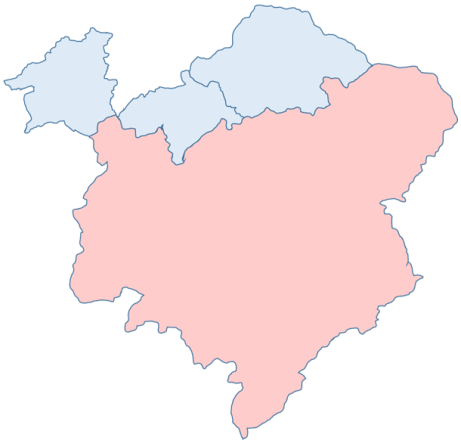
Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

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

Figures for the whole Scottish Borders Area

(Data from 01/04/2020 – 28/07/2021)

	2020 /2021	2021 /2022	% Change	Local Area Commanders Comment
Total Crimes and Offences (Group 1-5)	1,080	1,278	18.3	The detection rate for Group 1-5 is 50.9% compared to 61.8% at same time last year.
Group 1: Non Sexual Crimes of Violence	56	61	8.9	The detection rate for Group 1 is 65.6% compared to 73.2 % at same time last year.
Serious Assaults	21	25	19.0	The detection rate for Serious Assaults is 64.0% compared to 81.0% at same time last year.
Robberies	5	3	-40.0	The detection rate for Robberies is 100% compared to 40.0% at same time last year.
Common Assaults	242	320	32.2	The detection rate for Common Assaults is 63.1% compared to 68.6% at same time last year.
ASB (Incidents)	2,955	2,044	-30.8	
Hate Crime – All incidents	4	7	75.0	The detection rate for Hate Crimes is 100.0% compared to 125.0% at the same time last year.
Group 2: Sexual Crimes	88	116	31.8	The detection rate for Group 2 is 62.9% compared to 61.4% at same time last year.
Rape – Recorded Crime	15	23	53.3	The detection rate for Rape is 65.2% compared to 60.0% at same time last year.
Domestic Abuse – All incidents	435	413	-5.1	The detection rate for Domestic Abuse Crimes are 76% compared to 73.5% at same time last year.
Group 3: Crimes of Dishonesty	362	473	30.7	The detection rate for Group 3 is 31.1% compared to 43.6% at same time last year.
Housebreakings – Domestic	16	30	87.5	The detection rate for Domestic Housebreakings is 30% compared to 68.8% at same time last year.
Motor Vehicle Thefts	16	12	-25	The detection rate for Motor Vehicle Thefts is 41.7% compared to 62.5% at same time last year.

Community Sergeant Update

A/PS Craig Thomson

The majority of you will have seen the national media coverage of the water related incidents over the weekend from Friday 23rd July to Sunday 25th July which resulted in a number of tragic deaths. The warm weather makes open water swimming and paddling very appealing but it is extremely dangerous and conditions can change quickly. I would urge everyone to exercise extreme caution as there are often hidden risk like deeper water and strong currents. It is better to stay a safe distance from the water were possible. If you do see someone in the water and distressed call 999 immediately. Remember you could get into difficulty yourself trying to help so take care and seek help as soon as possible.

Continuing on the theme of Summer Safety I would like to bring attention to the Location finding tool what3words who have launched their #KnowExactlyWhere safety campaign to highlight the importance of the app during the summer months.

The campaign aims to raise awareness of how the free app can be used when members of the public are at lochs, beaches or in rural areas and an emergency situation arises.

What3words, which was in introduced for use by operation use by police officers and police staff in March, works by gridding the Earth into 3x3 metre squares - the coordinates of each are then given three unique words to pinpoint an exact location.

Contact Command and Control now accept what3words locations from members of the public calling 999 and 101. This is a critical resource for members of the public who are contacting us from rural or unknown areas. It is important to note that when a member of the public calls 999/101, a postal address is always asked as default – this has not changed. What3words is utilised as an additional location sharing tool and has not replaced any existing systems.

The app is free to download for both iOS and Android and works entirely offline – making it ideal for use in areas of the country with an unreliable data connection, such as lochs, beaches, national parks and campsites.

What3words is now used by over 85% of UK emergency services – police, fire and ambulance.

