

OFFICIAL



Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Jedburgh and District Community Councils
Multi Member Ward Report for September 2021



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.

OFFICIAL

OFFICIAL**Figures for the whole Scottish Borders Area**

(Data from 01/04/2020 – 28/09/2021)

	2020 /2021	2021 /2022	% Change	Local Area Commanders Comment
Total Crimes and Offences (Group 1-5)	1,691	1,946	15.1	The detection rate for Group 1-5 is 50.3% compared to 56.1% at same time last year.
Group 1: Non Sexual Crimes of Violence	75	84	12	The detection rate for Group 1 is 70.1% compared to 81.7 % at same time last year.
Serious Assaults	28	31	10.7	The detection rate for Serious Assaults is 65.5% compared to 78.7% at same time last year.
Robberies	10	3	-70.0	The detection rate for Robberies is 100% compared to 60% at same time last year.
Common Assaults	455	574	26.2	The detection rate for Common Assaults is 67.1% compared to 72.1% at same time last year.
ASB (Incidents)	4,119	3,075	-25.3	
Hate Crime – All incidents	45	70	55.6	The detection rate for Hate Crimes is 60% compared to 91.1% at the same time last year.
Group 2: Sexual Crimes	134	168	25.4	The detection rate for Group 2 is 56.0% compared to 71.6% at same time last year.
Rape – Recorded Crime	21	31	47.6	The detection rate for Rape is 64.5% compared to 75.0% at same time last year.
Domestic Abuse – All incidents	10	11	10	The detection rate for Domestic Abuse Crimes are 90.9% compared to 110.0% at same time last year.
Group 3: Crimes of Dishonesty	602	701	16.4	The detection rate for Group 3 is 29.4% compared to 38.4% at same time last year.
Housebreakings – Domestic	24	42	75.0	The detection rate for Domestic Housebreakings is 42.2% compared to 44.0% at same time last year.
Motor Vehicle Thefts	30	24	-20.0	The detection rate for Motor Vehicle Thefts is 36.8% compared to 64.0% at same time last year.

OFFICIAL

OFFICIAL



Local Area Commander – Chief Inspector Fisher – Update

The Global Pandemic has arguably presented society with the greatest challenge in a generation and policing has been at the 'sharp end' of the collective response. As restrictions have tightened and eased during the course of the last 18 months, we have responded to fluctuating demands and adapted our response accordingly. We have delivered a consistent service throughout, policing restrictions in a sensitive and pragmatic way to maintain the safety of our communities while ensuring longer-term public confidence and support. We have done so while dealing with the same social-distancing, hygiene, PPE, self-isolation and absence challenges as everyone else.

While we hope we are now past the worst, we expect the legacy of the pandemic to continue for some time to come. Essential training and court business has resumed and backlogs have to be cleared. Events and the night-time economy has also re-emerged and that places additional pressure on our resources. Officers and staff continue to be exposed to the virus and must self-isolate where necessary.

In addition, you may be aware that the United Kingdom is soon to host the 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26). This will be held at the Scottish Event Campus in Glasgow between 31st October and 12th November 2021, albeit the policing operation is likely to extend either side of this timeframe and across the whole country.

This will be one of the largest Policing deployments in history, with approximately 10,000 officers being deployed each day, including specialist officers and mutual aid officers from all over the UK. A dedicated planning team have responsibility for ensuring business-as-usual policing at local level and communications in this regard will increase in frequency and detail in the run up to the event.

What all this means is that our resources continued to be pressed, and our ability to respond to emergency calls must be prioritized. To this end, attendance of community officers at community council meetings will be by exception; where resources allow and where there is a specific issue to be addressed. This situation will remain under constant review, although the expectation is that this measure will remain in place for some time to come. Please be assured that multi-member ward reports will continue to be prepared and the monthly meetings between Sergeant Begley, Sergeant Granger and their respective elected representatives will also continue.

Some community officers may be required to cover response duties, or owing to their particular specialism, may be required to deploy to COP26. This will clearly impact on their ability to fulfil their core community duties.

I trust you will find the foregoing helpful and I thank you for your continued support, patience and understanding.

OFFICIAL

Local Policing Priorities

1. Protecting most vulnerable
2. Reducing violence and Anti-Social Behaviour
3. Reducing acquisitive crime
4. Improving road safety
5. Tackling serious and organised crime



Protecting Most Vulnerable

In September 2021 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 156 mental health related calls, around 42 missing person enquiries and approximately 84 domestic related incidents.

Jedburgh & District area had 7 mental health related calls and 1 missing person enquiry. 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 14/09/21 report of assault Oxnam Road Jedburgh. Enquires continuing

On 14/09/21 report of assault Bountrees, Jedburgh. Enquiries continuing.

