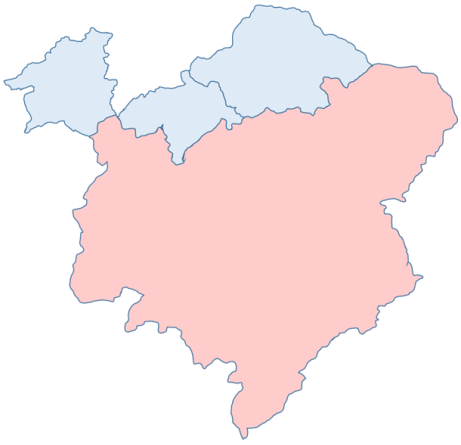
Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Jedburgh and District Community Councils
Multi Member Ward Report for May 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 – 30/05/2021)

	2020 /2021	2021 /2022	% Change	Local Area Commanders Comment
Total Crimes and Offences (Group 1-5)	524	695	32.6	The detection rate for Group 1-5 is 50.1% compared to 61.6% at same time last year.
Group 1: Non Sexual Crimes of Violence	30	31	3.3	The detection rate for Group 1 is 77.4% compared to 46.7% at same time last year.
Serious Assaults	11	12	9.1	The detection rate for Serious Assaults is 83.3% compared to 54.5% at same time last year.
Robberies	3	1	-66.7	The detection rate for Robberies is 100% compared to 33.3% at same time last year.
Common Assaults	128	201	57	The detection rate for Common Assaults is 76.1% compared to 74.2% at same time last year.
ASB (Incidents)	1751	1087	-37.9	The 37.9% decrease is ASB incidents can be attributed to the public nuisance calls related to COVID19 last year.
Hate Crime – All incidents	21	21	-	The detection rate for Hate Crimes is 94.1% compared to 70.6% at the same time last year.
Group 2: Sexual Crimes	39	57	46.2	The detection rate for Group 2 is 59.6% compared to 59% at same time last year.
Rape – Recorded Crime	6	10	66.7	The detection rate for Rape is 80% compared to 16.7% at same time last year.
Domestic Abuse – All incidents	218	229	5	The detection rate for Domestic Abuse Crimes are 78.9% compared to 70.6% at same time last year.
Group 3: Crimes of Dishonesty	174	236	35.6	The detection rate for Group 3 is 30.1% compared to 51.7% at same time last year.
Housebreakings – Domestic	4	18	350	The detection rate for Domestic Housebreakings is 16.7% compared to 200% at same time last year.
Motor Vehicle Thefts	10	7	-30	The detection rate for Motor Vehicle Thefts is 57.1% compared to 60% at same time last year.

Community Sergeant Update

PS Paul Begley

It has been encouraging to see an easing of COVID restrictions with potential for further easing and changes in June. This will no doubt have a positive impact on the community, particularly local businesses and those who have felt isolated over recent months.

As we move forward and as we have already seen, we are likely to see an uptake in the volume of people coming to stay in our communities and we would like everyone to enjoy this. This coupled with better weather, we are likely to see more and more people taking to the countryside. Please be reminded that opportunist criminals can take advantage of vehicles parked in quieter locations so please remain vigilant and ensure the safety of your personal belongings. Some key prevention points to consider if you are leaving your vehicle unattended;

- **Lock the doors and close the windows and sunroof completely**
- **Don't leave valuables in your car.**
- **Stow cables and adaptors out of sight and remove tell-tale signs**

We are now seeing an increase of people being able to go out to local pubs and restaurants, again we want people to enjoy themselves however unfortunately people can become victims of crime and to ensure this is done responsibly, please consider our safety advice on our website, along with other prevention advice available at https://www.scotland.police.uk/advice-and-information/safe-nights-out/

We are aware of a number of recent incidents of toilets being damaged in the Jedburgh area, please can the community remain vigilant to any anti-social behaviour and report it to Police at the time so we can try to identify those responsible. Alternatively if you know who is responsible but wish to remain anonymous, please contact Crimestoppers either online at www.crimestoppers.org or on 0800-555-111.

Lastly, and whilst I appreciate this was in another area, I think it is a key point to consider for rural crime prevention. On 16th May, there was two quad bikes stolen from a farm near Innerleithen. Fortunately, the owner had trackers fitted to the bikes and this allowed the bikes to be quickly located and returned to the owner. This has also allowed positive lines of enquiry for Police Scotland to identify those responsible for the Thefts. This highlights the importance of security measures, for quad bikes and farm machinery, particularly at remote locations. Specific information packs are available and contain a wide range of information on measures to help deter and prevent theft.

The information packs are available free of charge and can be requested via emailing the email address listed 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 May 2021 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 153 mental health related calls, around 31 missing person enquiries and approximately 105 Domestic related incidents.

Jedburgh & District area had 7 mental health related calls and no 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 14/05/2021, report of a male having been assaulted at Friars, Jedburgh. 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 29/04/2021 a report of threatening and abusive behaviour on the A68 near to Camptown, Jedburgh regarding a road traffic incident. Enquiries continuing.

On 07/05/2021 a report of youths drinking shouting and playing loud music in Jedburgh. Police attended, youths made off on seeing police vehicles.

On 08/05/2021 a report of a party at a property in Jedburgh. Persons were warned regarding guidelines and informed to leave the property.

15/05/2021 report of youths engaging in anti-social behaviour within the wooded area near to Old Howden Cottage Jedburgh. Police attended and youth's details taken and told to leave area.

