



**TEVIOT AND LIDDESDALE AREA  
LOCALITY COMMITTEE  
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, 12TH  
DECEMBER, 2017**

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**Please find attached Item No. 6 on the  
agenda for the above meeting**

6.	<b>Police Scotland</b> (Pages 3 - 6)  Update report by Police Inspector detailing ongoing work and initiatives in the Teviot and Liddesdale Area. (Copy attached).	15 mins
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## Teviot & Liddesdale Area Partnership Committee

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017

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 patrol areas where it has been identified people involved in the misuse of illegal drugs gather. We continue to deliver inputs at schools, highlighting the dangers of drug misuse.

We continue to be 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 of the following were of note:

- Following a house search in Borthwick Road on 28<sup>th</sup> November under a misuse of drugs warrant the 47 year old male occupant was charged with the production and possession of a Class B drug. He has been reported to the procurator fiscal for these offences. This type of recovery is only possible due to the assistance and information from the public and I would like to thank them for their continued support in the Hawick community.

### **Road Safety**

#### Speeding/Inconsiderate Driving

Community officers continue to give attention to areas where we have received complaints of speeding or inconsiderate driving when duties permit. We continue to

link in with Scottish Borders Council in obtaining data for areas of complaint and where appropriate have discussions with them and Elected Members on road improvements. The camera safety vehicle continues to make an appearance in the Teviot and Liddesdale area. To find out where the camera safety vehicle will be located go to [www.lbsafetycameras.co.uk](http://www.lbsafetycameras.co.uk)

#### Parking and Road Traffic Issues

We continue to issue parking tickets and warn drivers for parking longer than they should or breaching yellow line restrictions throughout the town. We will continue to give illegal parking attention whenever possible. However I would continue to ask members of the public not to park in prohibited areas or remain longer than they should in timed zones.

- There was only one driver detected for driving without insurance during November and he was reported accordingly for this.
- As a result of road checks carried out in the ward areas, one fixed penalty ticket was issued for speeding and another driver was given a warning for the anti social use of their vehicle.

#### 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.

During November one serious assault was reported:

- During the early hours of the 18<sup>th</sup> November, a male was in North Bridge Street when he intervened in a fight between two males. As a result of this, he was attacked and sustained a cut to his face. He was taken to hospital where the wound was treated and the complainer received a few stitches. Enquiries are still ongoing into this incident.

#### Antisocial Behaviour

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

Police are continuing to give attention to areas where youths congregate and we receive complaints about their behaviour. Police and Partners continue to work together in tackling youth issues and look at longer-term interventions that can target and deter those involved. Elected members are fully involved in these discussions.

- During the month of August eight recorded police warnings were issued for anti social behaviour as well as two fixed penalty notices.
- As highlighted in the local press, there has been an escalation in anti-social behaviour issues over recent weeks within Hawick High School. A number of discussions have been taking place regarding this for most of this year. More recently senior council officials, education staff and police managers have

met. As a result, the decision has been taken to have an increased police presence within the school for the next few weeks to provide support to teachers and take appropriate action against the minority of youths who are causing issues for the majority of pupils.

### **Rural Crime**

On 4<sup>th</sup> November 2017, a member of the public contacted Police concerned at what appeared to be the lack of control of a pack of dogs out hunting near to Scaurend. Details have been obtained from the informant and the local Wildlife Crime Officer is progressing enquiries into this incident.

### **Festive Time**

Police Scotland are in full swing for this year's Festive Safety initiative. This covers a number of aspect of personal, public and road safety. Officers will be in Morrisons on 14/12/17 to provide safety advice on a face to face basis and it will also be circulated via social media. The public are also encouraged to sign up to the free messaging service SB Alert to receive regular updates on crime, scams, weather warnings, road closures and other emergencies. There has also been the launch of Don't Buy It Don't Supply It campaign that was launched on 8<sup>th</sup> December. This relates to parental purchase of alcohol for teenagers and to anyone else supplying alcohol to someone under 18 years of age, which could result in significant fines for offenders. In conjunction, the festive Drink Drive campaign is also underway and members of the public are reminded that they can notify Police anonymously through Crimestoppers if they suspect someone of drunk driving. The phone number is 0800 555 111.

### **16 Days of Action – Violence Against Women**

The Police Scotland annual 16 Days of Action campaign to end violence against women has just finished. It began on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November and concluded on Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> December.

The 16 days of action began with a White Ribbon day and marked the start of Police Scotland's participation in a range of events and messages highlighting different aspects of violence against women over the 16 days. Issues such as Domestic Abuse, Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), Honour Based Violence (HBV), and Sexual Exploitation were explored as Police Scotland demonstrated it's continued commitment to proactively target offenders and support victims.

The 16 Days of Action activity concluded with the launch of our own media campaign to tackle Domestic Abuse over the festive period.

Further information relating to the campaign and domestic abuse can be found on the Police Scotland website.

### **You're View Counts**

Police Scotland are continuing to consult communities on what their policing priorities are. We would encourage all Community Council to promote the survey and to take the time to complete it on line.

The survey takes just 5 minutes and this has informed us on what matters locally.

The results of the survey are updated with the results from each quarter and this will allow us to shape the priorities going forward.

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/decision-making/public-consultation/local-policing-consultation/>

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

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