

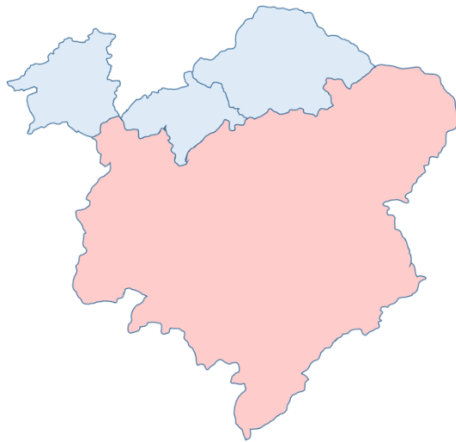
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Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Jedburgh and District Community Councils
Multi Member Ward Report for July 2024



The information provided within this report, is predominately based on the Jedburgh and District Multi Member Ward Policing Plan and the areas you have identified as priorities.

The data provided in this report is for information purposes only and is not official crime statistics. Due to delayed reporting or recording of crimes, incidents or road accidents and the management of crime enquiries, there is likely to be differences between the information in this report and the final Police Scotland statistics. It would not be appropriate to refer to, quote or use any data in this report as official statistics.

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Community Update – Jedburgh & District – PS Ali Granger

July was busy with officers covering events, including the general election, civic weeks and community events at Eyemouth, Duns, Jedburgh, and Kelso, St Boswells Fair and the Border Union Show. Due to the volume and size of these events, officers from throughout the Scottish Borders were required to assist at all. Considerable time was also spent planning these events to ensure the safety of all members of the public.

Jedburgh Callants Festival went very well, with a number of very well organised community events and a great atmosphere in the town throughout. Officers always enjoy working these events which gives a great opportunity to engage with members of the community.



Jedburgh Festival Day, as the Callant returns to Abbey Place

Officers also were present throughout the St Boswells Fair from 17th-22nd July, which again went well with minimal incidents. Again, this year officers focussed on foot and cycle patrols throughout the village, which meant officers could speak with both settled and travelling communities, and listen to the concerns of all. Special thanks to St Boswells Cricket Club who very kindly allowed officers the use of their facilities throughout which was hugely appreciated and meant officers didn't have to travel back to Melrose Police Station, resulting in continued officer presence.

A reminder that the Your Police Survey for 2024/25 has launched, the link below gives access. We value your input and would appreciate your time in completing the survey.

<https://consult.scotland.police.uk/strategy-insight-and-innovation/your-police-2024-2025/>

The below link gives access to the latest Police document for the Scrutiny Panel for the Police, Fire and Rescue and Safer Communities Board, which sits every quarter at Scottish Borders Council.

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[\(Public Pack\)Item No. 5 \(a\) - Police Scotland Agenda Supplement for Police, Fire & Rescue and Safer Communities Board, 13/12/2023 09:30 \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

Once you click into this link, please scroll down to read the full report. It provides progress and updates on service matters from Police Scotland as presented by the Local Area Commander CI Stuart Fletcher.

Local Policing Priorities

1. Protecting Vulnerable People in a Physical & Digital World
2. Reducing violence and Anti-Social Behaviour
3. Reducing acquisitive crime
4. Improving road safety
5. Tackling serious and organised crime

Protecting Vulnerable People in a Physical & Digital World



In July 2024 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 198 mental health related calls, around 14 missing person enquiries and approximately 90 domestic related incidents.

Jedburgh & District had 14 mental health related calls and 0 missing person enquiries. Due to GDPR and protection of victims/subjects involved, we are unable to share any more specific information in relation to these type of call within this report.

Police Scotland work in collaboration with key partners to assist the most vulnerable within the communities and to provide support.



Reducing Violence and Anti-Social Behaviour

Assault

On 01/07/2024 report of assault at Jedburgh Sheriff Court. Male charged with assault.

On 03/07/2024 report of assault at Queen Street, Jedburgh. Enquiries ongoing.

On 23/07/2024 report of man threatening male with a weapon at the Car Park near Abbey, Jedburgh and damaging cars. Male arrested and charged with assault and several other offences. Held for court.

Anti-Social Behaviour

On 02/07/2024 report of youth knocking on doors and throwing stones, Hartrigge Road, Jedburgh. Boy traced and spoken to in front of his parent.

On 12/07/2024 report of youths making threats to passers-by. Girls apprehended by Police and conveyed to their address where they were spoken to in front of a parent.

Vandalism

On 09/07/2024 report of 3 tyres slashed on vehicle. Abbey Close, Jedburgh. Enquiries ongoing.

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On 14/07/2024 report of persons within old Jedburgh Grammar School building. Police discovered a broken pane of glass on a door but no persons within.

On 15/07/2024 report of tyres slashed & headlight smashed on motorbike. Blair Avenue, Jedburgh. Enquiry ongoing.

On 27/07/2024 report of damage to greenhouse glass. Piperwood, Jedburgh. Enquiries ongoing.

Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Theft

On 02/07/2024 report of garage broken into, nothing taken as garage was empty. High Street, Jedburgh. Enquiries complete.

On 02/07/2024 report of vehicle with no number plates filling up with fuel then driving off without paying. Shell Garage, Jedburgh. Enquiries complete

On 02/07/2024 report of male shoplifting. Co-op, Jedburgh. Enquiries ongoing.

On 02/07/2024 report of female shoplifting. Co-op, Jedburgh. Fixed penalty notice issued.

On 09/07/2024 report of male and female taking £750 worth of alcohol without paying. Co-op, Jedburgh. Enquiries complete

On 18/07/2024 report of theft of lengths of box metal. Charlesfield Industrial Estate, St Boswells. Enquiries complete.

On 21/07/2024 report of theft of white Transit Van. Main Street St Boswells. Enquiries ongoing.

