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TEVIOT AND LIDDESDALE AREA FORUM TUESDAY, 19TH MAY, 2015

REPORTS FOR ITEMS 7 & 8		
7.	Police Scotland. (Pages 1 - 4) Update report by Police Inspector detailing ongoing work and initiatives in the Teviot and Liddesdale area.	10 mins
8.	Scottish Fire & Rescue Service. (Pages 5 - 8) Update report by Russell Bell, Station Commander, detailing ongoing work and initiatives in the Teviot and Liddesdale Area.	10 mins

NOTES

- 1. Timings given above are only indicative and not intended to inhibit Members' discussions.**
- 2. Members are reminded that, if they have a pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest in any item of business coming before the meeting, that interest should be declared prior to commencement of discussion on that item. Such declaration will be recorded in the Minute of the meeting.**

Membership of Committee:- Councillors G Turnbull (Chairman), A Cranston, W McAteer, S Marshall, D Paterson and R Smith

Mr M Grieve, Burnfoot Community Council
Mr C Griffiths, Hobkirk Community Council
Mr M Harrison, Southdean Community Council
Mr W Roberts, Denholm and District Community Council
Mr R Scott, Upper Liddesdale & Hermitage Community Council
Mrs M Short, Hawick Community Council
Mr T Stevenson, Upper Teviotdale & Borthwick Water
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Teviot & Liddesdale Area Forum – 19 May 2015
Police Report

Inspector Carol Wood

Detailed below is an update on performance, activities and issues across the Teviot & Liddesdale Area Forum ward areas for the period up to 30 April 2015.

Performance in the Teviot & Liddesdale Area

Crimes Groups 1 to 5 (Ref: Measuring Our Performance)						
Area	This year to date			Last year to date		
	Rec.	Sol.	% Sol	Rec.	Sol.	% Sol
Teviot & Liddesdale Ward (March)	49	22	44.9%	36	25	69.44%
Scottish Borders (YTD)	272	160	58.82%	216	113	52.31%

The above figures show the Teviot & Liddesdale Wards recorded and detected crime for the month of April 2015. These should be used as a guide only.

There was concern raised at last month's Forum regarding the drop in solvency rates. This is disappointing and it is in the main due to an increase in reports of vandalism during the last year. It should be noted however that 2013-2014 saw a marked drop in reported vandalisms compared to the previous year, and the figures for 2014-2015 are similar to those reported two years ago. What is encouraging is that there has been a reduction in the number of violent crimes reported as well as sexual crimes and the detection rates for both of these serious crimes have increased over the last year.

Police Scotland faces the Scottish Borders Police, Fire & Scrutiny Board on a quarterly basis where senior Police officers are held to account over a number of issues, including performance. Where there are concerns, these are raised within that Forum. Councillor Turnbull is a member of this Scrutiny Board.

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The combined Ward Plan Priorities are:

Anti Social Behaviour – Groups of Youths and Dog Fouling

- A number of individuals are at various stages of the anti social behaviour process. We continually work with partners in Housing and various departments at Scottish Borders Council to deal with these people.
- During April, three Anti Social Behaviour Fixed Penalty Tickets were issued.

Tackling Substance Misuse – Underage Drinking

- A number of searches were carried out in April, which resulted in three seizures of alcohol and one positive drugs search.
- House searches were carried out under drugs warrants during April in which minor amounts of controlled substances were recovered.

Rural Theft

- We continue to circulate advice to farmers and residents in rural areas to take as many safety measures as they can to secure their property. If anyone would like specific advice they can contact their local community officer either by phoning Hawick police station or emailing them via the Police Scotland website link.
- Pro-active visits to itinerant scrap metal dealers continue as well as liaison with a number of partners to ensure premises are being run appropriately. We maintain liaison with neighbouring forces, sharing information to assist in tackling rural crimes, particularly in relation to travelling criminals.

Making Our Roads Safer – Speeding and Inconsiderate Driving

- There were nine road checks carried out in both ward areas during the reporting period.
- One conditional offer was issued to a motorist for a seatbelt offence and one driver was issued with an anti social behaviour notice for the use of their vehicle.

Other Incidents of Note

Patrols have been carried out every weekend over the last number of weeks in an effort to combat the youth disorder in Burnfoot. These patrols have been well received and have assisted in reducing the number of youth calls to this area. We appreciate this can easily become an issue overnight and we will continue to give this our attention.

An incident of serious disorder occurred at an address in Ramsay Road during April. A number of specialist support officers came to the town to assist uniform officers with this incident. Following protracted interaction with the male, he was subsequently arrested and held in custody for a court appearance. The potential for officers to have been injured during this incident was high, thankfully however the incident was brought to a peaceful conclusion.

On 23rd April 2015, Police received a report that a male had been stabbed near to Leishman Place. Medical attention was given quickly to the male and officers detained the suspect shortly after the incident occurred. The male was detained and following appearance at court the following day, he was remanded in custody.

Looking forward to the coming weeks, all officers will be heavily involved in the Common Riding and other events. They will also give as much attention as they can

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to the issue of boy racers. Our colleagues in Roads Policing have already been over this month and given a number of warnings.

