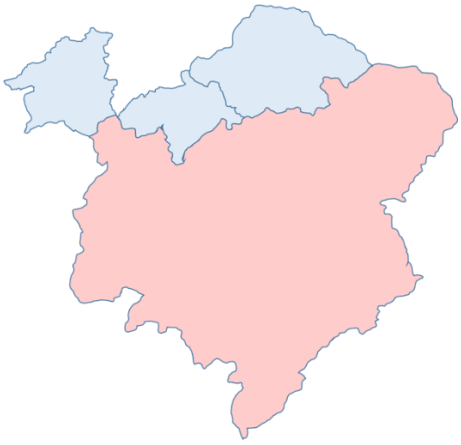
# Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

## Jedburgh and District Community Councils
## Multi Member Ward Report for May 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

In May School Link Officers - PC's Tait-Logan, Harper, Cameron and Trochimiak attended the Border Union Schools Countryside Day at Springwood Park in Kelso. They were joined by CAT officer PC Francois and Sgt Granger.

With P5's attending from across the Scottish Borders, this provided a great opportunity for the Community Policing Team to engage with children from all schools. PC Tait-Logan organised for children to take part in fingerprinting, and they were given the chance to try out some of our police equipment.

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 May 2024 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 236 mental health related calls, around 20 missing person enquiries and approximately 100 domestic related incidents.*

*Jedburgh & District had 13 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

**Anti-Social Behaviour**

On 01/05/2024 report of male being threatening towards staff at Spreadeagle Hotel, Jedburgh. Complainer did not wish to make a statement to police, advice given.

On 11/05/2024 report of a group of males fighting in the street. High Street, Jedburgh. Not ongoing on Police arrival.

On 14/05/2024 report of a group of boys in an old building, Newcastle Road, Jedburgh. No youths present on Police arrival.

On 30/05/2024 report of youths causing a disturbance at Prior Court, Jedburgh. Police gave advice to the caller and will give the address passing attention.

**Vandalism**

On 21/05/2024 report of building site vandalised by youths. Galahill, Jedburgh. Enquiries ongoing.

On 23/05/2024 report of door lock being silicone. Castlegate, Jedburgh. Enquiries ongoing.

On 26/05/2024 report of youths vandalising garages. Howden Road, Jedburgh. No criminality established.

## Reducing Acquisitive Crime

**Theft**

On 18/05/2024 report of male robbed of his mobile phone by two males at Jedburgh Rugby Club. Enquiries ongoing.

On 27/05/2024 report of theft of fuel. Shell Garage, Jedburgh. Enquiries ongoing.

## Improving Road Safety

On 10/05/2024 – a driver was issued a fine and penalty points for careless/inconsiderate driving in Bonjedward

On 24/05/2024 – a driver was issued a fine for driving with no MOT in Jedburgh

On 28/05/2024 - a driver was issued a fine and penalty points for not obeying red traffic lights in St. Boswells

On 30/05/2024 – a driver was issued a fine for driving with no MOT in Jedburgh

## Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

**Serious and organised crime enforcement – May 2024**

The Scottish Borders CID Proactive Unit executed 4 Drug Warrants across the command area during May. This included 2 large Cannabis Cultivations, a quantity of Class A drugs and cash being seized. 4 persons were arrested and charged with drug offences in regard to these warrants.

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

**Motorcycle Safety**

Our annual motorcycle safety campaign urges drivers to look out for motorcyclists as riders take to the road this summer. In 2023/24, there were 151 road deaths and 27 were motorcyclists. Motorcyclists make up around one per cent of all road users yet account for 14 per cent of deaths.

Engagement and enforcement activity will take place throughout the spring and summer months using both marked and unmarked police vehicles. Police Scotland officers, including those from the national motorcycle unit, will be carrying out intelligence led patrols to engage with all drivers and riders.

**Rural Crime**

We continue to provide security, crime prevention and livestock worrying advice to farmers and rural business. This can be requested by Farmers / Rural businesses using the Contact Us Form on the Police Scotland Website.

**Special Constables – Recruiting**

With a long and impressive history, the Special Constabulary is a part-time, volunteer body consisting of voluntary officers with identical powers to that of police officers. As a special constable, you'll work alongside our police officers in your spare time – forging strong partnerships in the community, patrolling our streets, preventing crime, and interacting with all kinds of people to give back, keep your local community safe and make a real difference.
You can work full time and be a Special Constable in just 96 hours per year or a few hours a week. The role is diverse, demanding, and rewarding. You could be doing anything from policing a football match to assisting at a road accident. Special constables also police major sporting and public events and provide an excellent bridge between the Police Service and the public, representing both the community within the police service and the police service within local communities.
Special Constables can act as a positive force for change - bringing with them an extensive pool of skills, talents, experience, local knowledge, and diverse backgrounds - as well as enhancing the overall level of service provided by the police. So, whatever your walk of life, step forward now and find out how being a police volunteer could be the perfect fit to suit your lifestyle.

Police Scotland Special Constable Recruitment - Police Scotland

## CAT Update:

**ROAD SAFETY** – SBCAT have continued carrying out road checks in numerous locations in the Scottish Borders and have issued 9 traffic tickets for various offences throughout the month.

Numerous hi- vis speed and static road checks along with foot patrols have been carried out at schools throughout the Scottish Borders at dropping off and picking up times, including primary schools in Stow, Selkirk and Earlston

On 1st May SBCAT with took park in Operation Checkpoint on the A7 and the A1. This was in partnerships with Police in the North of England doing similar checks. The SBCAT issued 6 traffic tickets and give 8 warnings for speeding and vehicle condition.

On 18th May, during checks of young drivers under Tesco's in Galashiels one was found to not have vehicle insurance and was charged and reported. Another was searched and found to be in possession of cannabis.

**PARKING TICKETS** – Officers have been carrying out high visibility across the Borders and addressing parking concerns there. Advice has been given to drivers and 24 tickets have been issued. Passing attention was given to The War Memorial in Coldstream, Galashiels Town Centre and Bridge Street in Kelso were also regularly checked by officers along with Duns Industrial Estate (no issues)

**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. 13 static checks were carried out throughout the Scottish Borders this month along with numerous hi-visibility patrols of rural areas. At Monynut vehicle patrols were completed on weekends 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. 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. Following previous issues at the abandoned Teviot Windows building in Hawick, the SBCAT got the building resecured. The building remains secure and youths are no longer congregating there. 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. Lots of youth engagement but no real issues identified.

No youth warning letters were issued during the month of May in relation to youths.

**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 9 people were arrested on warrant.

**DRUG ENFORCEMENT** – SBCAT officers have taken part in 2 drugs search warrants in the Scottish Borders.

On 23rd May SBCAT and the Proactive Crime Team executed a search warrant together in Stow. A small amount of cannabis was recovered.

On 27th May the SBCAT lead a drugs search in Hawick with assistance from public order and a dog handler. A personal amount of cannabis and some tablets were recovered.

**OTHER ISSUES OF NOTE-**

On 20th May the SBCAT was reduced to a Sergeant and 6 Constables. With PS Hope at Selkirk and Officers based in pairs at Galashiels, Hawick and Duns.

## 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.