Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Jedburgh and District Community Councils
Multi Member Ward Report for September 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

September in the Borders started with the welcome return of the Tour of Britain, with the second stage starting in Hawick and finishing in Duns, taking in a number of Borders towns in between. This was a really well organised event, and local officers worked closely with organisers and national police units to ensure the event passed safely without incident.

Stage 2 finish at Newtown Street, Duns

The old Jedburgh Grammar School, public toilets on and the Mary Queen of Scots House Museum have been the subject of antisocial behaviour by youths recently. PC Gary Chisholm has been dealing with these incidents, carrying out high visibility patrols in the area and charging one youth with vandalism and offensive language. Schools officer PC Carin Tait-Logan will follow on from this by carrying out class inputs and assemblies regarding these issues. We urge members of the community to continue to make police aware of these incidents by contacting 101, providing names and descriptions if possible. Information regarding the perpetrators of antisocial behaviour can also be reported completely anonymously to crime stoppers on 0800 555 111 or using the online reporting tool – https://crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information/forms/pre-form

Local Community officers have also began to re-establish contact with the town community councils. This will not always involve attendance, but meetings will either be attended or apologies sent. There are a total of 69 community councils in the Scottish Borders and we appreciate your understanding that we are unable to extend individual regular contact to all. That said, all CC's receive this report and should contact the community policing team mailbox if they wish to discuss specific issues or believe there is an urgent and pressing need for police attendance.

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 September 2022 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 124 mental health related calls, around 39 missing person enquiries and approximately 67 domestic related incidents.

Jedburgh & District had 9 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

Assault

No reports of assault.

Anti-Social Behaviour

On 12/09/2022 report of racially aggravated abuse by youths. Canongate Public Toilets, Jedburgh. Male youth cautioned and charged and report submitted.

Vandalism

On 06/09/2022 report of damage to door of old Jedburgh Grammar School. Enquiries ongoing.

Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Theft Housebreaking

No reported incidents

Theft

On 06/09/2022 report of theft of fuel. Shell Garage, Edinburgh Road, Jedburgh. Enquiries ongoing.

On 26/09/2022 report of theft of a sheep from Camphouse Farmhouse. Relevant paperwork submitted.

On 27/09/2022 report of theft of vapes from Shell Service Station, Edinburgh Road. Enquiries continuing

Improving Road Safety

On 26/09/2022 report of a road traffic offence at The Green, St Boswells. Driver issued with a HORT1 ticket.

Killed or Seriously Injured

On 05/09/2022 report of a 2 vehicle accident resulting in one occupant being taken to hospital with fractures. B6404 at Mainberry.

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, RURAL ACQUISITIVE CRIME

Officers from SBCAT joined with officers from Northumbria police, Dumfries & Galloway and Roads Policing officers to carry out Op Winterberry. This was an overnight initiative to tackle rural crime by conducting a series of checkpoints along the English / Scottish border. In total over 50 vehicles were stopped with a number of driving offences detected. Officer from SBCAT will continue to support such initiatives in the future, and endeavour to tackle rural crime wherever possible.

Two persons were stopped by SBCAT on their way to Moneynut with off road motorbikes in their van. No offences had been committed, but they were warned and instructed not to return.

DRUG ENFORCEMENT

During September SBCAT executed five search warrants at premises in Hawick, Jedburgh and Eyemouth. At one address over 4700 white tablets were recovered, along with 685 grams herbal cannabis and £4000 cash.

SBCAT also carried out reassurance patrols in the Wellfield and Burnfoot areas, and conducted a door to door survey with Community Policing Team, Scottish Borders Council and the Scottish Borders Housing Association.

PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE

SBCAT officers were dedicated to an investigation team set up to trace a missing person in the Scottish Borders for a number of weeks during September.

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Youth ASB is continuing to be reported in Peebles, and SBCAT are addressing this with their counterparts in Community Policing. We are aware there are some youths who have been causing problems in Peebles, however these have been reported to the relevant agencies and proceedings are ongoing. SBCAT will continue to address any antisocial behaviour reported to police, and we would like to encourage people to report any genuine problems to us. Identification of the culprits, and evidence in the form of witness statements, greatly helps SBCAT to address the issues reported.

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:

LothianScotBordersCPTJedburghdistrict@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.