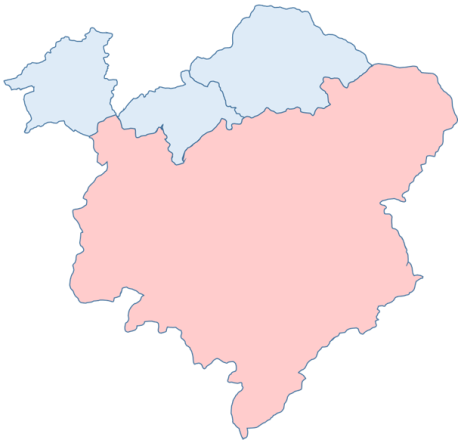
Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Jedburgh and District Community Councils
Multi Member Ward Report for March 2022



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.

Due to an IT issue it has not been possible to provide you with the table of crime statistics that would normally be contained. This will be forwarded onto you as a separate email as soon as we possibly can. The decision has been taken to do this rather than delay the sending of the report

Community Sergeant Update

PS Ali Granger

During the course of February and March Police, along with partners in rural organisations, continued to campaign to raise awareness among dog owners of the serious penalties related to incidents when a dog attacks or worries livestock animals. This is a particular problem when dogs, even those that are well trained, are off the lead or roaming without an owner. Many owners continue to be unaware of the impact their dogs are having on livestock but it is **their** responsibility to ensure that attacks and worrying don't happen.

The Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (Amendment) (Scotland) Act 2021 came into force in November 2021 to tackle the issue of out of control dogs attacking and worrying livestock. Under this law the consequences for dog owners that attack or worry livestock can be a fine of up to £40,000 or even a prison sentence of up to 12 months. The main message to prevent such attacks is to keep your dog under control and on a lead when near farm land and animals. Further preventative advice to land managers and also dog owners can be found at https://www.scotland.police.uk/advice-and-information/livestock-attacks-and-worrying/

To report such attacks by dogs the advice is to call 999 if the crime is ongoing and animals are being injured otherwise the matter can be reported via 101 or via an online Contact Us form on the Police Scotland website.

Staying on the rural crime theme, as part of the National Wildlife Crime Prevention and Scottish Partnership Against Rural Crime (SPARC) Strategy officers have been engaged in days of action looking to deter/detect incidents of hare coursing. Most recently between Saturday 19th March 2022 and Sunday 20th March 2022 across East Lothian and Scottish Borders local officers working with officers from the Tweed Commission and council carried out patrols across identified hot spot areas previously targeted by person's hare coursing. Positive engagement was made with farmers, including crime prevention advice relating to the theft of quad bikes across the area. Between September 2021 and March 2022, 14 such days of action have been carried out in targeted areas. This multi-agency crime prevention activity has resulted in over a 55% reduction in hare coursing incidents reported to police over the last 3 years within the policing division.

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 March 2022 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 122 mental health related calls, around 22 missing person enquiries and approximately 90 domestic related incidents.

Jedburgh & District had 10 mental health related calls and 0 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

No reports of assaults this month

Anti-Social Behaviour

On 02/03/2022 report of male causing a disturbance Queen Street, Jedburgh. Male spoken to by Police.

On 09/03/2022 report of males being threatened Allerton Place, Jedburgh. Advice given.

On 11/03/2022 report of male intimidating female Eden Road, Smailholm. Enquiries ongoing.

On 24/03/2022 report of child being shouted at by an adult. Jedburgh Grammar School. Enquiries ongoing.

Vandalism

On 10/03/2022 report of rope-bridge being vandalised Harestanes Visitor Centre, Jedburgh. Enquiries ongoing.

Reducing Acquisitive Crime

No reports of Theft by Housebreaking or theft this month

Improving Road Safety

Due to a change in police systems, we are unable to access the figures for parking tickets issued in March, this will be rectified next month when both sets of figures will be provided.

On 05/03/2022 a driver was issued a fine for having no MOT in Jedburgh

On 21/03/2022 a driver was issued a fine for driving a motor vehicle without a current test certificate.

Killed or Seriously Injured

Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

During March, search warrants at premises in Hawick & Jedburgh, and Galashiels. In Hawick an address was searched and class A and B drugs recovered, along with over £6000 in cash, which has been seized for further enquiry. A search of a premises in Jedburgh recovered Class A drugs with a potential value of £2800. A male has been arrested and interviewed and further enquiry is ongoing at this time. In addition, a proactive stop for a known male in Hawick recovered over £1000 in cash, which has been seized under proceeds of crime legislation.

Various retails premises across the borders have been proactively visited by detective constables in order to gain information and intelligence on any possible instances of human trafficking in the area.

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.

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.
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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:

DRUGS

During March, SBCAT have executed search warrants at premises in Hawick, Jedburgh, and Galashiels. In Hawick an address was searched and class A and B drugs recovered, along with over £6000 in cash, which has been seized for further enquiry. A search of a premises in Jedburgh recovered Class A drugs with a potential value of £2800. A male has been arrested and interviewed and further enquiry is ongoing at this time. A further search of an address in Galashiels recovered Class A drugs with a potential street value of £10400. A male has been arrested, interviewed and charged with being concerned in the supply of drugs. In addition, a proactive stop for a known male in Hawick recovered over £1000 in cash, which has been seized under proceeds of crime legislation.

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Targeted patrols have been completed in current tasking areas, including Hawick, Peebles, Galashiels and Kelso. Alcohol has been seized from young persons in Peebles and Hawick. There have been foot patrols carried out at the Transport Interchange at Galashiels, and at School Brae in Peebles, as well as other youth hotspots.

ROAD SAFETY

Road checks have been carried out throughout the Scottish Borders, with speed checks also being completed near to various schools.

Parking initiative has been undertaken in Hawick, with multiple parking tickets issued, and a letter drop carried out to local businesses in relation to vehicles being parked in restricted bays.

RURAL CRIME

Patrols have been carried out of the Moneynut forest area following further reports of off road bikers in the area. No persons traced at this time however patrols will continue. Officers also assisted in a day of action in relation to Hare Coursing, with officers working alongside staff from the Tweed Commission, patrols areas where this activity is common, and engaging with local farmers.

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:

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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.