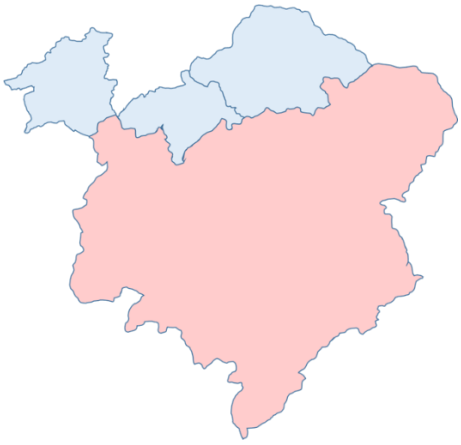
Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Jedburgh and District Community Councils
Multi Member Ward Report for December 2024



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 Update – Jedburgh & District – PS Ali Granger

PC Anderson and PC Tait-Logan have been involved in the J Div Operation which targets antisocial behaviour and deterring / detecting theft by shoplifting throughout the month of December. This has included foot patrols, licenced premises visits, parking patrols and work on the drink drive campaign. Rural patrols of the area have also been carried out, targeting rural crime.

PC Anderson has also been carrying out preventions work, assisting with an event in Galashiels tackling scams and liaising with Neighbourhood Watch re scam alerts. He has also been involved in Wildlife Crime prevention, attending several hunts to ensure no issues. He attended the Jedburgh December Community Council meeting.

PC Tait-Logan assisted Jedburgh Grammer Campus and encouraged Safe Crossing with the younger students on their visit to church in December. She has been present within both schools on a regular basis, attending multi agency meetings and engaging with young people.

PC Tait-Logan attended the Jedburgh Grammer Campus on the evening of the seniors Christmas dance, being on hand in case of an emergency and providing another chance to engage positively with the students and staff.

Both PC's Anderson and Tait-Logan have also been called upon regularly to assist their colleagues in response policing throughout the month and covered court officer duties.

The Your Police Survey for 2024/25 is still open, the link below gives access. We value your input and would appreciate your time in completing the survey.

https://consult.scotland.police.uk/strategy-insight-and-innovation/your-police-2024-2025/

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.

(Public Pack)Item No. 5 (a) - Police Scotland Agenda Supplement for Police, Fire & Rescue and Safer Communities Board, 13/12/2023 09:30 (moderngov.co.uk)

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 Stuart Fletcher.

Local Policing Priorities

1. Protecting Vulnerable People in a Physical & Digital World
2. Reducing violence and Anti-Social Behaviour
3. Reducing acquisitive crime
4. Improving road safety
5. Tackling serious and organised crime

Protecting Vulnerable People in a Physical & Digital World

In December 2024 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 204 mental health related calls, around 10 missing person enquiries and approximately 84 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

On 05/12/2024 report of female assaulted, High Street, Jedburgh. Recorded Police Warning issued.

Anti-Social Behaviour

On 30/12/2024 report of persons attending at an address at Castlegate, Jedburgh banging on the door and shouting. Suspect to be traced and interviewed.

Vandalism

On 06/12/2024 report of male trying to gain entry to property causing damage to front door. Blair Avenue, Jedburgh. Enquiries complete.

On 15/12/2024 report of window smashed by unknown person. Howden Road, Jedburgh. Enquiries complete.

On 16/12/2024 report of men's toilet door vandalised. Jedburgh Tourist Information Centre. Enquiry ongoing.

Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Theft

On 16/12/2024 report of male shoplifting. Co-op, Jedburgh. Male arrested and charged.

On 22/12/2024 report of theft of fuel. Shell Garage, Jedburgh. Enquiry ongoing.

Improving Road Safety

On 01/12/2024 – a driver was issued a fine and penalty points for driving with no insurance in Jedburgh

On 01/12/2024 – a driver was issued a fine and penalty points for careless/inconsiderate driving in Jedburgh

On 01/12/2024 – a driver was issued a fine and penalty points for careless/inconsiderate driving in Jedburgh

On 08/12/2024 report of a road traffic offence A69 at Bonjedward, no insurance and no licence. Male cautioned and charged and reported.

On 11/12/2024 – a driver was issued a fine for driving with no MOT in St. Boswells

Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

Serious and organised crime enforcement – December 2024
The Scottish Borders CID Proactive Unit executed 3 Drug Warrants and 6 other warrants across the command area during December, 6 were positive and 6 persons were reported for drug related offences with a further 3 reported for crimes of dishonesty.

A number of stop and searches were also conducted in identified hotspot area where drugs misuse was prevalent across the Scottish Borders.

