

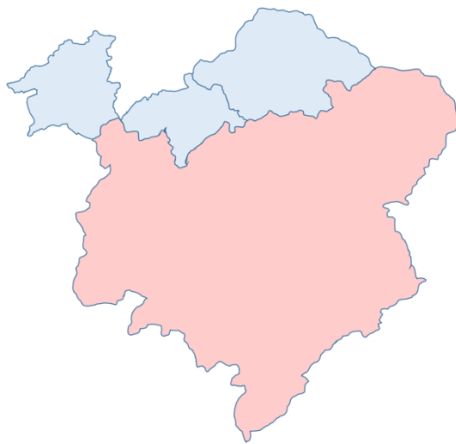
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Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Kelso and District Community Councils
Multi Member Ward Report for June 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

The beginning of June was busy with Hawick Common Riding Ceremonial events, with officers from across the Scottish Borders assisting on the main weekend. Planning is well underway for Kelso Civic Week with officers in meetings with marshals to discuss final plans and routes. PC Anderson was on duty for the Morebattle ride out which took place on the 23rd June, with sets of officers assisting riders on the roads from both the Kelso and the Jedburgh sides.

The rest of June was spent assisting other towns with their events, including those in Peebles, Melrose and Galashiels. Community officer PC Owenson has been assisting SBC Antisocial Behaviour Unit with neighbour disputes and assisting colleagues in response and CID with a number of different incidents.

PC Tait-Logan has had a busy end to the summer term, visiting Edenside Nursery to speak with them about 'People who help us' along with showing them all her Police kit and van. The British Army Regional Engagement team attended Kelso High School for day 2 of their team building, resilience and confidence building day. Broomlands and Ednam Primary junior road safety officers were taken out to use the speed gun in the local area surrounding their schools.

All P7's in the Scottish Borders were given a Bus Safety input in partnership with SBC transport department to emphasise how to use the bus and get on/off safely.

PC Tait-Logan will continue to engage with young people in the Cheviot area throughout the summer holidays.

A reminder that the Your Police Survey for 2024/25 has launched, 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 every quarter at Scottish Borders Council.

[\(Public Pack\)Item No. 5 \(a\) - Police Scotland Agenda Supplement for Police, Fire & Rescue and Safer Communities Board, 13/12/2023 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 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



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In June 2024 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 171 mental health related calls, around 40 missing person enquiries and approximately 86 domestic related incidents.

Kelso & District had 19 mental health related calls and 7 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 07/06/2024 report of a male having been assaulted at the bus station in Woodmarket, Kelso. Ethical crime report due to male unwilling to engage.

On 08/06/2024 report of a male from Woodbank Road, Yetholm, Kelso having been assaulted. A crime report has been submitted. Recorded Police Warning issued to suspect.

On 19/06/2024 report of assault at Bowmont Street, Kelso. A crime report has been submitted, and suspect reported to PF.

On 29/06/2024 report of a male from Jamiesons Court, Kelso having been assaulted and his window and door broken. Ethical report due to male being unwilling to engage.

Anti-Social Behaviour

On 14/06/2024 report of a disturbance within a property in Inchmyre, Kelso whereby a window to a close door was said to have been smashed. Officers attended, no criminality, damage had occurred some time ago.

On 14/06/2024 report of a disturbance ongoing at Hendersons Court, East Bowmont Street, Kelso. Officers attended and no disturbance, and no persons seen.

On 16/06/2024 report of a disturbance In Inchmyre, Kelso. One male was arrested charged with serious assault. Reports submitted

On 19/06/2024 report of a female from Edenside Court, Kelso being verbally abused. A crime report has been submitted for threatening and abusive behaviour.

On 24/06/2024 report of a customer entering the Royal Bank of Scotland, Kelso, and becoming threatening and abusive. Enquiries ongoing.

On 28/06/2024 report of threats of violence in Eschie Court, Kelso. Officers attended, male has been charged with threatening and abusive behaviour, reports submitted.

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On 29/06/2024 report of a disturbance in Crawford Street, Kelso. Officers attended and the person reported to have been injured refused to engage with them or ambulance staff. Enquiries ongoing.

On 29/06/2024 report of a disturbance in Inchmyre, Kelso. Officers attended and no persons in area, appears to have dispersed prior to police arrival. No complaints made at this time.

Vandalism

On 06/06/2024 report of damage caused to Purple Rain Car Wash, Abbotseat Road, Kelso. Enquiries ongoing.

On 14/06/2024 report of damage to plastic phone boxes outside Gentle Touch Dental Surgery, Corn Exchange, Woodmarket, Kelso by unknown persons. A crime report has been submitted.

On 15/06/2024 report of damage to a window of a property in Eschie Court, Kelso, which had smashed. Officers attended, crime report has been submitted for vandalism. Enquiries ongoing.

On 17/06/2024 another report of damage to plastic phone boxes outside Gentle Touch Dental Surgery, Corn Exchange, Woodmarket, Kelso. Enquiries ongoing.

On 17/06/2024 report of vandalism to a front door of a property in Inchmyre, Kelso. Enquiries ongoing.

