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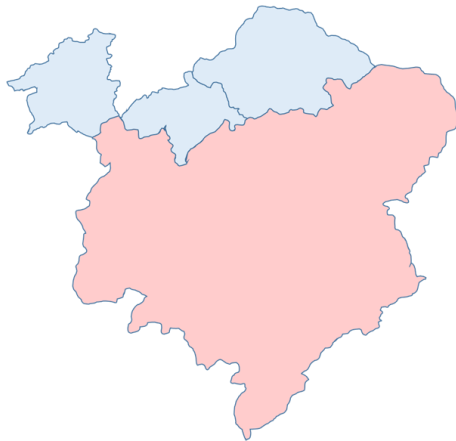


Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Jedburgh and District Community Councils
Multi Member Ward Report for August 2023

(1st August 2023 – 27th August 2023)



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.

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Community Update – Jedburgh & District – PS Ali Granger

Travelling criminals are moving throughout the UK and there has been a noted uptake in the theft of tractor/farm machinery satellite navigation systems in recent months across the country

Our advice to help prevent these thefts is –

- Be sure to remove GPS systems, screens and other valuables when leaving vehicles and store them securely
- Park tractors and other agricultural vehicles in secure, alarmed buildings in well-lit areas covered by CCTV
- Activate PIN security on GPS systems, with your own unique number
- Permanently mark your postcode to deter thieves and trace property back to you
- Keep tractors and combines with GPS stored out of sight
- Record serial numbers and photograph your systems
- Check serial numbers of second hand systems offered for sale
- Report any suspicious activity to 101

Community Officers work in partnership with Registered Social Landlords and Scottish Borders Council Homeless Team to address Antisocial Behaviour in problem areas. We also work closely with SBC Anti-Social Behaviour Unit and meet with them monthly to discuss emerging issues.

We are aware that there are some areas of concern for local residents, and this includes homeless properties. Working with partner agencies is key in tackling these issues and local community officer PC Chisholm is in regular contact with them.

More information regarding antisocial behaviour can be found here.

[Antisocial behaviour | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/antisocial-behaviour)

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.

<https://scottishborders.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s75749/Item%20No.%205%20a%20-%20Scottish%20Borders%20Q4%20CI.pdf>

Once you click into this link, please scroll down to read the full report. It provides 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

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5. Tackling serious and organised crime



Protecting most vulnerable

In August 2023 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 187 mental health related calls, around 36 missing person enquiries and approximately 80 domestic related incidents.

Jedburgh & District had 23 mental health related calls and 1 missing persons enquiry. 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 06/08/2023 report of an assault, Blair Avenue, Jedburgh. Relevant paperwork submitted.

On 14/08/2023 report of assault Allerley Well Park, Jedburgh. Female traced & charged.

On 16/08/2023 report of assault at Castlegate, Jedburgh. Male traced and charged.

On 18/08/2023 report of male assaulted, Howden Road, Jedburgh. Female issued with an RPW.

On 22/08/2023 report of female assaulted by another female. High Street, Jedburgh. Female arrested for assault.

Anti-Social Behaviour

On 05/08/2023 report of loud music. Jedburgh Legion Football Club, Jedburgh. Party at locus Police asked music to be turned down.

On 22/08/2023 report of male being abusive and throwing objects. Jedburgh Medical Practice, Jedburgh. Advice given.

On 24/08/2023 report of male being verbally abused by another male. Weirgate Avenue, St Boswells. Advice given.

On 26/08/2023 report of loud music and shouting. Howden Road, Jedburgh. No noise on Police arrival.

On 31/08/2023 report of shouting, banging & loud music. Castlegate, Jedburgh. No noise on Police arrival.

Vandalism

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On 16/08/2023 report of youths smashing windows in Jedburgh Grammar School, Jedburgh. Enquiries ongoing.

On 25/08/2023 report of vandalism to play equipment and bins in playpark at Allerley Crescent, Jedburgh. Enquiries ongoing.

