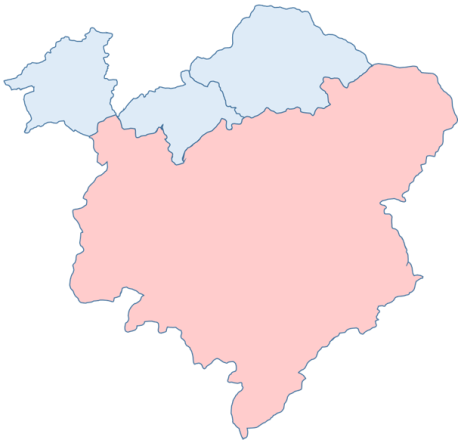
Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Jedburgh and District Community Councils
Multi Member Ward Report for April 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 01/04/2021 – 26/04/2021)

	2020 /2021	2021 /2022	% Change	Local Area Commanders Comment
Total Crimes and Offences (Group 1-5)	214	307	43.5	The detection rate for Group 1-5 is 54.1% compared to 59.3% at same time last year.
Group 1: Non Sexual Crimes of Violence	7	13	85.7	The detection rate for Group 1 is 92.3% compared to 85.7% at same time last year.
Serious Assaults	3	6	100%	The detection rate for Serious Assaults is 100% compared to 133.3% at same time last year.
Robberies	1	1	-	The detection rate for Robberies is 100% compared to 100% at same time last year.
Common Assaults	49	82	67.3%	The detection rate for Common Assaults is 75.6% compared to 89.8% at same time last year.
ASB (Incidents)	863	545	36.8 % Weekly change	The 36.8% weekly increase is ASB incidents can be attributed to public nuisance calls related to COVID19.
Hate Crime – All incidents	11	9	-18.2 % weekly change	The detection rate for Hate Crimes is 100% compared to 62.5% at the same time last year.
Group 2: Sexual Crimes	13	25	92.3	The detection rate for Group 2 is 84.0% compared to 76.9% at same time last year.
Rape – Recorded Crime	2	3	50%	The detection rate for Rape is 100% compared to 50.0% at same time last year.
Domestic Abuse – All incidents	74	90	21.6 % Weekly change	The detection rate for Domestic Abuse Crimes are 89.4% compared to 87.5% at same time last year.
Group 3: Crimes of Dishonesty	71	93	31%	The detection rate for Group 3 is 34.4% compared to 57.7% at same time last year.
Housebreakings – Domestic	1	8	700%	The detection rate for Domestic Housebreakings is 0% compared to 100% at same time last year.
Motor Vehicle Thefts	3	2	-33.3	The detection rate for Motor Vehicle Thefts is 50.0% compared to 0% at same time last year.

Community Sergeant Update

PS Paul Begley

The accelerated easing of COVID restrictions and anticipated further relaxation will see an increase in travel, outdoor socialising, recreation and exercise. As these measures come into place combined with some hopefully better weather there will undoubtedly be an increase in youth related anti-social behaviour in certain towns across the Scottish Borders. Police patrols by Community Policing, SBCAT and our Response Policing Teams to disrupt and detect those responsible has been ongoing and this will continue. I would like to take this opportunity to again ask members of the public to contact police directly to report issues as they occur so that prompt action can be taken.

In this regard I am conscious that those engaged in anti-social behaviour are in the minority and that their behaviour all too frequently reflects badly on their peers who themselves are reluctant to reports matters for fear of repercussions. With this in mind I am keen to increase awareness of a campaign to encourage identification and reporting of ASB which has been launched by Fearless (youth programme of Crimestoppers supported by the Scottish Community Safety Network) on Monday 12th April 2021.

The campaign is based on SCSN's 'The Picture of Anti-Social Behaviour in Scotland' report that was published in 2020, and aims to reassure, educate and empower young people (aged 13-18yrs) in Scotland to talk about ASB and learn more. The campaign will also empower young people to use the **Fearless anonymous service** to report information or suspicions about crime. The hope is that this will lead to an uptake in reports made to police and further information on those responsible. The campaign is supported by Police Scotland but as always Fearless/Crimestoppers prefer to maintain their independent status in order to maximise public confidence in the anonymous aspect of their service. It is likely to be shared widely through local youth groups and high schools in all areas. Further information is available at www.fearless.org and I would encourage all age groups and particularly teenagers in our communities to take the time to look at this.

Finally, as reported in previous months, several communities in partnership with Police and SBC have established No Cold Calling Zones as a deterrent to bogus callers and unscrupulous traders. As a reminder these zones can be set up almost anywhere, can be set up by anyone willing (community council, residents association, neighbourhood watch group) and the only costs involved are signage. Funding options are available and can be discussed with your local Community Policing Team. I would ask that all local communities again consider being proactive in considering this option as a tool in deterring door step crime. Further information/guidance can be sought by emailing the CPT mailbox at the end of this report.

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 April 2021 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 113 mental health related calls, around 31 missing person enquiries and approximately 62 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 the 24/04/2021 report of male being assaulted at a property in Jedburgh. Enquires continuing.

Anti-Social Behaviour

On 27/03/2021 a report of a party at a property in St Boswells. Persons were warned regarding guidelines and informed to leave the property.

On 27/03/2021 a report of communication offences in Jedburgh via social media. Complainer requested advice from Police.

On 03/04/2021 a report of a disturbance in St Boswells. A male was taken home by Police.

