

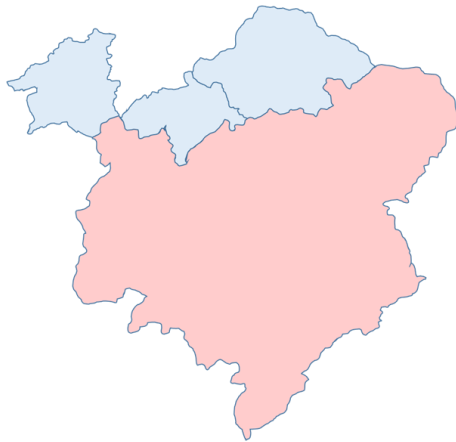
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Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Kelso and District Community Councils
Multi Member Ward Report 24th December – 31st January 2023



The information provided within this report, is predominately based on the Kelso 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 - Kelso & District

Problem parking has continued to be an issue in various town across the borders with specific issues continuing in Kelso. A number of patrols have been made by the Scottish Borders Community Policing Team and the Community Action Team throughout January, resulting in 14 parking tickets being issued in Kelso and numerous warnings. 100 letters went out to various business premises on 31/01/2023 reminding them of the 2 hour parking limit on town centre spaces to encourage members of staff to park elsewhere.

A Mobile CCTV camera has been placed overlooking Shedden Park Play area due to reports of damage to play equipment in recent months.

Kelso front counter cover has been sparse recently due to training and staff absence. This has now been rectified with the return of Kelso's Station assistant.

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, 14/12/2022 09:30 \(modern.gov.co.uk\)](#)

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 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 January 2023 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 160 mental health related calls, around 26 missing person enquiries and approximately 110 domestic related incidents.

Kelso & District had 27 mental health related calls and 3 missing person enquiry. 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 ASB

Assault



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On 07/01/2023, report of assault in Roxburgh Street, Kelso. Male arrested, charged and report submitted.

Anti-Social Behaviour

On 02/01/2023 report of a disturbance in Roxburgh Street, Kelso involving a male throwing a bottle at a vehicle, and smashing a rear window of vehicle. Male charged with vandalism to a motor vehicle.

On 06/01/2023 report of a female being verbally abused in the car park area of Lidl Supermarket, Kelso. Enquiries ongoing.

On 08/01/2023 report of youths fighting in Kelso town centre. Officers attended and carried out mobile patrols, however no persons matching description of youths seen in area.

On 10/01/2023 report of a disturbance within the Royal Bank of Scotland, The Square, Kelso. Officers attended and a male was thereafter given a Recorded Police Warning.

On 15/01/2023 report of a disturbance outside a property at Rennie Court, Kelso. Officers attended, male locked out of his flat. No crimes established and no further police action.

On 20/01/2023 report of a disturbance outside a property at Rennie Court, Kelso. Officers attended and no crimes established.

On 30/01/2023 report of disturbance in Farrier Court, Kelso. Enquiries ongoing.

Vandalism

On 13/01/2023 report of damage to a trampoline within Shedden Park, Kelso. Officers attended and have taken a crime report for vandalism.

Reducing acquisitive crime

Theft

On 04/01/2023 report of theft of items from Superdrug Store, Roxburgh Street, Kelso. Enquiries ongoing.

On 08/01/2023 report of theft from Co-op Store, Roxburgh Street, Kelso. Male charged with theft shoplifting.

On 13/01/2023 report of theft from Pinnaclehill Industrial Estate, Kelso. Enquiries ongoing.

On 17/01/2023 report of theft from The Linn, Kelso. Enquiries ongoing.

On 19/01/2023 report of theft from Sainsburys, Pinnaclehill Industrial Estate, Kelso by three males. Enquiries ongoing.

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On 21/01/2023 report of theft from Deanfield Court, Town Yetholm, Kelso. Enquiries ongoing.

On 25/01/2023 report of a theft of quad bike from a locked feed store at Cherrytrees Farm, Yetholm. Enquiries ongoing.

Theft Housebreaking

On 21/01/2023 report of an attempt theft to a property in Riverside View, Kelso. Entry was not gained and no items have been stolen, however, extensive damage to rear door locks.



Improving road safety

On 06/01/2023 a driver was issued a fine for driving with no MOT in Kelso.

On 12/01/2023 a driver was issued a fine for driving with no MOT in Kelso.

Killed or Seriously Injured

No accidents where persons were killed or seriously injured.



Tackling serious and organised crime

Please see CAT update

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](#)

High Value Bike Thefts from Vehicles

Following a spate of bike thefts from visitors vehicles in the Peebles area, work is ongoing to place warning signage at hotspot areas in Peebles, Innerleithen and Glentress. Prevention advice leaflets are also to be distributed to local businesses such as cafes, hotels etc.

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 \(iammescotland.co.uk\)](#)

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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

- A new Zone has been set up in Eddleston covering 120 Houses – Road signs and house-packs have been provided.
- Implementation work is ongoing with Bowden and Newtown St Boswells community councils for zones in these areas.
- 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

- Scottish Borders Partnership against Rural Crime (SBPARC) exhibited at the Border Union Show highlighting the latest rural crime prevention advice. The partnership continues to meet regularly to address local priority rural crime throughout the year.

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:

ROAD SAFETY – SBCAT have continued with their winter safety campaign through January, carrying out road checks in various places in the Borders. SBCAT have issued 5 traffic tickets throughout the month. One person was also reported for driving with no insurance or mot and their partner with causing and permitting them to drive the car. Boy Racer problems were also addressed in Galashiels, with one male being given a fixed penalty ticket for careless driving.

PARKING TICKETS – SBCAT have been carrying out high visibility patrols in Peebles, Kelso, Selkirk and Hawick, and addressing parking concerns there. 39 parking tickets were issued in January.

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. 65 static checks were carried out throughout the Scottish Borders in January. SBCAT officers are also following up positive lines of enquiry into the theft of a vehicle from Blythe Bridge.

DRUG ENFORCEMENT – 6 drug search warrants were carried out in January in Galashiels and Kelso, with 4 of them providing positive results.

PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE – Part of the SBCAT role is to trace persons wanted on warrant. In January SBCAT traced and arrested one male who had been wanted for some time. We are also proactive in enforcing persons released on bail curfews, with 20 bail curfew checks carried out in January. SBCAT have also assisted with searching for missing persons in January.

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – High visibility patrols have continued in Burnfoot Industrial Estate, Peebles, and at the Galashiels Interchange to address concerns at these locations. Two youths were issued warning letters for throwing snowballs at members of the public at the Interchange.

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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:

KelsoDistrict@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.

