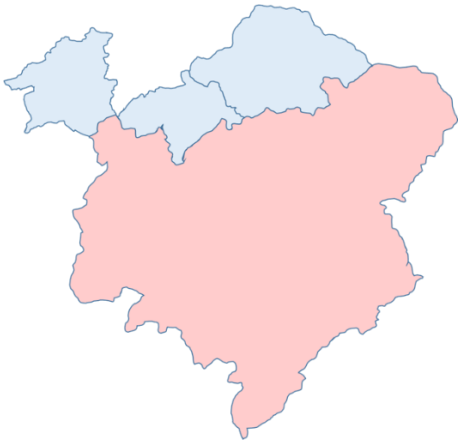
Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Jedburgh and District Community Councils
Multi Member Ward Report for June 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

The beginning of June was busy with Hawick Common Riding Ceremonial events, with officers from across the Scottish Borders assisting on the main weekend. Planning is well underway for the Jedburgh Callants Festival with officers attending the marshals meeting on 17th June to discuss final plans and routes. PC Anderson was on duty for the Morebattle ride out which took place on the 23rd June, with sets of officers assisting riders on the roads from both the Kelso and the Jedburgh sides.

The rest of June was spent assisting other towns with their events, including those in Peebles, Melrose and Galashiels. Between these events, community officer PC Anderson have been carrying out crime prevention surveys at various locations and assisting SBC Antisocial Behaviour Unit with neighbour disputes. In addition he has been assisting colleagues in response, CID and Jedburgh Sheriff Court with a number of different incidents.

PC Tait-Logan has had a busy end to the summer term carrying out a number of internet safety inputs within Jedburgh Grammar Campus P4 to P7. The P1's took part in a road safety input using Streetfeet. Streetfeet is a road safety training kit that allows children to learn how to safely navigate roads in a safe environment.

Ancrum primary school junior road safety officers were awarded the Jon Chappell Sheild for their outstanding road safety work they carried out throughout the school year.

All P7's in the Scottish Borders were given a Bus Safety input in partnership with SBC transport department to emphasise how to use the bus and get on/off safely.

PC Tait-Logan will continue to engage with young people in the Cheviot area throughout the summer holidays.

I have been in numerous meetings with partner agencies, the travelling community and the St Boswells Community Council regarding St Boswells Fair, which takes place in July. Officers will be present on the green from Thursday 18th to Tuesday 23rd. Please approach officers with any concerns or issues that local residents may have throughout the fair weekend.

A reminder that the Your Police Survey for 2024/25 has launched, 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 June 2024 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 169 mental health related calls, around 39 missing person enquiries and approximately 86 domestic related incidents.

Jedburgh & District had 11 mental health related calls and 2 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 09/06/2024 report of male seriously assaulted in Bongate, Jedburgh. Male arrested, charged and remanded in custody.

On 19/06/2024 report of bus driver being spat on and verbally abused by a male passenger. St Boswells Bus Stop. Enquiries ongoing.

On 20/06/2024 report of two males fighting. Castlegate, Jedburgh. Statements taken, enquiries ongoing.

On 23/06/2024 officers were flagged down following a male being assaulted in Exchange Street, Jedburgh. Male traced and charged with serious assault.

Anti-Social Behaviour

On 03/06/2024 report of youth kicking football against garden fence. Howdenburn Court, Jedburgh. Parties involved have resolved the issue themselves.

On 15/06/2024 report of a disturbance with 6 males fighting in the High Street, Jedburgh. On Police arrival no assaults occurred, a verbal argument only. Advice given.

On 19/06/2024 report of male verbally abusing shop worker. Post Office, St Boswells. Enquiries ongoing.

On 23/06/2024, report of youths regularly on garage roof at Lothian road. Information passed to local officers.

On 30/06/2024 report of group of youths on roof of old Jedburgh High School, officers attended, youths made off.

Vandalism

On 06/06/2024 report of youths kicking garage doors. Lothian Road, Jedburgh. Advice given, no damage reported.

On 20/06/2024 report of wing mirror ripped off vehicle. Abbey Bridge End, Jedburgh. Enquiries ongoing

Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Theft

On 14/06/2024 report of theft from shop. Canongate, Jedburgh. Enquiries ongoing.

Improving Road Safety

On 13/06/24 male arrested and charged for driving under the influence of drugs at Bonjedward, reports submitted

Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

Serious and organised crime enforcement – June 2024

The Scottish Borders CID Proactive Unit executed 4 Drug Warrants across the command area during April, three were positive and 4 persons were charged with drug related offences. A number of stop and searches were also conducted in identified hotspot area where drugs misuse was prevalent across the Scottish Borders.

