

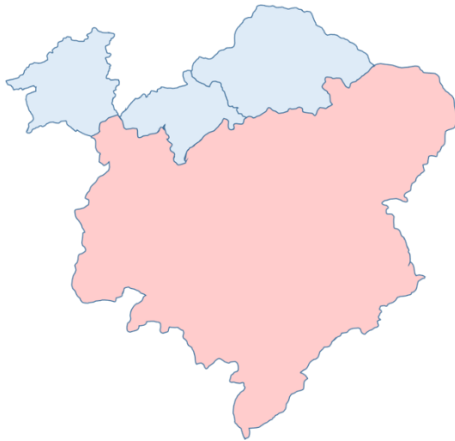
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## **Scottish Borders Area Command**

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Kelso and District Community Councils  
Multi Member Ward Report for July 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**

July was busy with officers covering events, including the general election, civic weeks and community events at Eyemouth, Duns, Jedburgh, and Kelso, St Boswells Fair and the Border Union Show. Due to the volume and size of these events, officers from throughout the Scottish Borders were required to assist at all. Considerable time was also spent planning these events to ensure the safety of all members of the public.

Kelso Civic Week went very well, with a number of very well organised community events and a great atmosphere in the town throughout. Officers always enjoy working these events which gives a great opportunity to engage with members of the community. Special mention to the hard work and organisation of the marshals, both mounted and on foot. There were a impressive amount of foot marshals willing to assist which meant that should officers have been called away, contingency plans to allow the event to continue were robust.



Kelso Square during the Sprouston Ride out

Officers also assisted at the Border Union Show, doubling up duties of providing prevention advice and awareness of rural crime on or stand, alongside assisting stewards with traffic control during busy periods. Our partners at Neighbourhood Watch and Scottish Partnership Against Rural Crime also attended to assist. Again, this was a great few days of community engagement and many thanks to the Border Union Showground for having us.

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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.

<https://scottishborders.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s75749/Item%20No.%205%20a%20-%20Scottish%20Borders%20Q4%20CI.pdf>

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 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 July 2024 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 198 mental health related calls, around 14 missing person enquiries and approximately 90 domestic related incidents.*

*Kelso & District had 25 mental health related calls and 1 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 15/07/2024 report of assault near Roxburgh, Kelso. A crime report for assault has been submitted. RPW issued.

#### Anti-Social Behaviour

On 02/07/2024 report of a male being verbally abused at Berry Moss Court, Kelso, Enquiries ongoing

On 04/07/2024 report of a female being verbally abused in, Horsemarket, Kelso. Female charged with threatening and abusive behaviour.

On 07/07/2024 report of a disturbance in Meadow Court, Kelso. Officers attended and established was a dispute. All parties spoken to and no complaints made, no further police action.

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On 21/07/2024 report of male being verbally abused in Brisbane Place, male has been traced and issued with a Recorded Police Warning for threatening and abusive behaviour.

On 22/07/2024 report of a male being intimidated in Brisbane Place. Officers attended and spoke with all parties, no criminality, no further police action.

On 23/07/2024 report of a male being verbally abusive to staff and refusing to leave Superdrug, Roxburgh Street, Kelso. No criminality established. Male warned regarding his behaviour.

On 28/07/2024 report of a disturbance in Rosewood Gardens, Kelso. Officers attended, no complaints made, no further police action.

On 28/07/2024 report of a disturbance in Ednam Road, Kelso whereby a male has been chased by three males after an altercation. A further male was assaulted. 3 males have been arrested and charged with assault and robbery, 2 of which appeared at court from custody. Reports submitted.

### Vandalism

On 09/07/2024 report of damage to a garden fence of a property in Croft Road, Kelso.