On 18/06/2024 report of vandalism to a hanging basket outside a business premises in Woodmarket, Kelso. Enquiries ongoing.

On 19/06/2024 report of damage to a motor vehicle parked in Croft Road, Kelso whereby wing mirror has been smashed off. Crime report created and all lines of enquiry complete.

Reducing acquisitive crime

Theft

On 04/06/2024 a male from Roxburgh Street, Kelso. Enquiries ongoing.

On 07/06/2024 report theft from Sainsburys, Pinnaclehill Industrial Estate, Kelso. Enquiries ongoing.

On 08/06/2024 report of an elderly female having her handbag stolen. A male and female have been charged with theft by finding.

On 18/06/2024 report of theft from Co-op, High Croft, Kelso. Enquiries ongoing.

On 20/06/2024 report of theft shoplifting from Co-op, High Croft, Kelso. Male was traced and charged and a crime report has been submitted.

On 26/06/2024 report of a theft of badge from vehicle parked in The Butts, Kelso. Enquiries ongoing.

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Improving road safety

On 05/06/2024 a driver was issued a fine for driving without a MOT on B6461.



Tackling serious and organised crime

Serious and organised crime enforcement – June 2024

The Scottish Borders CID Proactive Unit executed 4 Drug Warrants across the command area during April, three were positive and 4 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



Pride is celebrated during June as that was the month when the Stonewall riots took place, which were important protests that took place in the US in 1969 and changed gay rights for a lot of people around the world.

Pride is about acceptance, equality and celebrating the achievements of LGBTQI+ people. It also promotes education in LGBTQI+ history and raises awareness of issues affecting the LGBTQI+ community.

Carers week

Carers Week is an annual event, which highlights the important work done by carers around the world, their often unrecognised contributions and the support available to them.

The aim of Carers Week is to raise awareness of caring, highlight the challenges unpaid carers face and recognise the contribution they make to families and communities throughout the UK. It also

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helps people who do not think of themselves as having caring responsibilities to identify as carers and access much-needed support.

Drowning Prevention Week (DPW)

DPW is one of the largest summer water safety campaigns across the UK and Ireland.

The DPW campaign will run from 15 – 22 June and is targeting families, carers, teachers and instructors of children aged five to fifteen years old with the aim of educating them about water safety.

No child should drown, and with the right water safety education – such as knowledge of the Water Safety Code – accidental drownings are preventable. Drowning Prevention Week is deliberately timed ahead of the school summer holidays when children spend more time outdoors and when vital water safety skills can help keep children safe.

Please help us to spread the word this year and encourage everyone to have the water safety conversation with children. DPW is critical in raising awareness and encouraging the public to enjoy water safely.

CAT Update:

ROAD SAFETY – SBCAT have continued carrying out road checks in numerous locations in the Scottish Borders and have issued 2 traffic tickets for various offences throughout the month.

Throughout June a total of 6 hi-vis speed checks and foot patrols were carried out at schools throughout the Scottish Borders at dropping off and picking up times. Including schools in Selkirk, Duns and Kelso.

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 16 tickets have been issued.

Passing attention was given to Galashiels, Selkirk and Hawick Town Centres and Bridge Street in Kelso were also regularly checked by officers along with other areas.

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

On Sunday 9th June the quad bikes were deployed Monymut. Several other patrols were made in a 4x4 with nothing to report.

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – High visibility patrols have continued in targeted areas of the Scottish Borders to address concerns highlighted at these locations. The SBCAT has also been heavily involved in Community events throughout the month. Much of this has involved foot patrols targeting anti-social behaviour.

On Friday 7th and Saturday 8th of June 2024, SBCAT assisted at the Hawick Mair as part of Hawick Common Riding. The Specials Initiative Team also joined them. Over the 2 days, 1 recorded police warning was issued and 4 people were escorted out of the area due to their behaviour or alcohol intake. 1 male was arrested for domestic assault and 10 fake driving licenses held by youths were also seized and destroyed. There was a significant amount of friendly engagement with the public and several minor issues resolved before they could escalate.

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On 29th June 2024 the SBCAT were tasked with patrols of Galashiels town centre for the Braw Lads Gathering. The Specials Initiative Team also joined us. During the evening several minor issues were dealt with before they could escalate. Later in the night we arrested a male and charged him with assaulting door staff.

Similar high visibility foot patrols are being completed across the Borders with a focus on, Burnfoot and Mansfield in Hawick following reports of Off-Road motorcycles being used and general ASB. When possible, foot patrols are being completed at Jedburgh Sheriff Court on court days due to previous reported issues with members of the public. Innerleithen and Peebles have also been given a lot of attention during the evenings.

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. During the past month a total of 6 people were arrested with 3 of them being wanted for domestic offences.

On 9th June SBCAT officers were on mobile patrol in Hawick when they responded to a call regarding youths stealing vapes from Morrison's. The officers attended immediately and stopped the youths at the door of the supermarket. Following a review of the CCTV one of them was reported to the social work for youth offending.

DRUG ENFORCEMENT – SBCAT officers have not taken part in any drugs search warrants in the Scottish Borders. 2 males were searched under the Misuse of Drugs Act with 1 of them being found in possession of a personal amount of cocaine

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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