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. This information can be on any criminal matter but includes an individuals unexplained financial gain or wealth or persons who are vulnerable in our communities and being targeted or exploited by others for any reason.

Campaigns

Pride is celebrated during June as that was the month when the Stonewall riots took place, which were important protests that took place in the US in 1969 and changed gay rights for a lot of people around the world.

Pride is about acceptance, equality and celebrating the achievements of LGBTQI+ people. It also promotes education in LGBTQI+ history and raises awareness of issues affecting the LGBTQI+ community.

Carers week

Carers Week is an annual event, which highlights the important work done by carers around the world, their often unrecognised contributions and the support available to them.

The aim of Carers Week is to raise awareness of caring, highlight the challenges unpaid carers face and recognise the contribution they make to families and communities throughout the UK. It also helps people who do not think of themselves as having caring responsibilities to identify as carers and access much-needed support.

Drowning Prevention Week (DPW)

DPW is one of the largest summer water safety campaigns across the UK and Ireland.

The DPW campaign will run from 15 – 22 June and is targeting families, carers, teachers and instructors of children aged five to fifteen years old with the aim of educating them about water safety.

No child should drown, and with the right water safety education – such as knowledge of the Water Safety Code – accidental drownings are preventable. Drowning Prevention Week is deliberately timed ahead of the school summer holidays when children spend more time outdoors and when vital water safety skills can help keep children safe.

Please help us to spread the word this year and encourage everyone to have the water safety conversation with children. DPW is critical in raising awareness and encouraging the public to enjoy water safely.

CAT Update:

ROAD SAFETY – SBCAT have continued carrying out road checks in numerous locations in the Scottish Borders and have issued 2 traffic tickets for various offences throughout the month.

Throughout June a total of 6 hi-vis speed checks and foot patrols were carried out at schools throughout the Scottish Borders at dropping off and picking up times. Including schools in Selkirk, Duns and Kelso.

PARKING TICKETS – Officers have been carrying out high visibility enforcement across the Borders and addressing parking concerns there. Advice has been given to drivers and 16 tickets have been issued.

Passing attention was given to Galashiels, Selkirk and Hawick Town Centres and Bridge Street in Kelso were also regularly checked by officers along with other areas.

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. 5 static checks were carried out throughout the Scottish Borders this month along with numerous hi-visibility patrols of rural areas.

On Sunday 9th June the quad bikes were deployed Monynut. Several other patrols were made in a 4x4 with nothing to report.

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – High visibility patrols have continued in targeted areas of the Scottish Borders to address concerns highlighted at these locations. The SBCAT has also been heavily involved in Community events throughout the month. Much of this has involved foot patrols targeting anti-social behaviour.

On Friday 7th and Saturday 8th of June 2024, SBCAT assisted at the Hawick Mair as part of Hawick Common Riding. The Specials Initiative Team also joined them. Over the 2 days, 1 recorded police warning was issued and 4 people were escorted out of the area due to their behaviour or alcohol intake. 1 male was arrested for domestic assault and 10 fake driving licenses held by youths were also seized and destroyed. There was a significant amount of friendly engagement with the public and several minor issues resolved before they could escalate.

On 29th June 2024 the SBCAT were tasked with patrols of Galashiels town centre for the Braw Lads Gathering. The Specials Initiative Team also joined us. During the evening several minor issues were dealt with before they could escalate. Later in the night we arrested a male and charged him with assaulting door staff.

Similar high visibility foot patrols are being completed across the Borders with a focus on, Burnfoot and Mansfield in Hawick following reports of Off-Road motorcycles being used and general ASB. When possible, foot patrols are being completed at Jedburgh Sheriff Court on court days due to previous reported issues with members of the public. Innerleithen and Peebles have also been given a lot of attention during the evenings.

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. During the past month a total of 6 people were arrested with 3 of them being wanted for domestic offences.

On 9th June SBCAT officers were on mobile patrol in Hawick when they responded to a call regarding youths stealing vapes from Morrison's. The officers attended immediately and stopped the youths at the door of the supermarket. Following a review of the CCTV one of them was reported to the social work for youth offending.

DRUG ENFORCEMENT – SBCAT officers have not taken part in any drugs search warrants in the Scottish Borders. 2 males were searched under the Misuse of Drugs Act with 1 of them being found in possession of a personal amount of cocaine

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.