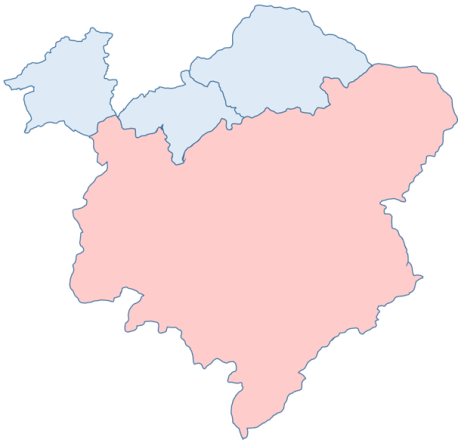
Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Jedburgh and District Community Councils
Multi Member Ward Report for June 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 – 27/06/2021)

	2020 /2021	2021 /2022	% Change	Local Area Commanders Comment
Total Crimes and Offences (Group 1-5)	250	345	38.0	The detection rate for Group 1-5 is 73.6% compared to 61.8% at same time last year.
Group 1: Non Sexual Crimes of Violence	43	43	-	The detection rate for Group 1 is 65.1% compared to 69.8% at same time last year.
Serious Assaults	13	17	30.8	The detection rate for Serious Assaults is 76.9% compared to 58.8% at same time last year.
Robberies	4	1	-75.0	The detection rate for Robberies is 100% compared to 25% at same time last year.
Common Assaults	190	284	49.5	The detection rate for Common Assaults is 70.4% compared to 75.3% at same time last year.
ASB (Incidents)	2396	1575	-34.3	The 34.3% decrease is ASB incidents can be attributed to the public nuisance calls related to COVID19 last year.
Hate Crime – All incidents	22	32	45.0	The detection rate for Hate Crimes is 84.4% compared to 72.7% at the same time last year.
Group 2: Sexual Crimes	60	87	45.0	The detection rate for Group 2 is 54% compared to 65% at same time last year.
Rape – Recorded Crime	8	17	112.5	The detection rate for Rape is 64.7% compared to 37.5% at same time last year.
Domestic Abuse – All incidents	224	199	-11.2	The detection rate for Domestic Abuse Crimes are 77.9% compared to 72.8% at same time last year.
Group 3: Crimes of Dishonesty	29	53	82.7	The detection rate for Group 3 is 31.2% compared to 53.6% at same time last year.
Housebreakings – Domestic	12	28	133.3	The detection rate for Domestic Housebreakings is 14.3% compared to 91.7% at same time last year.
Motor Vehicle Thefts	13	11	-15.4	The detection rate for Motor Vehicle Thefts is 36.4% compared to 69.2% at same time last year.

Community Sergeant Update

A/PS Craig Thomson

It is the start of the school summer holidays which will be a well-earned break for teachers, pupils and their families. COVID-19 has impacted negatively on all areas of our communities and in particularly children and young people. Mental and physical wellbeing has been effected and education and learning has been disrupted. Families on lower incomes have experienced particular hardship and placed under significant pressure. Although the situation with the pandemic seems to be improving children and young people will continue to struggle to deal with the after-effects and getting back to normal.

The Police Scotland website has Young Persons Advice pages specifically aimed at young people between five and nineteen years old. These pages give a wealth of advice on everything from personal safety, life at home, children's rights, drugs/alcohol and where to seek help. These pages can be accessed by clicking https://www.scotland.police.uk/youth-hub/ and I would ask this be shared throughout communities.

SBC have also launched two new health and wellbeing services.

Kooth is an online counselling and emotional wellbeing support service providing young people aged 11-18 with a safe and secure means of accessing support from a professional team of qualified counsellors. This can be accessed at www.kooth.com

Togetherall provides a supportive, online community for all residents aged 16 and over living within the Scottish Borders. Trained professionals are available 24/7 and there is a choice of safe therapeutic services, including online self-help courses. This can be accessed at www.togetherall.com

The holiday period will also see an increase in children/young people gathering in public places and although those likely to engage in disruptive behaviour are in the minority please can the community remain vigilant to any anti-social behaviour. To allow us to impact more meaningfully matters should be reported to Police **at the time** so we can try to identify those responsible. This should be done via 101 or in an emergency via 999.

There will be an increase in people holidaying in the UK due to current travel restrictions and as such roads will undoubtedly be busier than normal. With this in mind it is important to:

- **Plan extra time for your journey**
- **Pay attention to speed limits and other road users**
- **Follow local COVID-19 restrictions**

With this increase in travel in mind I wish to highlight the annual Police Scotland Summer Drink Drive Campaign. This is about increasing motorist awareness of the risks associated with drink/drug driving. The campaign will involve a combination of intelligence-led high visibility patrols and static road checks by all operational police officers including Roads Policing Units. The aim is to enforce legislation through detection of offenders, reduce the occurrences of Road Traffic collisions particularly those with alcohol and/or drugs as a causation factor and finally educate drivers and discourage them from drink/drug driving through high profile policing and media campaigns.

Anyone with information related to persons driving whilst intoxicated should report this promptly to police via 101 or 999 if it is ongoing. Alternatively contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800-555-111 or online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org.

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 June 2021 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 139 mental health related calls, around 42 missing person enquiries and approximately 91 Domestic related incidents.

Jedburgh & District area had 5 mental health related calls and 2 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 18/06/2021, report of a male having been assaulted at Charlesfield Industrial Estate. Enquiries are ongoing.