15/05/2021 report of ongoing disturbance Bongate Jedburgh. Male arrested charged and conveyed to Hawick custody.

Vandalism

On 01/05/2021, it was reported that sometime on 23/04/2021 St.Boswells Tennis Courts were subject to vandalism and a window was smashed. Enquiries ongoing.

On 10/05/2021, a vehicle was parked in Strae Briggs, St.Boswells and a window was smashed. Enquiries are ongoing.

On 15/05/2021, it was reported that the male toilets within Jedburgh visitor information centre, Abbey Place had been subject of Vandalism. Enquiries are ongoing.

Between 21/05/2021 and 25/05/2021, windows were broken at Ancrum Primary School. Enquiries are ongoing.

Between 24/05/2021 and 25/05/2021 a vehicle was damaged in Somerville Way, Jedburgh. Enquiries are ongoing.

Between 24/05/2021 and 26/05/2021 it was reported that hand sanitisers have been damaged within the public toilets at the Jedburgh visitor information centre.

Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Theft

On 13/05/2021, report of a bicycle having been stolen from Bongate, Jedburgh. Enquiries are ongoing.

On 15/05/2021, it was reported that between November 2020 and March 2021, a bench has been stolen from Oxnam Parish Church Cemetery, enquiries are ongoing.

On 20/05/2021, report of a Larson trap having been stolen from near to Pinnacle Hill, Ancrum. Enquiries are ongoing.

Theft Housebreaking

None reported.

Improving road safety

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

On 18/05/2021, a driver was stopped on A68 near to Lilliardsedge and found to be driving without insurance. Driver has been charged and will be reported to Procurator Fiscal.

On 22/05/2021, a vehicle was stopped on A68, Jedburgh. Vehicle found to have no MOT and being driver without the appropriate licence. Driver and passenger charged with offences and reported to Procurator Fiscal.

Tackling serious and organised crime

On the 9th of May 2021 officers from Hawick Police Station executed a drugs search warrant at two addresses in the Burnfoot area of Hawick. A search of the properties resulted in 60g of Crack Cocaine, Herbal Cannabis, and £555 cash being recovered, the total value of drugs recovered was £6000. A report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal regarding the occupants of the addresses.

On 12th of May 2021 officers in Galashiels stopped a motor vehicle due to recent intelligence. The vehicle was subsequently searched and within the vehicle 4 oz of Herbal Cannabis were found. A warrant was executed at an address as a result and in total 385g of herbal cannabis was recovered. The driver was arrested and reported for drug and driving offences.

On 14th of May 2021 a drugs search warrant was executed at an address in Langlee, Galashiels, following a search of the address an amount of non-prescribed medication along with evidence of drug supply. A report will be submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

On 19th of May 2021 a drugs search warrant was executed at an address in Innerleithen. A search of the address fond 9g of Cannabis. A male was arrested a reported for possession of these drugs.

On 21st of May 2021 a drugs search warrant was executed at an address in Galashiels by officers based at Galashiels. Following the search of the property a quantity of Cannabis based Sweet products were recovered. A report will be sent to the procurator fiscal following their analysis.

Campaigns

National Shut Out Scammers Campaign
In partnership with Trading Standards, Scotland Police Scotland has showcased the issue with Scammers with extensive Social Media posts:

Divisional Domestic Abuse campaign
Ongoing regular social media posts highlighting the local Domestic Abuse Advocacy Service(DAAS) and national helpline contact details and reporting mechanisms.

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

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

Police Scotland continued to post advice on social media and SBAlert regarding theft prevention. Police Scotland continued to distribute free SelectaDNA forensic marking kits & signs to farmers and rural business. These can be requested by Farmers / Rural businesses using the Contact Us Form on the Police Scotland Website.

Scams
Scams prevention advice has continued to be distributed via SBAlert and Social Media platforms.

No Cold Calling Zones
A new zone at Fisher Avenue, Hawick is underway.
A refresh of the existing zone (new road signs and house packs) in Swinton village is ongoing.

Redeployable CCTV
Cameras have been deployed in Eyemouth town centre at the request of the Community Action Team in response to ongoing youth-related ASB.

CAT Update:

Throughout May SBCAT have continued to focus on issues highlighted by the public through the SBCAT tasking process. This has included

Youth ASB – SBCAT have continued to deploy around Tweeddale and Eyemouth in relation to Youth ASB whilst being flexible, deploying to other towns as matters arise such as in Jedburgh during May. SBCAT have undertaken a number of alcohol seizures across the Borders along with charging an individual

for suppling alcohol to children under the age of 18. Those identified as being present during any reported ASB have subsequently had a letter sent home advising their parents of their involvement with the Police.

Drugs – SBCAT continue to tackle the sale of harmful substances in our communities across the region by executing a number of MDA warrants and undertaking intelligence led searches of those known to be involved in the supply of drugs. Of note during an execution of a MDA warrant in Hawick Class A drugs with a potential street value of £6,000 was seized in an operation whereby a vulnerable person was being used for the illicit gain of others.

Road Safety – As lockdown restrictions are eased SBCAT have been undertaking high visibility patrols of local town centres and issuing Fixed Penalty Notices where appropriate to cars parked dangerously on inconsiderately. SBCAT have also undertaken action in relation to timed parking in an effort to allow a flow of customers returning to business as they begin to open. Further SBCAT officers have been undertaking Road Checks across the region resulting in cars being seized where no appropriate insurance has been in place and issuing ASBO warning to those driving carelessly or inconsiderately to other road users.

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.