On 27/09/21 report of assault Headrigg, Jedburgh. Enquiries continuing.

Anti-Social Behaviour

On 06/09/21 report of youths lighting fires in field to rear of Hartrigge Crescent Jedburgh. No trace on police arrival, enquiries ongoing. .

On 14/09/21 report of threatening communications at Queens Mary Buildings, Jedburgh. Female charged.

On 17/09/21 report of online abuse from teenage females in Jedburgh. Warnings given to all parties involved.

OFFICIAL

On 26/09/21 report of youths loitering around Jedburgh Health Centre at night. Police to give regular attention.

Vandalism

On 09/09/21 report of vehicle being damaged Myrescroft Road Ancrum, Jedburgh. Enquires continuing.

On 20/09/21 report of bird feeders being damaged Queens Street, Jedburgh. Enquiries continuing.

Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Theft

On 28/09/21 report of petrol drive off at Shell Garage, Jedburgh. Enquiries ongoing.

Theft Housebreaking

On 03/09/21 report of a property at Castlegate Jedburgh being entered by force and three motor bikes stolen. Enquires continuing.

Improving road safety

Within the Jedburgh Sheriff Court Jurisdiction there were 35 parking tickets issued in September.

On 10/09/2021 two drivers fined A68 Jedburgh for having no MOT.

Tackling serious and organised crime

On 2nd of September officers executed a Drugs Search Warrant at an address in Kelso, following a systematic search of the address an amount of herbal cannabis was found within and a male occupant has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

On 3rd of September officers executed a Drugs Search Warrant at an address in Kelso, after a search of the property £320 worth of herbal cannabis was found within. A male occupant has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

On 10th of September whilst affecting an arrest on warrant in Galashiels officers found the male in possession of £45 worth of Heroin. A report will be submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

On 18th of September whilst on patrol in Kelso officers observed a vehicle driving at excessive speed and in an anti-social manner, officers stopped the vehicle and the male driver was issued with an Anti-Social Behaviour Order in regards to his driving manner.

On 27th of September CID officers from Galashiels executed a search warrant at an address in Hawick. Following a systematic search of the address, over 800 tablets of different types were found along with 16 bags of edible cannabis sweets. A female occupant of the address was arrested and a report will be submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

OFFICIAL

OFFICIAL

On 29th of September whilst attending an address in Hawick on unrelated matters officers discovered a Cannabis Cultivation of 4 plants within the address. A female occupant was arrested and charged and a report submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

Campaigns

Divisional Domestic Abuse campaign

Regular social media posts highlighting local (DAAS) and national helpline contact details and reporting mechanisms

Ongoing engagement with main local employers to share campaign messages, information in relation to local support services and charities and prevention messages targeting perpetrators directly.

Rural

Scottish Borders Partnership against Rural Crime (SBPARC) the partnership continues to meet regularly to address local priority rural crime throughout the year.



- We continued to distribute free Selecta DNA forensic marking kits & signs and crime prevention advice to farmers and rural business. These can be requested by Farmers / Rural businesses using the [Contact Us Form](#) on the Police Scotland Website.



OFFICIAL

No Cold Calling Zones

- Any community organisation wishing to refresh their zone (those with the old Lothian and Borders Police signs) or interested in setting up a new zone should contact their local community policing team <https://www.scotland.police.uk/secureforms/contact/>



CAT Update:

Throughout September SBCAT have undertaken a range of activities in line with their monthly tasking identified through the Scottish Borders Community Action Team Strategic Oversight Tasking Group.



ASB – SBCAT have targeted youth ASB in Peebles, Kelso and Hawick throughout September resulting in a number of alcohol seizures. SBCAT have further made use of the new Scottish Borders Quad bikes to undertake patrols around rural location where youth ASB has been reported. A number of youths were further identified through the youth warning system with letters being sent to their parents in an effort to inform parents of their children's potential involvement in ASB.

Road Safety – SBCAT continue to undertake road checks across the region along with undertaking speed enforcement outside local schools and areas identified as having an accident casualty profile. Officers have further undertaken regular patrols in regards to parking restriction enforcement.

Drugs – SBCAT officers continue to undertake intelligence led stop and searches of those suspected to be involved in the supply of controlled drugs, relying on information provided by local communities. SBCAT officers further executed two MDA warrants in Kelso, resulting in two individuals being reported to the court for possession of class B drugs. A further warrant executed in Hawick led to the recovery of Class A drugs with a value of £900, with one individual being reported for being concerned in the supply. In addition, a warrant executed in Galashiels saw a male and female charged with being concerned in the supply of Class A drugs with an approximate street value of £2,800.

OFFICIAL

OFFICIAL

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:

JedburghDistrictCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk

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.

OFFICIAL