycameras.co.uk

Officers patrol in identified locations and carry out periodic road checks to positively influence driver behaviour. We will continue to educate drivers at every opportunity.

This includes younger drivers, who use their vehicles to travel to meeting points to meet with friends and other car enthusiasts. Officers pay particular attention to these drivers and the vehicles and thorough examinations are conducted of their vehicles to ensure compliance with road vehicle construction and use regulations.

In certain circumstances, motor vehicles can be seized by Police where there is evidence that the vehicle is being driven carelessly, or off road.

We receive complaints from some residents regarding the use of vehicles by individuals or certain groups, including engines revving and tyres screeching as they take off.

It is essential that all complaints about driving behaviour are notified to the police via 101 at the time. Every call is graded by call takers and allocated accordingly, so while officers may be unavailable to attend at the time if they are committed to a higher priority incident, they will be able to note statements to pursue offences.

This is particularly relevant where a motor vehicle is used on a road in such manner as to cause any excessive noise, which could have been avoided by the exercise of reasonable care on the part of the driver.

Drink Driving Offences

We have recently seen an increase in the number of detections for drink driving in the Scottish Borders, with people being caught in rural locations, having been drinking at a village pub and then choosing to drive home. Our message is very simple, if you are intending driving, do not drink. We would encourage the public to report all drink drivers either directly to the police on 101 or if you wish to report anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Parking and Road Traffic Issues

Vehicles have received parking tickets in the thirty minute zone in Hawick High Street as well as in North Bridge Street and O'Connell Street. Various items of intelligence have been provide by the public in relation to continued breaches of double yellow lines, speeding motorists, inappropriate driving

- A thirty-five year old male was reported for no insurance and drink driving offences in Boonraw Road
- A thirty-three year old male was reported for no insurance and carless driving outside Denholm
- A thirty-nine year old male was reported for careless driving outside Hawick on the A6088
- A forty-two year old male was reported for various road traffic offences following an accident in Eildon Road
- A forty-two year old male was reported for various road traffic offences including no insurance and no licence following an accident in Ruberslaw Road
- A seventeen year old male was reported for no licence and no insurance at Millersknowe
- A forty-four year old male was reported for no insurance and no licence in Commercial Road. This vehicle was seized.

Violent Crime

We continue to work in close partnership with licensed premises and their staff to tackle issues of drunkenness and disorderly behaviour to reduce these types of incidents.

We will continue to focus our patrols, targeting areas where violent crime has been reported and robustly deal with any person involved in this behaviour.

- A seventeen year old male was reported for robbery following an incident at Millersknowes (occurred on 3rd September).
- A forty-three year old male was reported for carrying a knife, threatening behaviour and vandalism in Ramsay Road
- A thirty-four year old male was reported for abduction/holding a person against her will and serious assault in Princes Street
- A nineteen year old male and a sixteen year old male were reported for assault, threatening behaviour and threatening police officers who attended an incident in Silverbuthall Road.

Antisocial Behaviour

We have carried out high visibility patrols with the aim of reducing disorder and delivering high levels of public reassurance. We have worked with partners to deal with unruly residents and taken proactive measures to combat their behaviour.

We will continue to work in partnership with local housing associations to target those who persistently behave in an antisocial manner. We will make best use of Antisocial Behaviour Orders and the ASB team in our area.

Throughout August there were three fixed penalty tickets issued and three official police warnings given for anti social behaviour. As well these, other individuals have been reported to the procurator fiscal where appropriate.

Other issues

Theft

A building supply company based in Burnfoot Industrial Estate was targeted for roofing materials. There has been three reported break ins to domestic premises, one theft from a vehicle and a theft of equipment from a trader at the Common Haugh.

Racist Incidents

There were seven incidents where individuals reported concerns over the actions of others. These varied from inappropriate stickers placed on takeaway shop windows, silent political protests and comments made to Eastern European residents. Where offences have been committed, many of these have been conducted by youths and appropriate education measures are taking place.

Your View Counts – Public Consultation

Just a reminder that Police Scotland's public consultation process is now online and open all year.

It's a very simple process that should only take a few moments of your time but will shape the way that policing is coordinated across Scotland and in your local community.

We will keep you updated on our quarterly results. The consultation will be a completely transparent process as it's all about your priorities.

The link for the survey is <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/8LMB9WX>

Should you have any queries regarding the content of this report please feel free to contact me.

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