

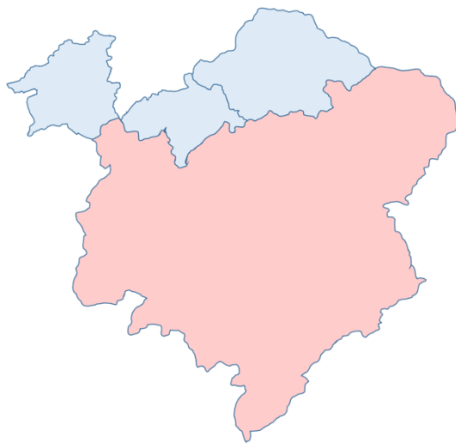
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Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Kelso and District Community Councils
Multi Member Ward Report for August 2024



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

School Link Officer, PC Tait Logan spent the start of August engaging with young people still on school holidays whilst out on patrol. Since return of the schools, she has been busy working with both staff and students and dealing with incidents reported by them within the Cheviot area.

PC Tait-Logan also investigated the vandalisms reported at Shedden Park and Inch road which took place on 3rd August. A 17 year old female was charged and reported for these offences on 16th August.

A reminder that the Your Police Survey for 2024/25 is still open, 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 twice per year at Scottish Borders Council.

[Item No. 5 a - Scottish Borders Scrutiny Oct-Mar.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 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 August 2024 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 186 mental health related calls, around 29 missing person enquiries and approximately 75 domestic related incidents.

Kelso & District had 15 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

On 14/08/2024 report of a male from Pinnaclehill Park, Kelso being assaulted. Officers attended, however, male did not wish to make any formal complaints. Ethical crime report submitted.

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On 24/08/2024 report of a female having assaulted a male in Yetholm. A female has been charged with assault.

Anti-Social Behaviour

On 04/08/2024 email report of youth disorder in Town Yetholm on 03/08/2024. Officers attended and established the full circumstances and suitable advice given to all youngsters in presence of parents, no criminality.

On 07/08/2024 report of two females causing a disturbance in Edenside Court, Kelso. No complaints made, no further police action required.

On 11/08/2024 report of a disturbance within the Waggon Inn, Coal Market, Kelso. Officers issued a recorded police warning to two females.

On 12/08/2024 report of a female at Eschie Court, Kelso making threats to a male. A female has been charged with threatening and abusive behaviour.

On 17/08/2024 report of a disturbance at a property in Jamiesons Court, Kelso. Officers attended and a male was arrested and charged with threatening and abusive behaviour and carrying a weapon.

On 19/08/2024 report of a male being subjected to verbal abuse and abusive hand gestures from another male whilst driving near to Ednam village. Enquiries ongoing.

Vandalism

On 04/08/2024 report of racist graffiti being sprayed on pavement at Shedden Park, Kelso. Officers have been sent photographs of graffiti prior to council removing it. Accused charged and reported.

On 12/08/2024 report of damage to a motor vehicle parked in Roxburgh Street, Kelso whereby the rear badge has been removed causing damage. Enquiries complete.

On 13/08/2024 report of damage to panelling at the side of Sainsbury's Petrol Station, Pinnaclehill Industrial Estate, Kelso. Enquiries complete.

Reducing acquisitive crime

Theft

On 16/08/2024 report of a male and female shoplifting at Sainsburys, Pinnaclehill Industrial Estate, Kelso. Alcohol recovered, enquiries ongoing.

On 28/08/2024 report of theft of a puppy from outside a property at Bobby Service Road, Kelso. Enquiries ongoing.

On 29/08/2024 report of theft shoplifting from Sainsburys, Pinnaclehill Industrial Estate, Kelso. Enquiries ongoing.

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Theft Housebreaking

No reports.



Improving road safety

No reports.

Killed or Seriously Injured

No reports.



Tackling serious and organised crime

Serious and organised crime enforcement – August 2024

The Scottish Borders CID Proactive Unit executed 6 Drug Warrants across the command area during August, all were positive and 9 persons were charged with drug related offences. A number of stop and searches were also conducted in identified hotspot area where drugs misuse was prevalent across the Scottish Borders.

