

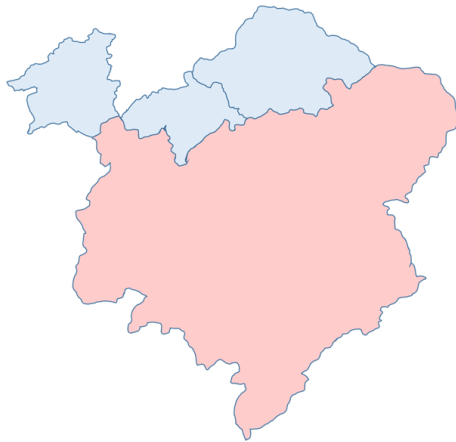
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Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Kelso and District Community Councils
Multi Member Ward Report for April 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

Many of you will be aware of changes to the structure of community policing in the Scottish Borders. A briefing was held for elected members last week regarding this and further information will be made available in the coming weeks from J Division Command Team which I will share with you all when I have it.

Events season is now upon us with work going on behind the scenes in preparation for many of the events. In the 4 months from May-August 2022, the Scottish Borders held 180 events, 136 of which were resourced by police officers to varying degrees. There are additional events scheduled for this year. This area of work represents a large proportion of community policing duties. We appreciate your understanding regarding officer's ability to carry out other community duties throughout this time due to the levels of abstraction, not just for events themselves, but the planning which goes into them.

Between 30th April and 1st May 2023 9 lambs in a field in the area of Sharplaw, Jedburgh were attacked resulting in their death. We are waiting for the results of post mortem but vets indicate this is likely to be a dog attack. This was a horrific incident and demonstrates the devastating impact on livestock. I will update the next report with finding of the post mortem, however in the meantime encourage continued messaging to dog walkers regarding proper control of their animals

Advice to dog walkers - always ensure you have your dogs under close control and prevent your dogs from entering land or fields where livestock is grazing. If owners cannot guarantee control of their dogs, they must use a lead. Education of dog owners is key to tackling this issue.

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.

[Item No. 5 a - Police Scotland Report.pdf \(modern.gov.co.uk\)](#)

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 April 2023 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 153 mental health related calls, around 32 missing person enquiries and approximately 80 domestic related incidents.

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Kelso & District had 21 mental health related calls and 2 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 08/04/2023 report of two males having been assaulted in Crawford Street, Kelso. Officers attended, one male was charged with minor assault.

On 14/04/2023 report of a male from Farrier Court, Kelso being assaulted by a male. Officers attended and a male has been issued with a Recorded Police Warning for assault.

On 16/04/2023 report of a disturbance in Jamiesons Court, Kelso. Officers attended and a male has been charged with assault.

On 20/04/2023 report of a disturbance in Jamiesons Court, Kelso (not linked to the above incident) Officers attended and a male has been charged with assault.

Anti-Social Behaviour

On 07/04/2023 report of a disturbance in Crawford Street, Kelso involving an intoxicated male. Officers attended, male continued to be uncooperative and unruly, resulting in the male being arrested.

On 08/04/2023 report of a disturbance involving several youths in Shedden Park Road, Kelso. Officers attended and one of the youths was issued with a fixed penalty notice for a breach of the peace.

On 09/04/2023 report of a disturbance within Roger Fish Gardens, Kelso. Officers attended and a male was charged with assault and threatening and abusive behaviour.

On 12/04/2023 report of a female from Springwood Rise, Kelso being verbally abused by a male. Enquiries ongoing.

On 14/04/2023 report of a disturbance outside the Cross Keys, The Square, Kelso involving an aggressive male. Officers attended, however, male had left the scene and no complaints were made.

On 22/04/2023 report of an abusive customer within Sparkle Hardware, The Square, Kelso. Enquiries ongoing.

On 24/04/2023 report of youths causing a disturbance in Inchmyre, Kelso. Officers attended and no trace of youths, no further complaints made.

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On 28/04/2023 report of a disturbance outside a property in Roxburgh Street, Kelso. Officers attended and enquiries are ongoing

On 29/04/2023 report of a disturbance at Kelso Rugby Club, Poynder Place, Kelso involving an intoxicated male. No complaints being made by either party.