A number of serious crime cases have recently been widely reported in national and local media following guilty verdicts and sentencing at High Courts across the country. These sentences reflect the hard work, professionalism and commitment officers in the Scottish Borders in tackling all facets of serious and organised crime.

Serious and organised crime impacts local communities across the Borders and anyone with information on criminal activity are asked to contact Police Scotland on 101, report it at any Police Station or report it anonymously via the Crime Stoppers Charity.

Campaigns

<u>Festive drink and drug driving campaign 2024</u>

Police officers will be working with communities and patrolling roads across Scotland as the festive period brings a focus to preventing drink and drug driving.

This year's festive drink and drug driving campaign is happening from 1 December 2024 until 19 January 2025.

Officers will be using an intelligence-led approach and road safety data to target key areas with patrols, respond to concerns and arrest offenders. Road checks will be organised in towns and cities, and prevention messaging issued in pubs.

Chief Superintendent Hilary Sloan, head of Road Policing, said: "Our officers will be working hard to relentlessly target drivers who choose to drink alcohol or take drugs.

"It doesn't matter how good a driver you think you are, alcohol or drugs will affect your reactions and your judgement.

"It's easy to catch drug drivers because we have drug testing kits that can be used at the roadside. We will be doing everything we can to protect the public and support crucial road safety partnerships to encourage behaviour change, but we also need your help.

"The influence people can have on their family and friends can be lifesaving.

"If you know someone is going to drive after drinking alcohol or taking drugs, please speak to them.

"We all have a responsibility to improve road safety."

CAT Update

This has been a busy month for the CAT. We have been taking part in Operation Frankincense which primarily involved foot and mobile patrols around shops to prevent and reduce shoplifting. We have also assisted with several high-profile enquiries and carried out arrests.

ROAD SAFETY & PARKING TICKETS – This month, the festive drink / drug drive campaign has been running. We have been targeting our static and mobile vehicle checks to try and find drivers who are intoxicated through drink or drugs.

Officers have been carrying out high visibility enforcement across the Borders and addressing parking concerns there. Advice has been given to drivers and 55 parking tickets have been issued. Extra attention was given to Galashiels, Selkirk High Street, Knowepark Primary School in Selkirk and disabled parking spaces across the Borders following complaints.

RURAL ACQUISITIVE CRIME –

We carry out high visibility mobile patrols across rural areas at varying times while completing static road checks.

On 18th December the CID were conducting enquiries in Selkirk into a couple of housebreakings that had occurred the previous night. They came across the 2 suspects who were highly uncooperative and called up for urgent assistance. CAT officers attended, assisted with the arrest and conveyed the suspects to the cells. The CAT later executed a stolen property search warrant at their home and recovered power tools stolen from a local business.

VIOLENCE AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR –

High visibility patrols have continued in targeted areas of the Scottish Borders to address concerns highlighted as per our taskings

On 4th December a serious incident occurred in Lauder. SBCAT assisted with various urgent aspects of the enquiry. In the evening 2 SBCAT officers traced the suspect in his vehicle in an isolated location and arrested him.

On 15th December the SBCAT assisted the CID by executing a search warrant following an assault & robbery in Galashiels. The two males were arrested and various items of evidence were seized.

PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE –

The SBCAT has assisted with several domestic abuse enquiries during December along with several arrests on non-domestic warrants.

On 4th December a high priority arrest warrant was issued by Jedburgh Sheriff Court for a registered sex offender. SBCAT officers traced him in about an hour and arrested him.

TACKLING SERIOUS AND ORGANISED CRIME –

The CAT have completed 4 drugs search warrants this month in addition to 2 general evidence search warrants.

On the 13th December SBCAT along with response officers executed a drugs warrant in Kelso.

On the 18th of December SBCAT and the Proactive Crime Team executed another drugs warrant in Kelso. Drugs were recovered along with about £13,000 in cash.

On the 19th December SBCAT executed a drugs warrant at a property up the yarrow valley near Selkirk. A personal amount of cannabis was recovered from the property. Enquiries are ongoing into evidence that plants had been growing within.

On the 20th of December SBCAT along with the Proactive Crime Team and Specialist Resources executed a drugs search warrant in Burnfoot, Hawick and recovered drugs (cannabis and Cocaine) and cash with a total value of about £5000.

OTHER ISSUES OF NOTE-

On 14th December SBCAT assisted SB Building Control with executing a warrant in the Melrose area.

Our speed guns had been sent away for their annual calibration but only returned towards the end of the month limiting our ability to do speed checks at schools.

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.