On 15/05/2021, report of a male assaulting another male in Bongate, Jedburgh. Police attended, male arrested and charged with assault, threatening and abusive behaviour and possession of controlled drugs. He is due to appear at court at a later date.

On 30/05/2021, report of male having been assaulted by another male in Bongate, Jedburgh. Police attended, male arrested, charged with assault and released to appear at court at a later date.

Anti-Social Behaviour

On 03/06/21, police were called to two males causing a disturbance in Old Bongate, Jedburgh. One male was traced and charged, enquiries ongoing to trace other male.

On 07/06/21, a disturbance took place in Grieve Avenue, Jedburgh. Enquiries ongoing.

On 11/06/21, a report was made to police of youths drinking alcohol in the grounds of St Boswells Primary School. No trace on police arrival.

On 13/06/21, police were called to Jedwater Caravan Park regarding a male causing a disturbance. No complaints on police arrival.

On 19/06/21, police were called to a disturbance in Somerville Way, Jedburgh of a male shouting and banging. The male was issued with a recordable police warning.

Vandalism

On the 03/06/2021 report of damage to the hand sanitiser area within the ladies toilets at Jedburgh Town hall, Jedburgh. Enquires continuing.

On the 10/06/2021 report of damage to the bus shelter on Jenny Moores Road St Boswells. Enquires continuing.

On the 15/06/2021 report of damage to a property at William Brown Road, St Boswells. Enquires continuing.

On the 24/06/2021 report of damage to bike shelter at St Boswells Primary School. Positive lines of enquiry continuing.

On the 28/06/2021 report of window being smashed at the Castlegate, Jedburgh. Enquires continuing.

Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Theft

On the 03/06/2021 report of money being stolen from a business premises in the High Street, Jedburgh. Enquires continuing.

On 25/06/2021, report of drinks being stolen from Spar Lothian Road, Jedburgh. Following enquiries male charged and report submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

On 26/06/2021, report of alcohol being stolen from CO-OP High Street, Jedburgh. Following enquiries male charged and report submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

Theft Housebreaking

None reported.

Improving road safety

Within the Jedburgh Sheriff Court Jurisdiction there were 14 parking tickets issued in June.

On 01/06/21, police were called regarding a quad bike being driven erratically on Bongate, Jedburgh. The driver was issued with a vehicle ASBO.

On 03/06/21, a driver was issued with a conditional offer after been caught using a mobile device whilst driving.

On 09/06/21, police were called regarding a vehicle parked on The Glebe, Ancrum with no insurance. Police attended and vehicle was found to have valid insurance.

On 24/06/21, a car was stopped in Edinburgh road, Jedburgh with no MOT. The driver was also found to have an expired photo card driving licence, charged and reported for summons.

On 25/06/21, police have observed the driver of an HGV using a mobile device on the A698 neat Heiton. Driver was charged and issued with a conditional offer.

Tackling serious and organised crime

On 3rd of June 2021 officers executed a search warrant at an address in Hawick, following a search of two properties £200 of Diamorphine and Approx £2000 with of Cannabis Plants were recovered. A male and female were arrested and a report will be submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

On 4th of June 2021 Scottish Borders Community Action Team executed a search warrant at an address in Peebles. After a search of the property Cocaine and Cannabis were recovered. A report will be submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

On 8th of June 2021 whilst on patrol in Kelso officers stopped a female and conducted a search for drugs, the female was found in possession of pills that are suspected to be harmful Roche 10 pills. A report will be submitted to the Procurator Fiscal

On 13th of June 2021 officers executed a Stolen Property search warrant at an address in Kelso, the male occupant was arrested on outstanding arrest warrants and numerous items from Theft Housebreakings from the local area were recovered. The male has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal for multiple offences.

On 16th of June 2021 a search warrant was executed at an address in Hawick and following a search of the property Cocaine to the value of £6000 was recovered. The two occupants of the property were arrested and a report submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

On 26th of June 2021 officers on patrol in Galashiels came across three males from Midlothian fishing on the river, all three males were found in possession of cannabis. A report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal regarding thi

Campaigns

- National Water Safety Campaign
  - In partnership with Scottish Water / RLSS

https://youtu.be/upeL9yogTAg

- Ongoing 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/

Redeployable CCTV

- Camera has been deployed in Jedburgh in response to vandalism at the public toilets at Murrays Green
- A camera continues to be deployed in Eyemouth town centre at the request of the Community Action Team in response to youth-related ASB

CAT Update:

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – During June the CAT have completed targeted mobile and foot patrols, paying attention to youth hotspot areas including Peebles, Kelso and Eyemouth. They have attended calls in relation to youth ASB, seizing alcohol, with letters being issued as appropriate.

DRUGS – CAT have searched 3 properties, and 30 individuals, during June, with Class A and B drugs being recovered with a potential value of £4192. Officers continue to carry out patrols to deter and detect the misuse of drugs.

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 carried out numerous static road checks, issuing 21 fixed penalty notices to drivers for a variety of offences. Antisocial Driving warning notices have been given to 8 drivers in relation to their driving behaviour. Parking patrols have been completed with numerous penalty notices issued.

RURAL CRIME – CAT carried out rural crime patrols alongside Northumbria Police, in relation to the theft of farm equipment and machinery in both areas.

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.