Vandalism

On 04/04/2023 report of damage to windows at Trinity Church, Bowmont Street, Kelso. Officers attended and no further damage detected to derelict building.

On 10/04/2023 report of damage to a motor vehicle whilst parked in Inch Road, Kelso. Enquiries ongoing.

On 11/04/2023 report of damage to a motor vehicle whilst parked in The Square, Kelso. Enquiries ongoing.

On 11/04/2023 report of damage to a house window of a property in Jedburgh Road, Kelso. Enquiries ongoing.

On 25/04/2023 report of damage to a vehicle in Orchard Park, Kelso. Enquiries ongoing.

On 30/04/2023 report of damage to a derelict property in Roxburgh Street, Kelso. Enquiries ongoing.

Reducing acquisitive crime

Theft

On 03/04/2023 report of theft from The Co-op Store, High Croft, Kelso. Enquiries ongoing.

On 19/04/2023 report of theft of posters from the Poynder Place, Kelso area. Enquiries ongoing.

On 19/04/2023 report of theft of bank cards from address in Sydenham Court, Kelso. Enquiries ongoing.

On 20/04/2023 report of theft of TV from a property in Roxburgh Street, Kelso. Enquiries ongoing.

On 26/04/2023 report of theft of clothing from charity shop on Bridge Street, Kelso. Enquiries ongoing.

Theft Housebreaking

On 24/04/2023 report of a business premises in Roxburgh Street, Kelso having been entered by unknown persons. Enquiries ongoing.

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Improving road safety

On 21/04/2023 officers from the Roads Policing Team carried out a speed check on the A698 at Kelso with one driver being warned for excess speed.



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](#)

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

- 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

- We continue to work in partnership with Scottish Borders Partnership against Rural Crime (SBPARC)
- We 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 conducted 2 high profile road safety static check points on the A68 near to Lauder and Jedburgh, working in partnership with our colleagues in Roads Policing as well as the DVSA. This resulted in numerous vehicles being issued with immediate and temporary prohibition orders on the their vehicles due to various mechanical defects being identified, 1 vehicle being

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seized for having no insurance and a number of other road traffic offences being identified and dealt with either by means of fixed penalty ticket or via report to the Procurator Fiscal. Further to this, SBCAT have issued 14 traffic tickets throughout the month. Further partnership work is underway with DVSA to establish this as a more regular occurrence. Work also being undertaken with Youth Engagement Officer in Peebles to address speeding concerns at Kingsland Primary School, looking to enlist Junior Road Safety Officers to assist with speed checks to raise profile of issue.

PARKING TICKETS – SBCAT have been carrying out high visibility patrols in Peebles, Kelso, Selkirk and Hawick, and addressing parking concerns there. 27 parking tickets were issued in April targeting areas of concern raised by members.

RURAL ACQUISITIVE CRIME – 18 static checks were carried out throughout the Scottish Borders in April at all times of day to deter and detect rural acquisitive crime, leading to intelligence being gathered.

DRUG ENFORCEMENT – 4 drug search warrants were carried out in April in Galashiels, with 2 of them providing positive results. A further person has also been reported for drug possession offences after being stopped and searched by officers.

PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE – Part of the SBCAT role is to trace persons wanted on warrant. In April SBCAT traced and arrested 6 persons wanted on warrant. We were also proactive in enforcing persons released on bail curfews, with 5 bail curfew checks carried out in April. SBCAT have also assisted colleagues in Response policing with searching for High Risk missing persons in April.

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – High visibility patrols have continued in Burnfoot Industrial Estate, Peebles, Market Place, Selkirk, Newtown St. Boswells and at the Galashiels Interchange to address concerns at these locations. Hoax call stickers have been created and placed phone-boxes in the Burnfoot in an attempt to deter persons from misusing the 999 system. 3 youths have been reported for disorder offences at the fun fair in Peebles. A further 4 youths have also been reported to Youth Justice for disorder caused at the fun fair at Galashiels. 6 youths were issued warning letters for antisocial behaviour caused at the old Border College, Galashiels. Officers in Galashiels have been in dialogue with staff at Galashiels Interchange to establish better working practices for CCTV being made available for officers to assist in the identification of offenders.

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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