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Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Kelso and District Community Councils
Multi Member Ward Report (up to 28/02)



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

February was an extremely busy month for officers in the Scottish Borders with several serious incidents resulting in increased demand for officers from across the sub division.

Due to this, local officers PC's Paul Owenson and Kirsty Chisholm were abstracted to other areas, as well as response policing in their own area for a large proportion of the month. CAT officers have been covering community issues and their update is below.

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

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 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 February 2023 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 139 mental health related calls, around 26 missing person enquiries and approximately 78 domestic related incidents.

Kelso & District had 18 mental health related calls and 4 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

On 06/02/2023 report of assault from a male outside Sainsbury's, Pinnaclehill Industrial Estate, Kelso. Enquiries ongoing.

On 11/02/2023 report of an assault occurring in Farriers Court, Kelso. Officers attended and arrested a male for assault and threatening and abusive behaviour. Male was held in custody for court the following day.

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On 28/02/2023 report of a male being assaulted in Crawford Street, Kelso. Enquiries ongoing.

Anti-Social Behaviour

On 11/02/2022 report of a disturbance at a property in Maxmill Park, Kelso. Officers attended and no disturbance evident, no evidence of a crime.

On 21/02/2023 report of a male causing a disturbance in Horesemarket, Kelso. Enquiries ongoing.

On 22/02/2023 report of a disturbance within a property in Roxburgh Street, Kelso. Officers attended and no disturbance, males within were intoxicated and speaking loudly.

On 22/02/2023 report of a disturbance within Grove House, Edenside Road, Kelso. Officers attended and no crimes identified, all parties given appropriate advice.

On 24/02/2023 report of a disturbance within a property in Inchmyre, Kelso. Officers attended and no crimes detected.

Vandalism

On 14/02/2023 report of vandalism to a shop window in Bridge Street, Kelso, whereby a window was smashed by a stone by unknown person. Enquiries ongoing.

On 21/02/2023 report of a vehicle being damaged, whilst parked in Inch Road, Kelso. Enquiries ongoing.

Reducing acquisitive crime

Theft

On 12/02/2023 report of theft of numbers plates from two vehicles parked in Inchmead Crescent, Kelso. A crime report has been submitted, and enquiries are ongoing.

On 12/02/2023 report of theft of consumable items from Sainsburys, Pinnaclehill Industrial Estate, Kelso. Enquiries ongoing.

On 13/02/2023 report of theft of consumable items from the Co-op Store, High Croft, Kelso. Enquiries ongoing.

On 16/02/2023 report of a wire snare being stolen from Courthill Farm, Kelso. Enquiries ongoing.

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On 21/02/2023 report of theft of two geese from outside a property at Makerstoun, Kelso. Enquiries ongoing.

On 27/02/2023 report of theft of medication from Queens House Nursing Home, Angraflat Road, Kelso. Enquiries ongoing.

Theft Housebreaking



Improving road safety

Road Traffic Policing department have carried out several speed checks in the Kelso area, including outside Edenside primary school with several motorists stopped and spoken to. We are aware of issues regarding parking at Broomlands Primary and Ednam Primary and local officers will be giving these areas attention over the coming weeks

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

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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 issued 9 traffic tickets throughout the month, with two people being reported to the Procurator Fiscal for a number of offences including no MOT & insurance. We continue to carry out static checks to prevent and detect traffic offences. Speed Gun checks are being carried out outside schools and where there is a recognised casualty profile, and we are liaising with partners with a view to implementing a community speedwatch scheme in the future.

PARKING TICKETS – SBCAT issued 22 parking tickets in February.

RURAL ACQUISITIVE CRIME – Static road checks also help deter and detect rural acquisitive crime. 78 static checks were carried out throughout the Scottish Borders in February. We are also continuing to develop our relationship with neighbouring forces to address cross border crime and travelling criminals.

DRUG ENFORCEMENT – 4 drug search warrants were carried out in January in Hawick and Kelso, with 3 of them providing positive results. Personal amounts of drugs were seized.

PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE – Part of the SBCAT role is to trace persons wanted on warrant. In February SBCAT traced and arrested five persons who were wanted on warrant. We were also involved in the recent child abduction in Galashiels, initially assisting with the search and thereafter with the enquiry and public reassurance.

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – High visibility patrols and engagement with youths continue in Burnfoot Industrial Estate. We have also been liaising with partners to address ongoing youth issues reported at the Galashiels 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.



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