



**TEVIOT AND LIDDESDALE  
AREA FORUM  
TO BE HELD ON  
TUESDAY, 17 MAY, 2016**

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

9.	<b>Police Scotland</b> (Pages 1 - 4)  Update report by Police Inspector detailing ongoing work and initiatives in the Teviot and Liddesdale area. (Copy attached).	10 mins
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“Keeping People Safe”

## **Teviot & Liddesdale Area Forum – 17 May 2016 Police Report**

### **Inspector Carol Wood**

This report focuses on the work that is being undertaken in addressing the ward priorities. The report will also detail what activities are being planned both locally and nationally.

The combined Ward Plan Priorities are:

#### **Drug Dealing and Misuse**

Stop and search data will be provided at the local scrutiny board.

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.

- Following a search of 23 year old male in Hawick, he was found in possession of a controlled substance and was reported to the procurator fiscal for this.
- On 18<sup>th</sup> April 2016 a house was searched under a Misuse of Drugs warrant in Burnhead Road, Hawick. As a result of this officers recovered a quantity of herbal cannabis and other items were also seized. A 49 year old female was subsequently charged with being concerned in the supply of a controlled substance and reported to the procurator fiscal.
- Following a call to an address in Oliver Crescent, Hawick, officers recovered drugs within. The occupier was charged with possession of a controlled substance and reported accordingly.

#### **Road Safety**

- Officers carried out a number of road checks in April 2016.
- Three conditional offers were issued for speeding and two warnings were administered for the anti social use of a vehicle.
- Throughout April, four different drivers were charged for driving without insurance and a number of other related driving offences. All of these vehicles were seized and the individuals reported to the Procurator Fiscal.
- In the evening of 6<sup>th</sup> April 2016, members of the public contacted Police to say a vehicle was stopped on the A7 on the Branxholm straight and the driver was within the vehicle. Officers attended to this and attempted to deal with

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the male however he drove off from officers back into Hawick. The driver and his vehicle were traced to an address in Hawick and the male was arrested. He was charged with a number of road traffic offences, failing to abide by various imposed court conditions and for failing to stop his vehicle for police officers. The male was kept in custody for his appearance at court the following day.

- During the afternoon of 10<sup>th</sup> April 2016, officers observed a motorbike being driven erratically in Burnfoot Road, Hawick. The motorbike made off from officers despite blue lights and sirens being used to try and stop the rider. The motorbike was later traced to the keepers address and the rider was charged with a number of offences including dangerous driving. A report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.
- During the evening of 13<sup>th</sup> April 2016, reports were received from motorists on the A7 that a vehicle was being driven in an erratic manner. The vehicle was stopped heading towards Hawick and the driver was found to be under the influence of alcohol. The 53 year old male driver was subsequently charged with a number of road traffic offences as well as obstructing police officers and his vehicle was also seized. He was detained in custody for his court appearance.
- Following the report of an accident in Stonefield Place, Hawick in the early evening of 17<sup>th</sup> April 2016, a 36 year old male was found to have been drink driving. He was arrested and released from custody for appearance at court.

### Violent Crime

- On 13<sup>th</sup> April 2016, officers were called to an incident in Princes Street, Hawick. A 49 year old male there was detained and found in possession of a lock-knife. He was charged with this and another offence and detained in custody for appearance at court.
- There were no serious assaults or robberies reported in April 2016.

### Anti Social 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.
- On 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2016 officers attended at an address in Scott Crescent, Hawick following a report that excessive noise was continuing to sound from a house there, despite the occupier being warned earlier in the evening. As a result the occupier had their music equipment seized and was charged, with a report being submitted to the procurator fiscal.
- During April there were six recorded police warnings administered.

### Other Incidents/Information

#### Air Weapon Legislation

With effect from 1 July 2016, new legislation comes into effect for air weapons. Any person who possesses, purchases, uses or acquires an air weapon will be required to have a certificate to legally hold them. Because this is a new process, the public have been given time to achieve the certification and no one will commit an offence of possessing an air weapon without the relevant authority or certification up until 1 January 2017. You must have your documentation in order by that date.

Police Scotland recognises that a number of these types of weapons will be lying about homes and are no longer used or required. As a result an 'amnesty' will be held where you can surrender air weapons at a police station. Provisional dates for

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the surrender campaign are Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May to Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2016. If you have any weapons for surrender, they should be taken to Galashiels police station on these dates between 8am and 10pm. Further information on the legislation can be found on the Police Scotland website [www.scotland.police.uk](http://www.scotland.police.uk)

Your View Counts

This public survey continues to be available and we would encourage communities to complete this on line. Information on this can be found on the Police Scotland website. The survey should take about 15 minutes to complete. Public participation is crucial in helping to inform policing priorities throughout the country for the year ahead. The web address is [www.scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts](http://www.scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts)

Your current 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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