Key Points

- Members of the public calling 999/101 are able to give their location via what3words if they are in an unfamiliar area, rural location or one that is difficult to describe.
- Police controls rooms will always ask for a postal address as default when a member of the public contacts 999/101- this will not change. The app gives three simple words to help pinpoint a particular location in emergency situations. These words never change.
- The app works without phone or Wi-Fi signal (although caller will still need a signal to share location).
- The app is free for use for emergency services, charities and members of the public.
- What3words will not replace current systems and is an additional resource.
- More information about what3words can be found on the what3words website.

I am pleased to report that following enquiries two youths have already been identified, charged and reported accordingly following 4 separate locations in Jedburgh being vandalised by graffiti. Enquiries are continuing to identify any other individuals involved.

It is saddening to hear that once again the local toilets at the Tourist Information have been targeted and vandalised. Enquiries are continuing to identify the individual/s involved.

We would like to thank the community for their support, the information provided to us by the public is key to successful investigations.

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 July 2021 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 167 mental health related calls, around 19 missing person enquiries and approximately 76 Domestic related incidents.

Jedburgh & District area had 11 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 16/07/2021 report of assaults Bongate View Jedburgh. Male assailant arrested charged and released with date to attend court.

On 20/07/2021 report of assault Elliott Road Jedburgh. Enquires continuing.

Anti-Social Behaviour

On 09/07/21, a call was made to police of a drunk male in Castlegate, Jedburgh. The male was taken to hospital.

On 15/07/2021 police were called to a drunk male at an address in Scraesburgh, Jedburgh. Male conveyed to family members address.

On 16/07/2021 police were called to a disturbance in the Canongate Jedburgh. Nothing found on police arrival.

Vandalism

On 16/07/2021 report of paint being sprayed on the doors of Jedburgh Sheriff Court. Enquires continuing.

On 16/07/2021 report of paint being sprayed on wall of property at the Castlegate Jedburgh. Enquires continuing.

On 16/07/2021 report of paint being sprayed on play equipment at the Children's Play Park Canongate Jedburgh. Enquires continuing.

On 20/07/2021 report of house sign being damaged by fire at Friars Jedburgh. Enquires continuing.

Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Theft

On 01/07/2021, report of alcohol being stolen from MCCOLLS Canongate, Jedburgh. Enquires continuing.

On 02/07/2021, reports of alcohol being stolen from CO-OP High Street, Jedburgh. Male arrested charged and released on police bail with date to appear at court.

Theft Housebreaking

None reported.

Improving road safety

Within the Jedburgh Sheriff Court Jurisdiction there were 31 parking tickets issued in July.

On 02/07/2021 a driver was issued with penalty points and a fine on the A6105 Foulden, Scottish Borders, for exceeding the speed limit.

On 03/07/2021 a driver was issued with penalty points and a fine on the A1 Bournemouth Junction, Scottish Borders for careless/inconsiderate driving.

On 08/07/2021 a driver was issued with penalty points and a fine on the A68 Lilliearsedge for not obeying white lines.

On 13/07/2021 a driver was issued with a fine on the A68 Lilliearsedge for not having an MOT.

On 13/07/2021 a driver was issued with a fine on Oxnam Road, Jedburgh for not having an MOT.

On 20/07/2021 a driver was issued with a fine on the A68 for not having an MOT.

On 21/07/2021 a driver was issued with penalty points and a fine on the A68 junction with Ancrum, Scottish Borders for careless/inconsiderate driving.

Tackling serious and organised crime

On 10th of July 2021 officers Galashiels Police Station responded to an incident whereby a male had breached a non-harassment order and conducted himself in a threatening manner. Officers subsequently executed a General Evidence warrant at an address in Galashiels and the male was arrested and appeared at Court the next day.

On 13th of July 2021 following an incident involving the reported discharge of a firearm in Hawick, officers from across the division executed multiple warrants at addresses in Hawick, following systematic searches £600 worth of Cannabis was found within a property. During the course of the investigation the firearm was recovered and a report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal regarding the offences.

On 14th of July 2021 officers from Musselburgh Police Station supported by the Community Action Team executed a Drugs Search Warrant at and address in Galashiels. A male was traced within and was arrested and reported for Human Trafficking offences across the East of Scotland.

