



Teviot & Liddesdale Locality Committee

Tuesday 14th November 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 the following were of note:

- During October two individuals were charged with possession of a Class C drug.
- Following a house search in Fisher Avenue under a misuse of drugs warrant and as a result of items recovered, two people from that address were charged with possession of a Class C drug.

Following a number of house searches throughout the town in September, two persons were charged with concerned in the supply of a controlled substance, four individuals were charged with possession of a Class B drug and a male was charged with the production and possession of a controlled substance.

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 with them and Elected Members 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

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.

- As a result of patrols, road checks and reported incidents a number of individuals have been charged with a variety of road traffic offences during October:

Four people have been charged with driving without insurance and one of these drivers was also charged with driving without a license.

- On 22nd October, officers stopped a cyclist causing issues whilst riding his bike without lights and being all over the road. The 26 year old male was found to be cycling under the influence of alcohol and was reported accordingly.
- During the morning of 27th October, officers were contacted after it was discovered a vehicle had been taken from Hillend Drive, Hawick without the owner's consent. The vehicle and driver were traced to Selkirk where the 25 year old male driver was found to be under the influence of an unknown substance. This male was arrested and subsequently charged with a number of driving offences. He was detained in custody for his court appearance.
- As a result of road checks carried out in the ward areas, four fixed penalty tickets were issued for speeding offences and three drivers given warnings for the anti social use of their vehicle during October.

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.

During this reporting period there was one serious assault reported.

- About 0500hrs on the morning of 15th October, Police were contacted by Ambulance to attend at the bridge by Mart Street as a 14 year old female was reported to have sustained a head injury. It was reported this had happened as a result of the girl being hit by a rock that had been thrown at her. The girl was taken to hospital and required stitches to a 2" cut to her head. She was released after treatment. Enquiries are continuing into this incident.

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. Elected members are fully involved in these discussions.

- During the month of August ten recorded police warnings were issued for anti social behaviour as well as five fixed penalty notices.

Other issues

Overnight on 1st/2nd October, Police received a report that a commemoration wreath had been set alight at the war memorial within Wilton Park. As a result of extensive enquiries, two 14 year old males have been charged and reported for this fireraising.

There have been two break-ins of note in rural locations during October. The first of these was at Whitrope Siding on the B6399 where a quantity of sleepers were stolen.

The second incident was reported on 17th October, when two unregistered trials bikes were stolen from an outbuilding at Deanfoot Farm, Denholm. Enquiries are ongoing into both of these reports.

Sheep Worrying

Police Scotland are running a month long campaign to prevent livestock worrying.

The Scottish Partnership Against Rural Crime, a multi-agency partnership which includes Police Scotland, National Farmers Union of Scotland and Scottish Land & Estates, is working with Scottish Natural Heritage, the Kennel Club and the National Sheep Association (Scotland) to promote responsible dog walking in the countryside. Rural dog owners and those who choose to exercise their dogs in the countryside must ensure they are under control at all times and try to avoid going into fields where livestock is grazing.

The worrying of sheep and other livestock by dogs not only has an obvious financial and emotional impact on farmers when their animals are killed or injured, but also has an effect on the animals themselves, their productivity and welfare.

We are encouraging farmers and landowners to engage with dog walkers and to help keep them informed by putting up signs on gateways and on key roads and paths alerting them to the presence of sheep and other livestock in their fields and suggesting alternative routes.

Farmers and those who use the countryside are urged to report all incidents of livestock worrying to police on 101 or 999 in an emergency.

Police Scotland will robustly enforce the existing legislation, ensuring all reported cases of livestock being attacked by dogs are thoroughly investigated and offenders reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

You're View Counts

Police Scotland are continuing to consult communities on what their policing priorities are. We would encourage all Community Council to promote the survey and to take the time to complete it on line.

The survey takes just 5 minutes and this has informed us on what matters locally. The results of the survey are updated with the results from each quarter and this will allow us to shape the priorities going forward.

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/decision-making/public-consultation/local-policing-consultation/>

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

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