Policing Plans

Your Multi Member Ward plans have been reviewed for 2015-2016. Some of the priorities have changed ie rural thefts are replaced with violent crime and others have the wording altered but will have the same attention, ie road safety and drug dealing and misuse. The Ward plans are currently in the process of being printed and will be uploaded to the Police Scotland website in the very near future. In the meantime, the documents for 2014-2105 are still available on the links below:

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/your-community/the-lothians-and-scottish-borders/scottish-borders/hawick-and-denholm/>

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/your-community/the-lothians-and-scottish-borders/scottish-borders/hawick-and-hermitage/>

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**Teviot & Liddesdale Area Forum May 2015
Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Report.**

(Station Manager Russell Bell)

Purpose of the Report

The purpose of this report is to inform the Teviot & Liddesdale Area Forum on Scottish Fire and Rescue Service activity for the month of April 2015.

Service Delivery activity in the Teviot & Liddesdale Area.

Incident type	Occurrences	Detail	Casualties
Fire- House	3	2 x house fires, 1 x chimney fires.	3
Fire- Open/ other	3	1 x agricultural barn, 2 x refuse (both deliberate).	0
Special Service	4	2 x assist Police Scotland, 2 x assist fallen person.	0
Unwanted Fire Signals	16	7 x residential care, 2 x domestic, 2 x council offices, 2 x schools, 2 x hospitals, 1 x sports ground.	N/A

Prevention and Protection activity.

Fire prevention and protection activity over recent years has been key to reducing the number of fires, casualties and losses in Scotland thus minimising the economic and social impact of fire on communities. The seasonal community safety calendar provides the catalyst for a number of initiatives and schemes throughout the calendar year.

Activity, which is ongoing at the moment within the Teviot & Liddesdale area;

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- Community Planning Partnership- Scottish Fire and Rescue Service have been active within the local Resilient Communities groups, and have submitted proposals supporting the Burnfoot Community Futures strategy for the Hub. We have also been actively supporting local elected members who have highlighted combustible materials on common stairwells. We were also present at the Burnfoot Estate multi agency walkround.
- Young Drivers S6 Programme- is an initiative aimed at educating new/potential drivers. PowerPoint presentation in the classroom is followed by practical education with a crashed car in conjunction with local Scottish Fire and Rescue Service crews. This initiative has been running at Hawick High School and has received encouraging feedback from both students and staff.
- Scottish Fire and Rescue Service staff in all our local stations provide Home Fire Safety Visits all year round. The visits provide the householder with a home visit, focussing on identifying and reducing the risks of fire in the home. Smoke detectors with a 10-year battery life are provided as part of this free service. Freephone number for this service is 0800 0731 999.
- Firesharp is an initiative for Primary 6 pupils, providing face-to-face education within our local Primary schools on matters of fire risk and prevention.
- Crucial Crew is the practical follow up to the P6 educational input. All P7 pupils in the area attend a multi-agency event at Tweedbank where they are placed in real life scenarios and guided on the appropriate safe actions.
- Fire Safety Audits provide a targeted examination of a business premises and their relevant documents to ascertain how the premises are being managed regarding fire safety. The enforcement officer also engages with members of staff to confirm their level of fire safety awareness.
- Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals are being addressed by our phased intervention actions which identifies premises which are producing 'false alarms', provides guidance on how to reduce a reoccurrence, and can also evoke legislation if occurrences fail to reduce in number- operationally, this can result in a reduction in the number of fire engines which will attend a 'repeat offender'.
- Fire Case Study and Adult & Child Protection Policies ensure multi agency involvement is provided for the support and protection for our higher risk members of the community.

Thematic Action Planning

The Prevention & Protection departments of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service initiate thematic plans throughout the year aimed at making our communities safer.

The spring season thematic period is active (3 March – 28 April) and focusses on the following:

- Grass and Woodland Fires
- Rubbish and Refuse Fires
- Derelict Property

For the spring thematic period, P&P management will be required to report our level of success against the following indicators:

Secondary Fires**

1. The number of deliberate secondary fires

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2. The number of grass fires
3. The number of woodland/forest fires
4. The number of heathland/moorland fires
5. The number of fires in derelict buildings
6. The number of fires involving refuse/rubbish

Primary Fires*

7. The number of deliberate primary fires
8. The number of fires in unoccupied buildings
9. The number of deliberate vehicle fires
10. The number of deliberate fires in industrial, commercial and retail premises

***Secondary fires include single derelict buildings. Grassland including heath, hedges, railway embankments and single trees. Intentional straw or stubble burning. Outdoor structures including lamp-posts, traffic signs, playground furniture, hoardings etc. Refuse and refuse containers. Derelict vehicles*

**Primary fires include buildings (including mobile homes) which are fit for occupation and those under construction. Caravans & vehicles (not derelict). Outdoor storage, plant and machinery. Agricultural and forestry premises & property.*

Multi Ward Operating Plan

The Multi Ward Operating Plan for Teviot & Liddesdale, covering the Hawick & Hermitage/ Hawick & Denholm Wards is available. The plan sets out the priorities and objectives for the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) within the area. The SFRS will continue to work closely with our partners in Teviot & Liddesdale to ensure we are all 'Working Together For A Safer Scotland'. The plan can be accessed via the following link;

[Http://www.firescotland.gov.uk/your-area/east/ward-operational-plans.aspx](http://www.firescotland.gov.uk/your-area/east/ward-operational-plans.aspx)

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