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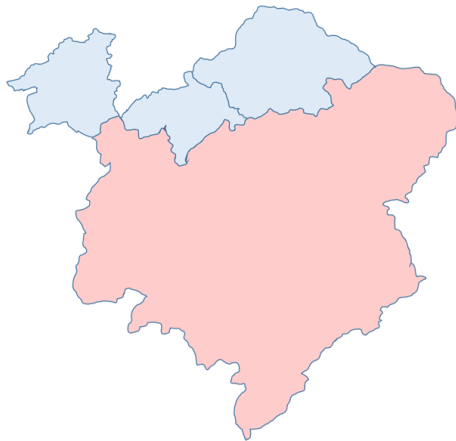


## **Scottish Borders Area Command**

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

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

(1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 – 30<sup>th</sup> September 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**

September was a busy month in Jedburgh. Around 3.20pm on Sunday, 17 September, 2023, police received a report of a disturbance at a property on Grieve Avenue, Jedburgh. Officers attended and a 22-year-old man was arrested and charged in connection with the incident. He appeared at Court on Monday, 18 September, 2023.

There was also a report of a suspicious male near to Jedburgh Campus on Monday, 18 September, 2023. School Link Officer, PC Tait-Logan has assisted in carrying out extensive enquiries into this incident. There have been no further reported incidents and PC Tait-Logan has carried out regular patrols and assemblies in school to give advice and reassurance to children, parents and the local community.

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
5. Tackling serious and organised crime

### **Protecting most vulnerable**



*In September 2023 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 187 mental health related calls, around 36 missing person enquiries and approximately 91 domestic related incidents.*

*Jedburgh & District had 9 mental health related calls and 3 missing persons 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**

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On 07/09/2023 report of female assaulted at Edgefest, Lilliardsedge. Enquiries ongoing.

On 07/09/2023 report of male assaulted on no. 67 bus while it was at Bongate, Jedburgh. Enquiries ongoing.

On 14/09/2023 report of female assaulted in Allerly Well Park, Jedburgh. Enquiries ongoing.

On 15/09/2023 report of two teenage females fighting. High Park Jedburgh. Both parties charged with assault.

On 17/09/2023 report of male assaulted within the Canon, Exchange Street, Jedburgh. The accused was issued with an recoded police warning

On 19/09/2023 report of male & female assaulted in street. Howden Road, Jedburgh. Enquiries ongoing.

### **Anti-Social Behaviour**

On 01/09/2023 & 02/09/2023 report of youths throwing milk & flour at front door. Howdenburn Court, Jedburgh. Youths ran off, no description given.

On 05/09/2023 report a female shouting & swearing. Bongate View, Jedburgh. Female arrested & charged.

On 17/09/2023 report of male trying to gain entry to property & being threatening. Grieve avenue, Jedburgh. After a lengthy negotiation male gave himself up and was charged.

On 23/09/2023 report of male causing a disturbance in the street, kicking items & being abusive. Male charged by Police.

### **Vandalism**

On 01/09/2023 report of damage to a window at Waterside, Jedburgh. Enquiries ongoing.

On 03/09/2023 report of public phone box vandalised & used as a toilet. Oxnam Green, Jedburgh. For regular patrols

On 27/09/2023 report of vandalism of new playpark. Alderley Park, Jedburgh. Enquiries ongoing

## **Reducing Acquisitive Crime**

### **Theft**

On 01/09/2023 report of theft of fuel. Shell garage, Jedburgh. Enquiries ongoing.

On 08/09/2023 report of theft of fuel. Shell garage, Jedburgh. Enquiries ongoing.

On 13/09/2023 report of theft of fuel. Shell garage, Jedburgh. Enquiries ongoing.

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On 18/09/2023 report of male shoplifting. Spar, Jedburgh. Enquiries ongoing.

On 20/09/2023 report of shoplifting. Spar, Jedburgh. Enquiries ongoing.

On 28/09/2023 report of theft of fuel. Shell garage, Jedburgh. Enquiries ongoing.

On 30/09/2023 report of male shoplifting. McColls, Jedburgh. Enquiries ongoing.



### Improving Road Safety

On 13/09/2023 – a driver was issued a fine for driving with no MOT in Jedburgh



### Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

#### Serious and organised crime enforcement – September 2023

The Scottish Borders CID Proactive Unit executed 9 Drug Warrants across the command area during September, all except one were positive and a variety of MDA charges were proffered against 10 persons. Heroin, cocaine, benzodiazepines and cannabis were all recovered during these searches in addition to large sums of cash and suspected stolen property.

They also assisted other CID departments in the area with stolen property warrants for housebreakings across the Scottish Borders and in relation to serious sexual offences. In total 14 warrants were executed across the division by CID.

The CID Proactive Unit have a number of live inquiries in relation to Serious and Organised Crime which, once concluded, will be subject to media releases.

They would like to re-inforce the message to all wards that any drug related crime or organised criminality in the Scottish Borders can be anonymously reported via CrimeStoppers, who are an independent charity not connected to the Police. The public can of course still use 101 for this purpose too.

A number of bespoke business cards explaining the benefits of and reassuring any caller to CrimeStoppers have been produced and can be circulated amongst the Wards should this be deemed useful.

## 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 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> 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 the Ex-standard Bearers Cycle/horse ride (0900-1600 hours) and Yarrow and Ettrick agriculture show (0900-1400 hours) Quad present and community engagement. Kelso Ewe Sales were also attended for community engagement. On 24/9/23 CAT assisted with the PMRA September Ride (Peebles)

**ROAD SAFETY** – SBCAT have continued carrying out road checks in numerous locations in the Borders and have issued 14 traffic tickets throughout the month.

**PARKING TICKETS** – Officers have been carrying out high visibility patrols in Peebles, Kelso, Eyemouth, Duns, Selkirk, Galashiels, Jedburgh and Hawick, and addressing parking concerns there. Advice has been given to drivers and 112 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. 43 static checks were carried out throughout the Scottish Borders in September (and the CAT attended the launch of a national rural crime initiative and also attended two events (Kelso and Yarrow) at which numerous members of the public were spoken to regarding rural crime prevention.

**ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR** – High visibility foot and patrols have been carried out in specifically identified areas of the Scottish Borders to prevent and deter offending.

**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

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individuals who are wanted on warrant. These individuals are aware they are wanted and enquiries to trace them are continuing. This month 3 offenders have been arrested by SBCAT and put to court.

SBCAT officers took part in the Community Safety Advice day for Sensory Services at the Corn Exchange, Melrose. This involved working with partner agencies such as SFRS and Health meeting with members of the public from all over the borders who are deaf or hard of hearing, giving community safety advice and promoting ways they can contact the Police Service of Scotland and report any concerns.

**DRUG ENFORCEMENT** – SBCAT took part in executing 2 drug search warrants in the area. During a search in Hawick, a personal amount of drugs were recovered. Enquiries with social services under way to establish if the 85 years old occupant is being the victim of ‘Cuckooing’ by the individual charged with the possession.

**Other** – Report received regarding a youth on a motorbike in Newtown St Boswells. On SBCAT arrival there’re was no youth on a motorbike, family spoken to and indicated that their 7 year old son had permission from the land owner who owns the field directly adjacent to the home address to ride his bike there. Advice was given to the family regarding this.

During the month SBCAT officers took part in Operation Checkpoint, a UK wide police initiative combating County Lines criminal travelling to commit crime. During this, a number of vehicles and person were stopped and checked. No offences were detected.

### 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](mailto:LothianScotBordersCPTJedburghdistrict@scotland.pnn.police.uk)

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