On 29/07/2024 report of shoplifting by two females. Morrisons, Jedburgh. Both females were traced and cautioned and charged.



Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

Serious and organised crime enforcement – July 2024

The Scottish Borders CID Proactive Unit executed 2 Drug Warrants across the command area during July, all were positive. This included another large industrial scale Cannabis cultivation which had a potential street value of £190,000. Furthermore the Unit conducted 4 proactive searches resulting in 1 person being charged, £50,000 of controlled drugs and weapons being recovered.

They would also like to highlight that the local communities across the Borders may have information which they deem insignificant in relation to people being seen at disused large premises over a period of time. Any suspicious activity will be followed up by this team but

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it is important that the public know they can report such matters in person at any Police Station, by use of 101 or anonymously via the Crime Stoppers charity.

Campaigns



The Summer Drink and Drug Driving campaign emphasises that taking drugs or drinking alcohol and driving can vastly increase the chance of the driver being involved in a collision, which can result in life changing consequences.

This campaign targets all road users, of all ages and experiences.

In Scotland, officers can test for drugs at the side of the road.

Drugs affect your judgement and perception, meaning you're more likely to be involved in a serious collision, which could harm yourself and others.

#DontRiskIt this summer.

Alcohol Awareness Week

This campaign is managed and hosted by Alcohol Change UK. It's an opportunity for charities, local authorities, businesses, and agencies to think and talk about alcohol harm within their communities.

Samaritans Awareness Day – 24th July

Samaritans Awareness Day is on 24th July (24/7) raising awareness throughout July, to let people know they Samaritans can be contacted to talk with day or night 24/7.

Every year in July, Samaritans branches in the UK and Ireland hold local events to raise awareness that Samaritans are available to listen to anyone who is struggling to cope, at any time of the day or night.

Contact – Any phone at any time - 116 123 Email – jo@samaritans.org

CAT Update:

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During July the SBCAT has been heavily involved with the election detail and local events in St Boswells, Lauder, Duns and elsewhere in the Borders.

ROAD SAFETY – SBCAT have continued carrying out road checks in numerous locations in the Scottish Borders and have issued 1 traffic ticket for careless driving this month.

On 31st July the SBCAT were in Lauder when there was a serious vehicle accident 1 mile North on the A68, involving a vehicle containing 3 children. The CAT attended immediately and assisted the drivers and young children who were in shock until traffic officers could attend and take over.

PARKING TICKETS – Officers have been carrying out high visibility enforcement across the Borders and addressing parking concerns there. Advice has been given to drivers and 29 tickets have been issued.

Passing attention was given to Galashiels, Jedburgh, Kelso and along with other areas.

RURAL ACQUISITIVE CRIME – We continue to carry out static road checks in rural areas at all times of day to deter and detect rural acquisitive crime. 2 static checks were carried out throughout the Scottish Borders this month along with numerous hi-visibility patrols of rural areas.

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – High visibility patrols have continued in targeted areas of the Scottish Borders to address concerns highlighted at these locations. The SBCAT has also been heavily involved in Community events throughout the month. Much of this has involved foot patrols targeting anti-social behaviour.

On 4th July the SBCAT were tasked with patrols of the polling stations. We dealt with some banners which had been stolen, including one which had been modified to be mildly offensive and placed outside of a polling station.

The SBCAT were St Boswells Fair for several days. There was a lot of engagement with the local community and the travellers with no major issues or problems.

On 24th July SBCAT traced and arrested a male wanted by the CID for robbery.

The SBCAT have been attending in Jedburgh on Mondays when the court is on due to reports of ASB. These mobile and foot patrols have been well received by the public in Jedburgh with officers being approached and thanked on several occasions. These patrols will continue over the summer months.

2 youth warning letters were issued during the month of June.

PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE – Part of the SBCAT role is to trace persons wanted on warrant/missing person/and bail curfew checks. SBCAT have carried out regular checks on multiple individuals who are wanted on warrant with only 1 arrest this month for a non-domestic offence. The SBCAT has also assisted with high-risk domestic enquiry packs.

One of the roles the SBCAT completes is issuing dog fouling tickets on behalf of the council. On 29th July officers attended at an address in Galashiels to issue such a ticket. Upon meeting the male due to receive the ticket officers became concerned about his ability to

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care for himself and the dog. The following day they did a joint visit with the SSPCA. The dog was handed over to the SSPCA and it established that several members of the family had mental health issues and their home was in a poor state with some basic facilities not working. Full details were noted and passed to social work to ensure the family get the support they require.

DRUG ENFORCEMENT – SBCAT officers have taken part in 1 one drugs search warrants in the Scottish Borders. 3 people have been searched under the Misuse of Drugs Act with 1 of them being found in possession of a personal amount of cannabis.

For the past month the SBCAT has been enquiring into a package of drugs which was intercepted by the Post Office. Subsequently a search warrant was craved and executed in Hawick on 30th of July. A personal amount of cannabis and unknown tablets were recovered. Further forensic analysis is required but it is highly likely that the male involved with be reported for being concerned in the supply of controlled drugs.

OTHER ISSUES OF NOTE- Despite extra patrols in the Burnfoot and Mainsfield Road areas of Hawick there has been in increase in ASB, including the use of off road motor bikes and electric bikes. During August there will be a significant focus on these issues by the CAT and other Community Officers.

Feedback from a meeting/contacting your Community Policing Team

Anyone with information relating to any criminal activity can contact Police Scotland by dialling 101 or alternatively anonymously by calling **CRIMESTOPPERS** on **0800 555111**.

Should the Community Council wish to discuss any matters highlighted in the report, please contact:

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We will endeavour to provide you with this information, however some information is sensitive and as an organisation we have to ensure compliance with GDPR.

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