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

International Overdose Awareness Day



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Saturday, 31 August, is International Overdose Awareness Day. This is a global campaign that works towards preventing overdose, reducing the stigma associated with it, and providing support to the families and loved ones of overdose victims.

Police Scotland is working with substance harm reduction partners to improve our understanding of lived and living experiences, reduce the impact of stigma, and underline the importance of treating everyone affected with dignity and respect.

Metal theft

Metal theft affects all communities throughout Scotland. Metal thieves will target a wide variety of locations and premises.

Whilst the pattern of this crime type is not the same across all regions, every area will be affected in some way. Metal theft can have a serious economic impact, disrupt daily lives, lead to cancellation or delay of services, affect community wellbeing and at its most extreme, lead to a very real risk of injury or death. Any and all metal items can be stolen but the types most commonly targeted by thieves remain: Copper, Lead, Aluminium, Iron & steel, Platinum, palladium & rhodium (components of catalytic converters)

It is important that every effort is made to reduce the opportunity for criminals to steal metal. Premises will have areas of weakness that may be exploited by the thieves and Police can offer advice on how to mitigate these.

The 'target hardening' of premises can be broadly split into the following areas:

- Physical security - fences, gates, doors, entry systems etc.
- Lighting
- Alarm Systems
- CCTV
- Technology - marking/tracking products etc.
- Staff Training
- Good Housekeeping

CAT Update:

With the local festivals mostly over and the schools back we've been able to concentrate on our taskings.

ROAD SAFETY – SBCAT have continued carrying out road checks in numerous locations in the Scottish Borders and have issued 20 traffic tickets this month. On Sunday 11th of August we took part in a motorcycle safety initiative with officers from the Mid CAT and Roads Policing. This was in response to collisions whereby 3 motorcyclists lost their lives. Static road checks were completed along with officers attending at locations motorcyclists congregate. With about 120 motorcyclists being spoken to and given safety advice across the Borders by the SBCAT.

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On Friday 30th of August the Duns CAT officers were first to arrive at a high-speed vehicle crash. The driver failed the roadside breath test and is being reported for several driving offences. We've completed 8 school checks with officers either on foot or doing speed checks at the start or end of the school days.

PARKING TICKETS – Officers have been carrying out high visibility enforcement across the Borders and addressing parking concerns there. Advice has been given to drivers and 49 tickets have been issued. Passing attention was given to Galashiels, Hawick, Kelso and Duns. Parking tickets were also issued in Coldstream following complaints from the public.

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. 25 static checks were carried out throughout the Scottish Borders this month along with numerous hi-visibility patrols of rural areas.

In August a Quad bike patrol was completed in Monynut with no issues detected.

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – High visibility patrols have continued in targeted areas of the Scottish Borders to address concerns highlighted at these locations. Extra high visibility foot and mobile patrols have been taking place in Burnfoot during the afternoons and evenings. Alongside some officers in plain clothes. We've done a Crimestoppers letter drop in targeted areas. We have been engaging with local businesses and the public.

On 26th of August we attended a meeting with partners at the Burnfoot Community hub to try and find short and long term solutions to the issues in Burnfoot.

On Friday 30th August all of the SBCAT attended in Hawick for backshift patrols of Burnfoot. This also included the deployment of our quad bikes. This was well received by the Burnfoot Community and allowed officers to patrol more remote areas where offroad bikes have been seen. About 40 youths had congregated in one street and were causing concern for local residents but we were able to move them on.

The number of youth calls to Burnfoot has reduced but we will continue our extra patrols through September.

Patrols have continued in Jedburgh on Monday court days following ASB.

3 youth warning letters were issued during the month of August.

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 with 5 arrested this month for a non-domestic offences. The SBCAT has also assisted with high-risk domestic enquiry packs spending 19 hours trying to trace high risk violent domestic offenders.

DRUG ENFORCEMENT – On 21st of August the SBCAT officers lead and executed a search warrant in Selkirk with assistance from specialist resources and our Proactive Crime Team. Within the property we recovered about £4000 worth of cannabis and 6000 tablets, suspected to be diazepam with a similar value. An unlicensed air weapon and 2 offensive weapons were also seized. The householder was traced within and has been charged with several offences.

2 people have been searched under the Misuse of Drugs Act with 1 of them being found in possession of a personal amount of cannabis.

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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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