

Teviot & Liddesdale Area Forum – 16 February 2016
Police Report

Inspector Carol Wood

This report focuses on the work that is being undertaken in addressing the ward priorities. The report will also detail what activities are being planned both locally and nationally.

The combined Ward Plan Priorities are:

Drug Dealing and Misuse

Stop and search data will be provided at the local scrutiny board.

- A number of stop/searches were carried out in January. Of these, three individuals were found in possession of drugs and have been reported for this.
- We need the help of the public in tackling drug dealing and misuse and where people have suspicions or want to report information anonymously they can do so using the Crimestoppers number on 0800 555 111.

Road Safety

- There were 17 road checks carried out by community officers in January.
- Two conditional offers were issued for speeding and two warnings were given for the anti social use of a vehicle.
- Whilst on patrol on 16th January, officers were concerned regarding the actions of a male driver. The officers stopped the vehicle and the male was found to be under the influence of alcohol. He was arrested and subsequently charged with drink driving.
- On 18th January, a 23 year old male was charged with careless driving after officers observed him pulling out to perform an overtake into oncoming traffic.

Violent Crime

- There were no reports of robberies during December.
- On 31st January, a report was received of a disturbance in Allars Bank, Hawick. On officers attending, a male was found to have received minor stab wounds. As a result of inquiries, a 23 year old local man was charged with serious assault and held for appearance at court.

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Anti Social Behaviour

- We continue to monitor closely all anti-social behaviour incidents and a number of individuals are at various stages of the process. We work in partnership with Scottish Borders Council and Registered Social Landlords in dealing with those people who cause a nuisance for their neighbours and in the wider community.
- During January there were two anti social behaviour fixed penalty tickets issued.

Other Incidents/Information

On 11 January 2016 the Recorded Police Warning Scheme was introduced. This allows police officers to use their discretion when dealing with minor crimes and it replaces the Formal Adult Warning system. It has been extended to include 16 and 17 year olds. Further information on this can be found using the following link:

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/whats-happening/news/2016/january/new-recorded-police-warning-scheme-introduced>

I would like to thank Hawick Community Council for taking the time in submitting a comprehensive response to the draft Annual Policing Plan that I circulated. I have also sent my thanks to them through their secretary.

In the next few months, there are further planned patrols by community officers to carry out patrols to deter youth anti social behaviour in various parts of the town. There is also a joint initiative planned with roads policing officers to give attention to areas where concerns have been raised regarding various road traffic matters.

Constable Stuart Hogg will be holding another surgery in the Burnfoot Hub on Friday 26th February 2016 should any member of the public wish to speak to him about any issues or seek advice in relation to a matter Police can assist with.

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/>

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

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