



**Teviot & Liddesdale Area Locality
Committee**

Tuesday 15th August 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 June and July the following were of note:

- On 11th July a twenty-three year old female was arrested following a disturbance in the Loan for various offences including assaulting two Police officers by kicking one to the stomach and attempting to set fire to the hair of another and resisting arrest. At this time she was in possession of cannabis.
- On 5th July a twenty-one year old male was arrested in Silverbuthall Road for various offences including possession of Class B drugs (cannabis).
- On 4th July a twenty-one year old male was arrested for a disturbance in a common stair in Silverbuthall Road. He was charged with the associated offences and resisting arrest. During his arrest he was discovered to be in possession of Class B drugs (cannabis), which led to the application for and grant of a search warrant for his home address. On the execution of this warrant further Class B drugs (cannabis) were discovered leading to a Misuse of Drugs offence being libelled against an eighteen-year-old female.

- Following a search under warrant of premises in Beattie Court on the 28th of June a twenty-four year old male was reported for Misuse of Drugs offence – possession of Class B drugs (cannabis).
- On 19th June whilst being processed at Hawick Police Station for other offences a fifty-year-old Hawick male was found to be in possession of class B drugs (amphetamine).
- Similarly on 22nd June a thirty-nine year old local male was found to be in possession of class B drugs whilst being processed for police custody
- During the search of premises in McLagan Drive on the 2nd of June under a warrant granted by the court class B drugs were discovered leading to a thirty-three year old male being charged with possession.
- Following the execution of a search warrant on 13th of June in Eildon Road a forty-seven year old male has been charged with the production of class B drugs (cannabis), the possession of same and other Misuse of Drugs offences.
- On 13th June a forty-one year old local male was discovered in possession of class B drugs whilst being processed at Hawick Police Station for custody
- Following the execution of a search warrant on 2nd June at premises in the Sandbed a fifty-three year old male has been reported for three separate charges of being concerned in the supply of cocaine, ecstasy and cannabis.

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 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

In certain circumstances, motor vehicles can be seized by Police where there is evidence that the vehicle is being driven carelessly, or off road. It is essential that all complaints about driving behaviour be notified to the police via 101 at the time.

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.

- Following an accident in Havelock Bank on the 19th of July a thirty-two year old male has been charged with careless driving, no insurance and other road traffic offences . His vehicle was seized at this time.
- On 1st July following the report of an abandoned vehicle in Newcastleton a forty-eight year old male was traced to his home address and subsequently charged with a drink driving offence.
- Following enquiry into a road traffic incident at Hassendean on 28th June a thirty-eight year old male has been charged with no insurance and other road traffic offences.

- Similar following accidents on Branxholme Road on the 11th June a vehicle was traced leading to a thirty-six year old male being charged with numerous road traffic offences including – failing to stop at an accident, failing to report an accident, failing to comply with SORN legislation and no insurance. Further enquiry has led to the female keeper of this vehicle being charged with causing and permitting the above male to carry out these offences.
- On 5th June a fifty-five year old male was charged with no insurance, no driving licence and a construction and use offence in relation to a vehicle he had been using earlier in Havelock Street.

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.

We will continue to focus our patrols, targeting areas where violent crime has been reported and robustly deal with any person involved in this behaviour.

During the period under consideration there has been one reported serious assault and one reported assault to severe injury. Both investigations are still ongoing and cannot be further disclosed at this time.

- Following a report of an assault in a take away outlet in the Howegate on 28th June a forty-four year old male has been reported to the procurator fiscal.
- In addition to the earlier reported assault on two police officers a further officer was assaulted on 25th June by a twenty-seven year old male when being presented at Hawick Custody Centre. This assault has also been reported.

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.

- Two thirteen-year-old male youths have been reported for throwing large stones at moving vehicles in Fraser Avenue on 10th July. A report for Culpable and Reckless Behaviour has been submitted to the youth justice system.
- On 1st July in Eildon Road a sixteen-year-old male was discovered wearing only his underpants and socks heavily under the influence of alcohol. He was seen by witnesses to lash out uncontrollably at parked vehicles and was

suitably arrested and held by Police until sober before being reported for his behaviour.

- A fifty-year-old male was seen by passers-by to be swearing, shouting and challenging others to fight in Hawick High Street on 22nd of June. He was subsequently arrested for an offence relating to breach of the peace.
- Similarly on 18th June in Wellfield Road a twenty year old male was arrested for an offence relating to breach of the peace having been seen to be shouting, swearing and causing a disturbance.
- Likewise on 15th June in Burnfoot Road a forty-six year old male was arrested for shouting, swearing and causing a disturbance
- During Hawick Common Riding Saturday 10th June and Friday 9th on the Mair teenage male youths heavily under the influence of alcohol were arrested for shouting, swearing, challenging others and the Police to fight. .

Other issues

During the period under consideration numerous thefts were committed to business premises in the area. These were committed out with business hours and each required the offenders to overcome the security of the buildings concerned. These are actively being investigated by specialist officers from the Criminal Investigation Department and cannot be commented on further at this time.

Likewise overnight on 12th June an attempt was made to break into business premises in Galalaw Business Park. A vehicle made off on the culprits being disturbed but was later traced by Police. A thirty-six year old male and a thirty-seven year old male were arrested and held in custody to appear at court the following day.

Over the period there have been several shoplifting thefts reported by local retailers plus the reported use of forged currency. A twenty-four year old male has been charged with three separate occasions of tendering forged twenty-pound notes in the town.

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

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