



"Keeping People Safe"

**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**

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

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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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/>

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