Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

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

(1st – 31st October 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 Policing News – Jedburgh & District

We are continuing or efforts to obtain information regarding drug dealing and antisocial behaviour. 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 and drug dealing 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

As many of you will be aware, there have been a number of fireraisings in Jedburgh, one on 25th and further incidents on 28th October, which resulted in a 58 year old male being arrested and charged. He appeared at court on 31st October. A 72 year old male who had previously been arrested and charged with the fire in High Street on 25th October was informed he will face no further action following further investigation.

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 October 2022 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 116 mental health related calls, around 27 missing person enquiries and approximately 65 domestic related incidents.

Jedburgh & District had 4 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

On 15/10/2022 report of assault at Howden Road. Statements noted and relevant paperwork submitted.

On 29/10/2022 report of a youth assault at Sharplaw Road. Statements noted and youth responsible traced and charged. Relevant paperwork submitted.

Anti-Social Behaviour

On 03/10/2022 report of a disturbance at Howdenburn Court. Officer's attended, suitable advice given and relevant paperwork submitted.

On 09/10/2022 reports of a large group of youths causing a nuisance at the Shell Service station on Edinburgh Road, Jedburgh. Enquiries ongoing.

On 14/10/2022 report of youths causing nuisance at Elliot Park Camping Site. Enquiries ongoing

Vandalism

On 20/10/2022 report of damage to tyres of a vehicle at Bountrees. Enquiries continuing.

On 21/10/2022 report that a Police vehicle parked at Jedburgh Police station had had its rear side window smashed. Enquiries ongoing.

On 21/10/2022 a commercial premises on Castlegate had a part of its sign removed. Enquiries ongoing.

Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Theft Housebreaking

Theft

On 12/10/2022 report of attempted theft of oil from Abbey Place. Statements noted and relevant paperwork submitted.

On 12/10/2022 theft of a copper boiler from driveway at Castle Terrace. Enquiries ongoing.

On 12/10/2022 report of theft of fuel from Shell Service Station, Edinburgh Road. Contact to be made with registered keeper and enquiries continuing.

On 16/10/2022 report of theft of alcohol from High Street. Enquiries continuing.

On 22/10/2022 report of the theft of cooking oil from Abbey Place. Enquiries ongoing.

On 25/10/2022 report of theft of fuel from Shell Service Station, Edinburgh Road. Enquiries continuing.

Improving Road Safety

On 01/10/2022 – a driver was issued a fine for driving with no MOT in Jedburgh.

On 26/10/22 – a driver was issued penalty points and a fine for not obeying stop sign in St. Boswells.

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:

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

After a period with few calls relating to youth disorder, the Galashiels Interchange has experienced a rise in reported incidents. SBCAT and local officers have now increased passing attention, with a number of warning letters being sent to parents of children being identified. We will continue to address any reported issues and support the work being carried out by local CPT and TD7. Bonfire night is approaching and there is likely to be an increase in calls relating to fireworks. Please can I encourage members of the public to report any incidents of youths being supplied fireworks to police or anonymously via Crimestoppers. So far SBCAT have obtained 35 fireworks through information provided by members of the public.

PARKING

We have carried out parking initiatives in Selkirk and Peebles this month with 12 parking tickets issued. Can I take this opportunity to remind people that a single yellow line has the same restrictions as double yellow lines between certain hours.

DRUG ENFORCEMENT

During October SBCAT carried out four search warrants in Hawick, Eyemouth and Kelso. At one address a cannabis cultivation was recovered, and at another a supply amount of herbal cannabis was also found.

ROAD SAFETY

SBCAT have issued the following road traffic tickets this month; 1 x Careless Driving, 2 x No Insurance (with both vehicles being seized), 1 x Antisocial Driving Warning, and 6 other various traffic tickets (e.g. no MOT). We are also continuing to carry out static road checks in rural areas to deter and detect acquisitive crime.

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.