Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

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

Community Sergeant Update

PS Ali Granger

Children throughout the Scottish Borders returned to school in August and schools based officers in the South and East Scottish Borders have been visible within the schools since. My team of schools based/youth engagement officers are now back to full strength of 4, with the addition of PC Luke Cameron to Eyemouth and Duns areas. These officers are vital, not just reacting to problems within the schools, but also in preventing issues, developing relationships and diverting youngsters from offending in local communities. They have contributed to events over the summer passing with minimal anti-social behaviour.

September 10th is Suicide Prevention Day. Sadly, local officers attend suicides throughout their service and know first-hand the devastating effect it has. Many members of the community are deeply affected by suicide.

https://unitedtopreventsuicide.org.uk/ is funded by the Scottish Government and aims to get communities to come together to talk about suicide, understand suicide and look at resources to help people. One aspect they promote is FC United, which brings on board sports teams to promote suicide awareness. Officers will be promoting Suicide Prevention Day – any help local communities can offer in supporting this would make a real difference, please click on the link to find out more.

As you will know, recently resourcing has been a challenge for not only the Scottish Borders, but further afield. Part of our strategy to tackle this is to hold recruitment events online for local residents interested in becoming a police officer and giving back to communities in the Scottish Borders. Recruitment often hold online events to give an insight into application, training, roles and opportunities. Anyone interested should e-mail recruitmentpositiveactionteam@scotland.police.uk

Another reminder - below is a link to the Your Police Survey 22/23. We value your feedback about policing in the local community, so please encourage as many members of the community to complete this as possible.

https://consult.scotland.police.uk/strategy-insight-and-innovation/your-police-2022-2023/

The below link gives access to the latest Police document for the Scrutiny Panel for the Police, Fire and Rescue and Safer Communities Board, which sits every quarter at Scottish Borders Council.

Item No. 5 a ii - Scottish Borders Scrutiny - Q1 2022-23.pdf (moderngov.co.uk)

This document reports progress and updates on service matters from Police Scotland as presented by the Local Area Commander CI Vinnie Fisher.

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 August 2022 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 170 mental health related calls, around 36 missing person enquiries and approximately 91 domestic related incidents.

Jedburgh & District had 6 mental health related calls and 1 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

No reports of assault

Anti-Social Behaviour

On 04/08/2022 report of male shouting & swearing Headrig, Jedburgh. RPW issued to male.

On 09/08/2022 report of youths in cars shouting & playing loud music Abbey Bridge End Car Park, Jedburgh. Nothing ongoing on Police arrival.

On 23/08/2022 report of female shouting & causing a disturbance Blair Avenue, Jedburgh. Enquiries ongoing.

Vandalism

On 02/08/2022 report of vandalism to car Oxnam Road, Jedburgh. Enquiries completed.

Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Theft Housebreaking

No reported incidents

Theft

On 29/08/2022 report of theft of fuel Station Garage, Jedburgh. Enquiries ongoing.

Improving Road Safety

Killed or Seriously Injured

No accidents where persons were killed or seriously injured.

Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

Please see CAT update

Campaigns

Scams

Victims of Phone / Internet / Doorstep Scams continue to be provided with an incident follow-up information pack containing advice intended to prevent repeat victimisation. This pack now includes a copy of the latest "Little Book of Big Scams" which covers a huge variety of common scams. Little Book of Big Scams – Cyber Scotland

High Value Bike Thefts from Vehicles

Following a spate of bike thefts from visitors vehicles in the Peebles area, work is ongoing to place warning signage at hotspot areas in Peebles, Innerleithen and Glentress. Prevention advice leaflets are also to be distributed to local businesses such as cafes, hotels etc.

Keep Safe Initiative

Primarily aimed at disabled members of the community helping to tackle disability hate crime, Keep Safe is a national network of over 800 safe places (including shops, libraries, pubs etc.) for anyone who may feel lost, scared or vulnerable when out in the community. About Keep Safe (iammescotland.co.uk)

All Scottish Borders Co-ops have signed up to the scheme with staff training**,** business packs and store signage being provided.

No Cold Calling Zones

- A new Zone has been set up in Eddleston covering 120 Houses – Road signs and house-packs have been provided.
- Implementation work is ongoing with Bowden and Newtown St Boswells community councils for zones in these areas.
- Any community organisation interested in setting up a new zone or wishing to refresh an existing zone (those with the old Lothian and Borders Police signs) or should contact their local community policing team https://www.scotland.police.uk/secureforms/contact/

Rural Crime

- Scottish Borders Partnership against Rural Crime (SBPARC) exhibited at the Border Union Show highlighting the latest rural crime prevention advice. The partnership continues to meet regularly to address local priority rural crime throughout the year.
- We continued to distribute free wireless perimeter security alarms 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.

CAT Update:

ROAD SAFETY AND ROAD CRIME

Throughout August SBCAT have continued with mobile patrols and static checks in the Scottish Borders, and also helped at the Flodden Rideout. Hand Held speed gun checks were carried out at a number of places including the Mart at Newtown St Boswells, Eyemouth and Coldstream, with a number of drivers being warned. Of note, a male was charged after making off from police with Failing to Stop, Dangerous Driving, Disqualified Driving, No Insurance, and Failing to provide a Sample.

PARKING TICKETS

25 parking tickets were issued throughout the Scottish Borders in August. Parking issues were also addressed in Ayton, Chirnside and Coldstream.

DRUG ENFORCEMENT

During August SBCAT executed one search warrant in relation to misuse of drugs and recovered a large amount of cannabis edibles. SBCAT have also assisted with enquiries for Merseyside police in the Hawick area, and conducted subsequent community reassurance patrols.

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Patrols continue in the Galashiels and Peebles area to address youth disorder. In particular issues at the Old College Building on Melrose Road, Galashiels, have been resolved through a combination of youth warning letters and improving security to the building. We have also given attention to the playground at Newtown St Boswells, the Lauder Common Riding and Peebles Agricultural Show.

RURAL / ACQUISITIVE CRIME

Following some high value mountain bike thefts in Peebles, positive lines of enquiry were identified and one of the culprits identified from CCTV. A warrant was obtained by SBCAT and executed in Gorebridge, with the recovery of evidence within. The male was charged with the theft of the bikes and held in custody for court.

ARREST WARRANTS

SBCAT proactively search for persons wanted on warrant and arrested five wanted persons in August.

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.