On 30/08/2023 report of vandalism to vehicle. Bountrees, Jedburgh. Enquiries ongoing.

Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Theft Housebreaking

On 24/08/2023 report of building broken into and items taken. Towford Outdoor Centre, Jedburgh. Enquiries ongoing.

Theft

On 02/08/2023 report of theft of bicycle. Castlegate, Jedburgh. Enquiries ongoing.

On 03/08/2023 report of memorial bench stolen from Castlewood Cemetery, Jedburgh. Enquiries ongoing.

On 08/08/2023 report of theft of alcohol. Co-op, Jedburgh. Enquiries ongoing.

On 12/08/2023 report of theft of fuel. Shell Garage, Jedburgh. Enquiries ongoing.

On 14/08/2023 report of shoplifting. McColls, Jedburgh. Enquiries ongoing.



Improving Road Safety

On 21/08/2023 a driver was issued a fine for driving without a MOT in Jedburgh



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](#)

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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 \(iammescotland.co.uk\)](http://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

- 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

- SBPARC event took place at Caverton Mill Farm on 29/06/23
- Officers will be in attendance at the Border Union Show 28th-29th July 2023 to provide crime prevention advice
- 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:

During the past month SBCAT officers carried out High Visibility foot patrols and worked alongside other community agencies at Coldstream Civic Week, Lauder Common Riding and Eyemouth Herring Queen festival.

SBCAT also helped in the safe delivery of the UCI World Championships event at Glentress, Peebles conducting high visibility foot patrols at the event site as well as mobile patrols of Peebles and surrounding area. The event ran from 4th – 12th August with SBCAT officers involved each day of the event (approximately 8 hours a day per officer).

ROAD SAFETY – SBCAT have continued carrying out road checks in numerous locations in the Borders and have issued 11 traffic tickets throughout the month.

PARKING TICKETS – Officers have been carrying out high visibility patrols in Peebles, Kelso, Selkirk and Hawick, and addressing parking concerns there. Advice has been given to drivers and 31 tickets have been issued.

RURAL ACQUISITIVE CRIME – We continue to carry out static road checks in rural areas at all times of day to deter and detect rural acquisitive crime. 41 static checks were carried out throughout the Scottish Borders in August.

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – High visibility patrols have continued in Burnfoot, Hawick as well as near derelict sites in Hawick to address concerns at these locations. Galashiels Interchange continues to be patrolled regularly by officers. Further to that, officers have repeatedly attended at Moneynut windfarm, Berwickshire, to deter and detect off road motorbikes.

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Reports being received by officers of youth ASB in Newtown St. Boswells, specifically at SBC HQ as well as near to Whitehill Farm. Regular patrols of the area being conducted by SBCAT officers and background work being undertaken by local CBO to establish a longer term solution.

A report was made to police of youths climbing on scaffolding at the abandoned St. Aidan's School in Gattonside. SBCAT officers attended and traced the youths involved resulting in 4 youths receiving Youth Warning Letters.

PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE – Part of the SBCAT role is to trace persons wanted on warrant/missing person/and bail curfew checks. SBCAT have carried out regular checks on multiple individuals who are wanted on warrant. These individuals are aware they are wanted and enquiries to trace them are continuing.

Following a report of a recidivist violent offender breaching bail conditions, SBCAT officers traced the male and conveyed him to Hawick Police Station where he was charged accordingly and held for court the following day.

DRUG ENFORCEMENT – SBCAT took part in executing 1 drug search warrant in the area.

In Innerleithen, one male was reported to the Procurator Fiscal after a quantity of Class B drugs were found within his home address. A further male within the property was also reported for possession of an Offensive Weapon.

Other – After reports of a male in Hawick armed with a knife, SBCAT officers attended and arrested the male to be held for court the following day. After assisting with follow up enquiries, the male was successfully remanded to prison to await trial.

SBCAT officers assisted with a further call of a male in possession of a knife in Jedburgh, tracing and arresting the male to be held for court the following day

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.

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