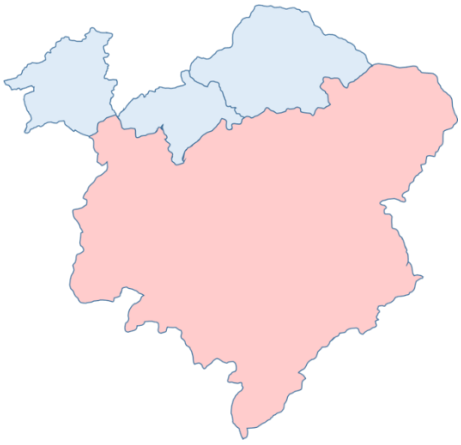
Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Jedburgh and District Community Councils
Multi Member Ward Report for March 2025



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 Tait-Logan has been within the Schools at Jedburgh providing inputs to various age groups. For the Primary 6's at Jedburgh campus she provided an input regarding internet safety. For P7 and S1 at the Campus PC Tait-Logan participated in assemblies which were related to Hate Crime.

PC Tait-Logan also provided S1 with an input on Anti-Social Behaviour both in the school and in the local community. This is just a sample of the inputs our SLO's give across a broad range of subjects and ages. This area of work is in addition to a vast amount of other support mechanisms PC Tait-Logan provides to Cheviot schools.

PC Tait-Logan also had a meeting with SBC in relation to the old Jedburgh Grammer building and the ongoing issues with regards to vandalism of this property and a multi-agency approach to dealing with this.

Community Officer Advice regarding Doorstep Crime

Doorstep crime is committed against persons in their own homes by individuals or organised groups with the vulnerable and elderly particularly at risk. The impact of this type of crime has devastating effects on victims and our communities

Offenders may often appear extremely professional and have professionally presented business cards, flyers and advertising materials that are well designed and give the impression of a legitimate business.

Doorstep crimes can be divided into two main types -

Rogue traders: Individuals who carry out work, often unnecessarily, which is of a substandard quality, charging an excessive fee. This includes individuals who obtain a deposit for material for work they do not thereafter undertake. Increasingly, rogue traders are falsely using the business names of established trusted businesses to gain trust. We do not recommend accepting work offered by cold callers – trusted trade businesses will rarely cold call (as they usually have surplus requests for their work).

Bogus callers: Individuals who purport to be from a utility company, such as, Water, Gas or Electricity companies etc. or use any other false story, designed to gain access to the property and distract the victim in order to steal from within. Also individuals who purport to be employed as a recognised professional, such as a Social Worker, Nurse, Doctor or Police Officer etc. to gain access to the property for other gain. Often referred to as distraction thefts.

If you think someone is a doorstep criminal -

Keep the caller out of your house. Ask them to leave and call the police immediately on 101. You might also want to try to alert a family member or attract a neighbour's attention. You should always contact the police first by dialling 101. The police would much rather attend a false alarm than have someone fall victim to a doorstep criminal. If the person refuses to leave your door, or you feel threatened or scared - call 999 and ask for the police. Note down their description and the description of any vehicle they're using, including make, model, colour and registration number.

Further information can be found at Doorstep crime and bogus callers - Police Scotland

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 twice per year at Scottish Borders Council.

Item No. 5 a - Scottish Borders Scrutiny Q2 2024.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 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 March 2025 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 201 mental health related calls, around 23 missing person enquiries and approximately 89 domestic related incidents.

Jedburgh & District had 11 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 19/03/2025 report of male assaulted by known male in Ancrum. Enquiries ongoing.

Anti-Social Behaviour

On 13/03/2025 report of youths playing loud music at skate park. No trace and no further complaints made.

On 21/03/2025 report of intoxicated male lying outside shop. Morrisons Daily, Jedburgh. Male taken home by Police.

On 30/03/2025 report of youths firing a BB gun at callers home. Howdenburn Court, Jedburgh. Enquiries ongoing.

Vandalism

On 16/03/2025 report of people within old Jedburgh Grammar School causing damage. No person present on Police arrival. Janitor will resecure the building. Enquiries complete.

On 23/03/2025 report of empty shop door being damaged. Techstar, Jedburgh. Enquiries complete.

On 30/03/2025 report of car vandalised. Castlegate, Jedburgh. Enquiries ongoing.

Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Theft

On 01/03/2025 report of male shoplifting. Co-op, Jedburgh. Enquiry ongoing.

On 13/03/2025 report of theft of alcohol. Co-op, Jedburgh. Enquiry ongoing.

On 16/03/2025 report of a couple shoplifting food and alcohol worth £1050. Co-op, Jedburgh. Enquiry ongoing.

On 20/03/2025 report of theft of ancient Joub from Oxnam Parish Church wall. Enquiries ongoing.

Improving Road Safety

On 05/03/2025 – a driver was issued a fine and penalty points for tyre – grooves less than 1.6mm (cars/light goods) in Jedburgh

On 06/03/2025 – a driver was issued a fine for driving with no MOT in Maxton

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On 19/03/2025 – a driver was issued a fine and penalty points for careless/inconsiderate driving in Bonjedward.

Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

Serious and organised crime enforcement – March 2025

The Scottish Borders CID Proactive Unit executed 7 Drug Warrant during the month of March which resulted in the seizures of Class A, B and C controlled drugs. Six persons were reported for drug related offences during the month. The majority of these incidents were within Galashiels, Hawick and Kelso.

Several other searches and disused building checks were conducted over the month, in relation to industrial sized cultivations which have been evident within the local communities of the Scottish Borders over the last two years.

These were all found to be in order however we would like to reinforce the message that assistance from members of the public seeing any unusual activity at such premises should be reported to the Police, anonymously if need be.

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

The Scottish Partnership Against Rural Crime (SPARC) has identified the worrying of livestock as one of the key issues impacting on rural/agricultural communities in Scotland.
All livestock are valuable assets and any harm to them impacts an owner/farmer's livelihood.
It is every dog's instinct to chase, even if they are usually obedient and good with other animals. Consequently, all dogs should be kept under proper control by the owners/handlers whether they are in an urban or rural area.
In respect of Livestock Worrying, the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953 has been updated from November 2021 to the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (Amendment) (Scotland) Act 2021 and features several key changes:

- Renaming of offence
- Widens categories of livestock
- Increased Penalties
- Additional Police Powers

All of which it is hoped will bring the legislation in line with modern farming practices, act as a clear deterrent. and provide further support to livestock owners.

Chasing by dogs can do serious damage to livestock, even if the dog doesn't catch them. The stress of chasing/attacking/worrying by dogs can cause animals to die and pregnant stock to miscarry.
Livestock fleeing from dogs are often killed or seriously injured by their panicked attempts to escape, often causing significant collateral damage to fences and field boundaries in the process.
Dogs chasing ewes and lambs can cause them to separate with lambs dying from starvation or hypothermia if they fail to find the mothering ewe again.

CAT Update

ROAD SAFETY & PARKING TICKETS –

Officers have been carrying out high visibility enforcement across the Borders and addressing parking concerns there. Extra attention was given to Kelso Square following complaints.

On the 6th of March SBCAT officers were on mobile patrol in Galashiels when they stopped a vehicle. Within they found 4 males and an overwhelming smell of cannabis. All 4 were detained, searched and they were each found to be in possession of a personal amount of cannabis. The driver also failed the road drugs test and was arrested. All 4 were charged with possession and samples from the driver were sent for analysis. He will likely be reported for drug driving once the analysis is complete.

A few days later there was a call to Galashiels regarding a group of male youths smoking cannabis on a park bench. SBCAT officers attended and found the same youths from the incident on the 6th of March. They were all searched for controlled drugs and more cannabis was recovered.

On the 19th of March SBCAT officers spent a shift doing a dedicated patrol of rural Peebleshire with extra attention being given to West Linton following concerns about parking at the primary school and speeding vehicles.

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

Quad bike patrols have been completed on the Selkirk side of the 3 Brethren following complaints of off-road bikes in the area and in Bannerfield. With officers engaging with local farmers when possible. Similar rural patrols have been completed at Monynut.

On the 29th of March a male was assaulted in Selkirk after trying to stop 3 males who were stealing scrap metal from his garden. SBCAT and Response officers attended at the scene and attempted to find the males who had made off in a vehicle. Initially there was no trace but there was a subsequent report of a vehicle crashing near Midlem. Officers attended and found the 3 males nearby in possession of the property stolen from Selkirk. All 3 were arrested and later charged with theft, with the driver also charged with drink driving and other traffic offences.

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.

During the evening of 19th of March SBCAT officers were conducting a foot patrol of Burnfoot. This was following a small fireraising that had occurred a few days prior. They were informed by a member of staff that youths had started another small fire against the wall of the school. Together they viewed the CCTV and were able to identify the youths.

Following several youths calls to Fairhurst drive in Hawick windows CAT officers conducted extra patrols and enquiries. CCTV was obtained from the Burnfoot Morrisons showing a group of female youths stealing eggs minutes before eggs were thrown at windows in Fairhurst Drive. A 4 youths were subsequently identified.

PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE –

The SBCAT had no involvement with domestic enquiries during March

TACKLING SERIOUS AND ORGANISED CRIME –

In early March the SBCAT executed a search warrant in Selkirk. About £800 of cannabis was recovered along with small amounts of other controlled drugs. A male was arrested and later charged with supplying controlled drugs.

In late March a female wanted for supplying controlled drugs in the Borders was stopped by police trying to leave the country at Manchester Airport. SCBAT officers subsequently attended at Manchester, arrested and interviewed her.

On the 24th of March SBCAT assisted with the execution of a MDA warrant in Kelso. No drugs were found but SBCAT officers found a significant amount of unexplained cash within the property which was seized for further enquiry.

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.