



"Keeping People Safe"

Teviot & Liddesdale Area Forum – 21 April 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 March 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)	671	350	52.16%	622	396	63.67%
Scottish Borders (YTD)	3184	1620	50.88%	3201	1846	57.67%

The above figures show the Teviot & Liddesdale Wards recorded an 8% increase in reported crime compared to the same period last year. Unfortunately the solvency rate has reduced by 11.51% over the same time period over the same timescale.

The combined Ward Plan Priorities are:

Anti Social Behaviour – Groups of Youths and Dog Fouling

- There are currently a number of individuals 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 March, one Anti Social Behaviour Fixed Penalty Tickets was issued.

Tackling Substance Misuse – Underage Drinking

- A number of searches were carried out in March, which resulted in six seizures of alcohol and three positive drugs searches.

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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 twelve road checks carried out in both ward areas during the reporting period.
- One conditional offers was issued to a motorist for a seatbelt offence and no conditional offers for speeding.

Other Incidents of Note

A residents meeting was held at Burnfoot Community School to tackle Youth ASB. Present at the meeting included local councillors, housing, ASB Unit, youth workers, Fire service and Police. A number of actions were identified to be carried out by different organisations. Dedicated foot patrols will continue to deter and deal with youth antisocial behaviour over the coming few weeks.

Policing Plans

Your Multi Member Ward plans can be accessed via the Police Scotland website through the following links:

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

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