



"Keeping People Safe"

### Teviot & Liddesdale Area Forum – 19 August 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 July 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	210	95	45.20%	206	109	52.91%
Scottish Borders (YTD)	994	536	53.92%	1016	548	53.93%

The above figures show the Teviot & Liddesdale Wards recorded and detected crime for the year to date. Recorded crime overall is only slightly up over the same period last year. The solvency rate has decreased slightly and this in the main is due to the difficulty in detecting vandalisms, of which there has been a reported increase over the same period last year, although 2014/15 did have a drop in this area. These figures should be used as a guide only due to the daily fluctuations.

The combined Ward Plan Priorities are:

#### Drug Dealing and Misuse

As reported in the community council reports, Police Scotland is undergoing a test phase on a new stop and search database, which went online on 1 June 2015. Validation and testing of the data is still ongoing. Data collected for the period 1-30 June 2015 will appear in the August scrutiny board reports.

- A number of stop/searches were carried out in June and July. Six individuals have been reported for possession of drugs.

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- Three house searches were carried out under misuse of drugs warrants and drugs were recovered at each of them. Individuals have been reported to the Procurator Fiscal as a result of the recoveries made.

### **Road Safety**

- There were six road checks carried out in both ward areas during the reporting period.
- Three conditional offers were issued for speeding offences and two for failing to wear a seatbelt. One warning was given for the anti social use of a vehicle.
- A meeting was held with Councillor Marshall and SBC representatives on addressing various road safety matters in his ward area and improvements should be undertaken in these areas in the near future.

### **Violent Crime**

- On 9<sup>th</sup> May 2015, a male was assaulted and robbed in Havelock Place, Hawick. This has now been detected and a 33 year old male has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.
- There was one serious assault reported in July and a 29 year male has been charged with this offence.

### **Anti Social Behaviour**

- A number of individuals are at various stages of the anti social behaviour process. We work closely with housing providers and the Anti Social Behaviour Unit, as well as other partners at Scottish Borders Council to deal with those causing issues.
- During June and July, a total of 10 Anti Social Behaviour Fixed Penalty Tickets were issued.

### Other Incidents of Note

During July there were three separate reports of lead being stolen from roofs in the town. A positive line of enquiry is being pursued in relation to these.

Following a housebreaking to a property in Elm Grove, Hawick, a male and a female were arrested, charged and detained in custody to appear at court.

Overnight on 30/31 July, there were five reported break-ins to premises in the Newcastleton area. Enquiries are at an early stage however there is a definite line of enquiry being followed up.

Over the next few weeks, the local Community officers will be carrying out parking initiatives throughout the town. Due to the number of complaints received on this topic, the focus will be on enforcement.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of this month, Police Scotland will be promoting the National Hate crime campaign. This is scheduled to run for four weeks and will cover different strands. The purpose of this is to raise awareness on what hate crime is, how it affects victims, families and communities and will include information on the methods available for reporting such instances/crimes.

The campaign will run on social media platforms and more information will be contained on the Police Scotland website.

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**Policing Plans**

Your 2015-2016 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/>

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