On 03/04/2021 a report of youths causing a disturbance in Jedburgh. Police attended, no youths traced.

On 04/04/2021 a report of motorcyclists in Jedburgh who travelled from England, breaching covid regulations. Police attended, engaged and cyclists returning home.

On 05/05/2021 a report of youths shouting and playing loud music in St Boswells. Police attended, no trace of youths.

On 10/04/2021 a report of a group of youths gathering near the River Tweed, St Boswells. No trace of youths. Further call to The Holmes, Newtown St Boswells, a group of youths were congregated celebrating a birthday. Alcohol seized and youths dispersed.

On 13/04/2021 a report of a disturbance within a supermarket in Jedburgh. Police attended and enquiries are ongoing.

On 16/04/2021 a report of assault and racially abusive behaviour in Jedburgh involving youths. A male was traced and a youth offending report submitted.

On 17/04/2021 a report of intimidation in Jedburgh. Enquiries are ongoing.

On 18/04/2021 a report of threats in Jedburgh. A male to be traced and enquiries are ongoing.

Vandalism

On the 18/04/2021 report of a vehicle being damaged whilst parked on the Bongate, Jedburgh. Police attended and a male perpetrator was arrested and charged with three offences and held in custody to appear at court.

Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Theft

On the 13/04/2021 report of a white Samoyd dog being stolen from a property in Jedburgh. Enquires continuing.

Improving road safety

Within the Jedburgh Sheriff Court Jurisdiction there were 3 parking tickets issued in March.

On 05/04/2021 a driver was charged for having no insurance in Jedburgh.

On 05/04/2021 two drivers were issued penalty points and a fine for having no MOT's in Jedburgh.

On 09/04/2021 a driver was offered penalty points and a fine for speeding on the A697 near Springwells.

On 09/04/2021 a driver was issued a fine for not wearing a seatbelt on the A68 near to Jedburgh.

On 13/04/2021 a driver was issued penalty points and a fine for tyre offences on the A68 near to St Boswells.

On 20/04/2021 a driver was issued penalty points and a fine for having no insurance in Jedburgh. The vehicle was seized.

Tackling serious and organised crime

On the 1st April 2021 CID officers from Galashiels executed a General Evidence search warrant at an address in Hawick in relations to recent Business Housebreakings. Large quantities of stolen property were recovered at the address. A male was later arrested and charged with multiple offences and has appeared at Court.

On the 7th of April 2021 officers from Musselburgh Police Station conducted a vehicle stop on the A68, a Drugs Search warrant was thereafter executed at an address in Kelso where over 2000 fake Diazepam tablets and a quantity of Cannabis were found. A Male and Female were arrested and will be reported for the possession of Controlled Substances.

On the 4th of April 2021 following an incident involving someone receiving serious injuries CID officers from Galashiels executed a search warrant at an address in Galashiels. Following a search of the address weapons used in the assault and 18.6g of Heroin with a value of £600 were found within. A male was arrested and appeared at court in relation to the offences.

On the 6th of April 2021 Road Policing officers on patrol on the A7 stopped a vehicle in relation to a criminal investigation. The male driver was found to hold no Driving Licence and was uninsured. A roadside drug impairment test was conducted and the male driver was found to be under the influence of Cannabis. A search of the vehicle found a quantity of cannabis and LSD. The male was arrested and appeared at court.

On 20th of April 2021 SBCAT officers executed a drugs search warrant at an address in Galashiels. A systematic search of the address was completed and 52.5g of Heroin, 34 bags of Chrystal Methamphetamine, Cannabis and 4 TASER Cartridges were found within. A male was arrested at the address and appeared at court.

Campaigns

- National Pedal Protect campaign (Cycle Theft Prevention) - Social Media posts and engagement with local cycle shops with advice posters & leaflets have been distributed.

- The National Stalking Awareness Campaign has been supported with SM messaging.

- National catalytic converter theft campaign - Visits to vehicle recyclers / metal dealers across SB to raise awareness.

Rural

- Scottish Borders Partnership against Rural Crime (SBPARC) agreed that Acquisitive Crime (Thefts from Farms), Responsible Access including Off-road motorbikes and livestock worrying would be initial priorities for the partnership. The partnership will meet regularly to address local priority rural crime throughout the year.

- We continued to post advice on social media and SBAlert regarding Livestock Worrying.
- We continued to distribute free SelectaDNA forensic marking kits & signs to farmers and rural business.

Scams

- Scams prevention advice was distributed via SBAlert and Social Media platforms.

Newcastleton Village Public Space CCTV Project

Liaison with Community Council to provide advice regarding system operational requirement and compliance with appropriate legislation.

CAT Update:

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – During April the CAT have completed targeted mobile and foot patrols, paying attention to youth hotspot areas including Peebles, Kelso and Eyemouth. Calls in relation to breaches of Covid legislation continue to be recorded, with officers responding accordingly.

DRUGS - CAT have seized class A and B drugs, with an estimated street value of £3360. The CAT team also assisted colleagues in the recovery of Class A drugs with a street value of approximately £250,000.

ROAD SAFETY –Antisocial driving continues to be reported as an issue, and the CAT have carried out patrols of areas of concern. As a result, CAT have issued 21 traffic tickets to drivers for a variety of offences and continue to give attention locations where this behaviour continues.

RURAL CRIME – Night time patrols exclusively targeting acquisitive crime have been carried out to detect and deter those that come into the Borders area to commit crime. These patrols will continue going forward.

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.