On 24th of July 2021 officers stopped a vehicle in Hawick. Following a systematic search of the vehicle and surrounding area £420 worth of Class A drugs were found. Two males were arrested and a report was submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

Campaigns

National speeding campaign

Police Scotland will be undertaking a period of enforcement from the 19/07/2021 – 08/08/2021

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.

SBPARC
SCOTTISH BORDERS PARTNERSHIP AGAINST RURAL CRIME

- 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.

No Cold Calling Zones

- A new zone at Fisher Avenue, Hawick has been established
- A refresh of the existing zone at Bennecourt Drive in Coldstream is ongoing (new road signs and house packs)
- 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/

Online Surveys

Body Worn Video – National Consultation

Police Scotland recently asked the public for their views on our Armed Police Officers using body worn video cameras to record certain incidents.

Almost 9,000 people took part in a national survey and the majority thought the use of body worn video cameras would increase trust and confidence in the police and make them feel safer.

The response was so positive, we are now considering giving these cameras to police officers and staff, in other roles across Scotland.

This means that cameras would be worn on their uniform to record what they see and hear in certain situations so everyone involved has a clearer picture of exactly what happened.

So again, the organisation is asking the public for their views and has launched a national consultation which will run for three months between 1 June and 31 August, 2021.

The consultation is an opportunity for the public to be part of an ongoing conversation to help shape the use of Body Worn Video cameras by police officers and staff when interacting with communities in Scotland.

Your views will help inform protocols, code of practice and training to ensure that things are done in an appropriate and proportionate way, each and every time.

Please take some time to take part in the national survey by visiting the Body Worn Video pages at scotland.police.uk or using the link: https://consult.scotland.police.uk/strategy-insight-and-innovation/police-scotlands-use-of-body-worn-video-public-con

We are committed to ensuring our communications meet accessibility standards.

We can provide:

• BSL video and transcript with link to BSL survey.

• Easy read messaging and FAQS with link to easy read survey.

• Gaelic translation

If you require any other specific translated material then please get in touch

with: CorpCommunicationsProjectsandDelivery@Scotland.pnn.police.uk

•QR Code

The QR Code can be shared as a link to the survey on print material, within an email and as part of an email signature.

This is the hyperlink: https://consult.scotland.police.uk/strategy-insight-and-innovation/police-scotlands-use-of-body-worn-video-public-con

Victim Support Scotland Survey– National Consultation

A survey carefully designed by the Research and Insight Team within Police Scotland and in collaboration with Victim Support Scotland is requesting feedback about the aftercare options provided by Officers of Police Scotland when people experience or witness a crime.

The survey seeks individual views about how Police Scotland can best support survivors/witnesses of crime when it comes to officers providing immediate support and information.

Police Scotland are requesting your assistance in completing and sharing this online survey within your networks and communities in which you work. The survey can be found @ this public survey .

Full details are included on the link. The survey was launched on 3rd June and closes on 31st August.

CAT Update:

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – During July the CAT have completed targeted foot and mobile patrols, paying particular attention to youth hot spot areas in Peebles, Jedburgh, Galashiels, and Eyemouth. As per previous months youth calls are continuing to decline. Due to the Euro's 2020 and the relaxing of COVID regulations CAT officers completed a number of Licensed Premise focusing mainly on the town centres. During St Boswells Fair, a number of CAT officers were deployed to carry out foot patrols and engage with both the locals and travellers to ensure the event passed without any disruption.

DRUGS – CAT officers continue to carryout intelligence led stop and searches, with quantities of drugs being recovered. They have also executed a number of drugs warrants in Hawick and Galashiels, with a quantity a drugs and POCA cash seized. Of note during one Warrant a person was also arrested and charged with Human Trafficking.

ROAD SAFETY – CAT have issued a number of tickets to drivers for various offences. Mobile patrols have been carried out in hotspot areas including Hawick, Galashiels and Peebles and a number of ASB vehicle warnings have been issued. High visibility road checks have been carried in targeted hot spots. A focus has also been on parking issues with patrols carried out mainly in Galashiels, Innerleithen, Selkirk, Eyemouth and Hawick and a number of parking tickets issued.

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.