

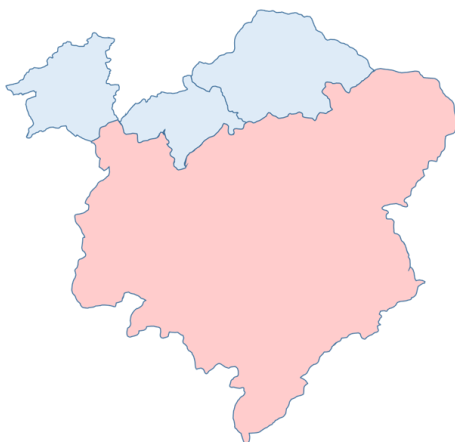
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Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Kelso and District Community Councils
Multi Member Ward Report (up to 31/03)



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 – PS G

Concerns regarding rural crime have been raised in recent months including quad thefts and sheep worrying. Quads were stolen from a farm near to Kelso on 09/03/23, however one was recovered after a suspicious vehicle was seen by an off duty officer - after a pursuit in Midlothian one male was arrested and charged.

A quad stolen from a farm near to West Linton on 02/04/2023 was fitted with a tracker. This resulted in officers being able to trace and recover the vehicle demonstrating these measures are effective. Our advice is to consider multiple levels of security to DETER, DELAY and DETECT

DETER – Security Markings and Signage, CCTV and Signage, Security Lighting

DELAY – Locked Gates, Secured Sheds/Buildings, Park vehicle in front of secured doors, **don't leave keys in or near Quad Bikes**

DETECT – Fit Shed and Building Alarms, Install CCTV, Install Vehicle Trackers

Always contact Police Scotland immediately if you see any suspicious activity on or near your property.

With regards to sheep worrying there was a devastating incident on Howden Farm near Jedburgh between 7th- 8th March 2023, where 8 lambs were found dead and a further 5 had to be put down, alongside a ewe. Enquiries are ongoing and any information can be passed to police quoting incident no 0923 of the 8th March.

Our advice to dog walkers is always to ensure they have their dogs under close control and prevent their dogs from entering and land or fields where livestock is grazing. Dog owners could face prosecution under The Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (Amendment) (Scotland) Act 2021 if their dogs attack livestock. If owners cannot guarantee control of their dogs, they must use a lead. Lambing season is well underway and livestock worrying and attacks result in injury, miscarriage and death.

Recent posts on local Community Council Facebook pages highlighting dog owner's responsibilities are much appreciated - education of dog owners is key to tackling this issue.

School Link Officer PC Carin Tait-Logan has been as busy as ever in schools across the Jedburgh & Kelso areas, her continued work and support to local youngsters and school staff is invaluable and we are extremely grateful for her dedication, regularly going above and beyond.

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PC Tait Logan with Jedburgh Grammar P1's supporting their current subject of 'People Who Help Us'

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 March 2023 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 141 mental health related calls, around 31 missing person enquiries and approximately 98 domestic related incidents.

Kelso & District had 12 mental health related calls and 3 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 ASB

Assault

On 01/03/2023 a female reports being assaulted near to Jedburgh Road, Kelso. Enquiries ongoing.

On 10/03/2023 report of a disturbance in Oakfield Court, Kelso. Male was issued with a Recorded Police Warning.

On 23/03/2023 report of a disturbance within at The Linn, Kelso. Female issued with a recorded police warning.

On 27/03/2023 report of an assault in Oakfield Court, Kelso. Male arrested and charged, paperwork submitted.

Anti-Social Behaviour

On 03/03/2023 report of a disturbance in Orchard Park, Kelso whereby people were outside fighting and shouting. No complaints being made.

On 04/03/2023 report of a disturbance within the stairwell of flats at Inchmyre, Kelso by an intoxicated male. Officers attended and male was issued with a Recorded Police Warning.

On 24/03/2023 report of a disturbance at Bowmont Street, Kelso. Officers attended and established matter was a civil no criminality

Vandalism

On 06/03/2023 report of damage to a motor vehicle whilst parked in the car park at Roxburghe Hotel, Kelso. Enquiries ongoing.

On 18/03/2023 report of damage to a motor vehicle parked in Rose Lane, Kelso, whereby front and rear number plates have been removed. Enquiries ongoing.

On 18/03/2023 report of a window being smashed at Border Ice Rinks, Golf Course Road, Kelso. Enquiries ongoing.

On 23/03/2023 report of damage to a door of a business premises in Horsemarket, Kelso. Enquiries ongoing.

On 29/03/2023 report of damage to a communal stairway door at Jamiesons Court, Kelso. Enquiries ongoing.

Reducing acquisitive crime

Theft

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On 01/03/2023 report of theft of consumables from The Co-op, High Croft, Kelso. Enquiries ongoing.

On 01/03/2023 report of coping stones stolen from a wall near the Springwood Estate, Kelso. Enquiries ongoing.

On 05/03/2023 report of theft of alcohol from The Co-op, High Croft, Kelso by a known male. Enquiries ongoing.

On 09/03/2023 report of theft of consumable from The Co-op, High Croft, Kelso. Enquiries ongoing.

On 09/03/2023 report of theft of two quads from Mainside, Hownam. One quad later traced and returned to owner. One male charged after pursuit in Midlothian. Report submitted.

On 15/03/2023 report of theft of fuel from Maxwell Motors Filling Station, Maxwellheugh, Kelso. Enquiries ongoing.

On 28/03/2023 report of theft of consumables from The Co-op, High Croft, Kelso. Enquiries ongoing.



Improving road safety

On 05/03 a driver was issued a fine and penalty points for careless/inconsiderate driving in Kelso.

On 30/03/2023 on a driver was issued a fine for driving with no MOT in Kelso.

On 27/03/2023 Roads policing officers carried out a speed check on Shedden Park Road where three vehicles were stopped and warned about their speed.

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

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

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 carried out 28 static checks in the Scottish Borders in March, to address both reported traffic problems and deter travelling criminals. 10 persons were either given a fixed penalty ticket or reported to the procurator fiscal for offences including driving without a license, no mot and no insurance. We also assisted with the serious road accident on the Melrose Bypass. Speeding issues were also addressed in smaller villages such as Skirling and Birgham, with the speed gun being used and advice given to motorists exceeding the limit.

PARKING TICKETS – SBCAT issued 9 parking tickets in Galashiels, Kelso, Peebles and Duns.

RURAL / WILDLIFE CRIME – Operation Checkpoint was conducted on 15th & 16th March, where SBCAT joined forces with 9 other English and Scottish police forces to carry out static and mobile patrols through the night, to deter and detect acquisitive crime. One person was issued a ticket for no MOT and another found in possession of cannabis. 4 SBCAT officers were also trained as Wildlife Crime Champions in March, increasing their knowledge in this area.

DRUG ENFORCEMENT – SBCAT executed 6 Misuse of Drugs Warrants in the Scottish Borders in March, 3 having positive results. A total of seven stop and searches were carried out with two

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positive results, both for personal amounts of cannabis. SBCAT also assisted local CID with searches in relation to a serious assault.

PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE – In March SBCAT traced and arrested three persons wanted on warrant. We also traced a misper and attended at a domestic breach of bail, where two persons were arrested.

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – High visibility patrols have continued in Burnfoot Industrial Estate and at the Galashiels Interchange to address concerns at these locations. In Peebles we are working with Community Officers and local partners to address youth issues. We also carry out regular Licensed Premises checks and are progressing enquiries in relation to the theft of alcohol by children in Newtown St Boswells.

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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