

**May
2008**

Peebles Sector Newsletter



**Forthcoming
Inspector's Surgery**

**Innerleithen Police
Station
25th June 2008
3-4pm**

**West Linton Police
Station
26th June 2008
4-5pm**

Features

Housebreakings

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Inspector's Message

On the 6th May the Justice Committee of the Scottish Parliament led by Bill Aitken MSP visited G Division with their first stop at Peebles Police Station. The Committees remit is to consider the definition of community policing and assess the level of development of community policing in Scotland. The Committee had already visited Dundee and was also due to visit Motherwell.



This was an opportunity for officers of all ranks at Peebles to highlight a number of areas where we work successfully alongside other statutory agencies and voluntary sector groups and explain the close relationship that local officers have with their community. It was clearly a chance to influence the future of policing in this extremely important area and the feedback from the members of the Committee was extremely positive.

While we can never be complacent there is no doubt that the policing model practiced in the Scottish Borders encourages partnerships between all the agencies, elected officials and the general public and helps ensure that we live and work in a low crime, high quality environment. Hopefully the work of the Committee will ensure that other communities in Scotland will benefit from our experience and we too will learn from the examples of good work in other jurisdictions.

David Mundell MP was another visitor to Peebles police station on 12th May when he spoke to a number of local officers about their work throughout Peeblesshire. It is through this type of visit that elected representatives become aware of some of the challenges and successes that we experience on a day to day basis.



Housebreakings



Towards the end of May a number of houses were broken into in Peebles, Eddleston and Innerleithen and property stolen. Housebreaking is a crime that occurs relatively infrequently in Peeblesshire and police resources were deployed from other areas creating a high profile presence to attempt to disrupt criminals within our area. At the same time, CID officers worked on each case and identified the individual believed to have been responsible. Consequently a man from Edinburgh has been arrested and is being reported for this series of crimes. He was

also wanted by police in Edinburgh and Tayside for similar offences.

Mountain Biking

The weekend of 24/25th May brought some of the country's best downhill mountain bikers to Innerleithen for a competitive outing. The event was managed on-site by the organizers who provided medical cover. An unrelated accident occurred whereby a young rider sustained a leg injury. This required police and ambulance staff to work together to recover the casualty to road level where he was conveyed by ambulance to hospital for treatment.





Parking Issues & Traffic Matters

May 2008

Fixed Penalties issued: 58
Drivers warned: 74

Sector Roundup

This section of the report details *some* or all of the incidents, which have occurred in each area. There will be occasions, particularly in the smaller areas, where individuals could be identified by the nature of the incident or other information. As these will most likely not have been dealt with by the court by the time this is published, these incidents will not be included.

Details of the recent housebreakings have been omitted from this section as they have been highlighted on the front page of this report.

Crime Figures- April

Tweeddale

Crimes: 47
Solved: 19
(47%)

Borders Region

Crimes: 379
Solved: 239
(63%)

Peebles

On 4th May 2008 a 19-year-old male was given an Anti-Social Behaviour Warning for his manner of driving.

On 17th May 2008 a 28-year-old male was issued with an Anti-Social Behaviour Fixed Penalty Ticket for urinating in front of a local church.

On 17th May 2008 two females aged 13 and 17 were charged for damaging a car, which was parked in Cross Street, Peebles.

Between 24th and 26th May 2008 three t-shirts were stolen from a shop on the High Street.

On 31st May 2008 two males aged 12 and 14 years were charged with assaulting two 14-year-old boys on Tweed Green.

Road Accidents

There were 2 minor injury and 1 damage only accidents during May.

Innerleithen

Between 24th and 25th May 2008 a window was smashed at a house in George Street.

Road Accidents

There was 1 minor injury and 1 damage only accidents during May.

Walkerburn

Between 23rd May and 24th May a shooting chair was stolen from Kirkhouse Forest. This is a secluded area in the middle of the forest.

Between 30th May and 31st May 2008 a Ford Fiesta Zetec had its windscreen smashed whilst parked in Caberston Road.

Road Accidents

There were no vehicle accidents in the area during May.

Broughton & Upper Tweed

There was no incidents of note occurred during May.

Road Accidents

There were no vehicle accidents in the area during May.

Manor, Stobo & Lyne

There was no incidents of note occurred during May.

Road Accidents

There were no vehicle accidents in the area during May.

West Linton, Romanno Bridge & Carlops

On 4th May 2008 a 20-year-old male was charged with assault.

On 19th May 2008 4 windows on a JCB digger and 2 windows on a forklift truck were smashed on a building site near Rutherford Golf Course.

Road Accidents

There were no vehicle accidents in the area during May.

Lamancha, Newlands & Kirkurd

There was no incidents of note occurred during May.

Road Accidents

There were no vehicle accidents in the area during May.

Eddleston

Between 16th May and 17th May the fuel cap was broken off a Ford Ka whilst parked in Station Road.

Road Accidents

There were no vehicle accidents in the area during May.

Finally...

We are now into the local festival season and at the time of writing, have attended and assisted with a number of local events already. Ahead lie the Whipman in West Linton, the Beltane in Peebles and St Ronans Games in Innerleithen. In previous years we have drawn police resources from throughout the Division, but with the exception of traffic wardens, police officers engaged in these events will be local officers, who routinely work in the Peebles Sector.

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