



**TEVIOT AND LIDDESDALE AREA  
FORUM  
TO BE HELD ON  
TUESDAY, 18TH AUGUST, 2015**

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**Please find attached the Appendix in respect Item on  
the agenda for the above meeting**

8.	<b>Police Scotland</b> (Pages 1 - 4)  Update report by Police Inspector detailing ongoing work and initiatives in the Teviot and Liddesdale area – To follow.	
9.	<b>Scottish Fire &amp; Rescue Service</b> (Pages 5 - 8)  Update report by Russell Bell, Station Commander, detailing ongoing work and initiatives in the Teviot and Liddesdale Area – To follow.	

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## Teviot & Liddesdale Area Forum – 19 August 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 31 July 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	210	95	45.20%	206	109	52.91%
Scottish Borders (YTD)	994	536	53.92%	1016	548	53.93%

The above figures show the Teviot & Liddesdale Wards recorded and detected crime for the year to date. Recorded crime overall is only slightly up over the same period last year. The solvency rate has decreased slightly and this in the main is due to the difficulty in detecting vandalisms, of which there has been a reported increase over the same period last year, although 2014/15 did have a drop in this area. These figures should be used as a guide only due to the daily fluctuations.

The combined Ward Plan Priorities are:

#### Drug Dealing and Misuse

As reported in the community council reports, Police Scotland is undergoing a test phase on a new stop and search database, which went online on 1 June 2015. Validation and testing of the data is still ongoing. Data collected for the period 1-30 June 2015 will appear in the August scrutiny board reports.

- A number of stop/searches were carried out in June and July. Six individuals have been reported for possession of drugs.

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- Three house searches were carried out under misuse of drugs warrants and drugs were recovered at each of them. Individuals have been reported to the Procurator Fiscal as a result of the recoveries made.

### **Road Safety**

- There were six road checks carried out in both ward areas during the reporting period.
- Three conditional offers were issued for speeding offences and two for failing to wear a seatbelt. One warning was given for the anti social use of a vehicle.
- A meeting was held with Councillor Marshall and SBC representatives on addressing various road safety matters in his ward area and improvements should be undertaken in these areas in the near future.

### **Violent Crime**

- On 9<sup>th</sup> May 2015, a male was assaulted and robbed in Havelock Place, Hawick. This has now been detected and a 33 year old male has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.
- There was one serious assault reported in July and a 29 year male has been charged with this offence.

### **Anti Social Behaviour**

- A number of individuals are at various stages of the anti social behaviour process. We work closely with housing providers and the Anti Social Behaviour Unit, as well as other partners at Scottish Borders Council to deal with those causing issues.
- During June and July, a total of 10 Anti Social Behaviour Fixed Penalty Tickets were issued.

### Other Incidents of Note

During July there were three separate reports of lead being stolen from roofs in the town. A positive line of enquiry is being pursued in relation to these.

Following a housebreaking to a property in Elm Grove, Hawick, a male and a female were arrested, charged and detained in custody to appear at court.

Overnight on 30/31 July, there were five reported break-ins to premises in the Newcastleton area. Enquiries are at an early stage however there is a definite line of enquiry being followed up.

Over the next few weeks, the local Community officers will be carrying out parking initiatives throughout the town. Due to the number of complaints received on this topic, the focus will be on enforcement.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of this month, Police Scotland will be promoting the National Hate crime campaign. This is scheduled to run for four weeks and will cover different strands. The purpose of this is to raise awareness on what hate crime is, how it affects victims, families and communities and will include information on the methods available for reporting such instances/crimes.

The campaign will run on social media platforms and more information will be contained on the Police Scotland website.

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**Policing Plans**

Your 2015-2016 Multi Member Ward plans can be found on the Police Scotland website and can be accessed via the following links:

<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 August 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 months of June & July 2015.

### Service Delivery activity in the Teviot & Liddesdale Area.

Incident type	Occurrences	Detail	Casualties
Fire- House	4	1 x property fire (4 fire engines), 1 x chimney fire, 2 x pan of food left unattended.	0
Fire- Open/ other	2	1 x refuse (deliberate), 1 x agricultural bailer.	0
Special Service	8	1 x assist fallen person, 2 x flooding, 2 x fuel spillage, 2 x forced entry, 1 x road traffic collision.	1
Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals	22	10 x sheltered housing, 1 x hospital, 4 x domestic, 1 x town hall, 2 x school, 2 x controlled burning, 1 x commercial, 1 x town hall.	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.

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

- 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.
- 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 (P&P) departments of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service initiate thematic plans throughout the year aimed at making our communities safer.

The summer season thematic period is now active (29 June – 28 August) and focusses on the following;

- Fire Related Anti-Social Behaviour
- Holiday Safety
- Countryside and Outdoor Safety



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

(Reduce the number of deliberate primary\* and secondary\*\* fires)

1. Reduce the number of fires in derelict/unoccupied buildings
2. Reduce the number of fires involving refuse/rubbish
3. Reduce the number of outdoor fires involving grass/heather/heathland and/or forested areas.
4. Reduce fire related antisocial behaviour
5. Promote fire safety within seasonal sleeping risks (including, hotels, guest houses/boarding houses, caravan/camping sites and holiday centres)
6. Promote water safety and reduce the number of fires and accidents involving boats, leisure craft and ferries
7. Contribute to the delivery of summer road safety initiatives

*\*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.*

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

### **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 electronically 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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