On 24/07/2024 report of vandalism to a door in Brisbane Place, Crawford Street, Kelso. A crime report has been submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

## Reducing acquisitive crime

### Theft

On 01/07/2024 report of a male attempting to steal large amount of goods from Sainsbury's, Pinnaclehill Industrial Estate, Kelso. All goods have been recovered. Enquiries ongoing

On 06/07/2024 report of theft of item from graveside at Rosebank Cemetery Lodge, Shedden Park Road, Kelso. A crime report has been submitted for theft. Enquiries ongoing.

On 12/07/2024 report of theft of consumables from Sainsbury's, Pinnaclehill Industrial Estate, Kelso. Officers contacted the complainer, and a crime report has been submitted for theft.

On 22/07/2024 report of theft of various items and ornaments from a garden in Inchmyre, Kelso. Enquiries ongoing.

On 24/07/2024 report of theft of goods from Co-operative, High Croft, Kelso. Enquiries ongoing.

### Theft Housebreaking

On 31/07/2024 report of an attempt to enter a property at Hendersyde Drive, Kelso whereby a conservatory door has been damaged, enquiries are ongoing.



Improving road safety

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On 22/06/2024 a driver was issued a fine for driving with no MOT in Kelso.

On 22/06/2024 a driver was issued a fine and penalty points for driving with no MOT in Kelso.

On 24/07/2024 a driver was issued a fine and penalty points for driving with no insurance in Sprouston.

### Killed or Seriously Injured

No reports.



## Tackling serious and organised crime

### Serious and organised crime enforcement – June 2024

The Scottish Borders CID Proactive Unit executed 2 Drug Warrants across the command area during July, all were positive. This included another large industrial scale Cannabis cultivation which had a potential street value of £190,000. Furthermore the Unit conducted 4 proactive searches resulting in 1 person being charged, £50,000 of controlled drugs and weapons being recovered.

They would also like to highlight that the local communities across the Borders may have information which they deem insignificant in relation to people being seen at disused large premises over a period of time. Any suspicious activity will be followed up by this team but it is important that the public know they can report such matters in person at any Police Station, by use of 101 or anonymously via the Crime Stoppers charity

## Campaigns



The Summer Drink and Drug Driving campaign emphasises that taking drugs or drinking alcohol and driving can vastly increase the chance of the driver being involved in a collision, which can result in life changing consequences.

This campaign targets all road users, of all ages and experiences.

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In Scotland, officers can test for drugs at the side of the road.

Drugs affect your judgement and perception, meaning you're more likely to be involved in a serious collision, which could harm yourself and others.

#DontRiskIt this summer.

### **Alcohol Awareness Week**

This campaign is managed and hosted by Alcohol Change UK. It's an opportunity for charities, local authorities, businesses, and agencies to think and talk about alcohol harm within their communities.

### **Samaritans Awareness Day – 24<sup>th</sup> July**

Samaritans Awareness Day is on 24<sup>th</sup> July (24/7) raising awareness throughout July, to let people know they Samaritans can be contacted to talk with day or night 24/7.

Every year in July, Samaritans branches in the UK and Ireland hold local events to raise awareness that Samaritans are available to listen to anyone who is struggling to cope, at any time of the day or night.

Contact – Any phone at any time - 116 123

Email – [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)

It is also possible to visit a branch or send a letter as a means of contact.

### **CAT Update:**

During July the SBCAT has been heavily involved with the election detail and local events in St Boswells, Lauder, Duns and elsewhere in the Borders.

**ROAD SAFETY** – SBCAT have continued carrying out road checks in numerous locations in the Scottish Borders and have issued 1 traffic ticket for careless driving this month.

On 31<sup>st</sup> July the SBCAT were in Lauder when there was a serious vehicle accident 1 mile North on the A68, involving a vehicle containing 3 children. The CAT attended immediately and assisted the drivers and young children who were in shock until traffic officers could attend and take over.

**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 29 tickets have been issued.

Passing attention was given to Galashiels, Jedburgh, Kelso and 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. 2 static checks were carried out throughout the Scottish Borders this month along with numerous hi-visibility patrols of rural areas.

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**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 4<sup>th</sup> July the SBCAT were tasked with patrols of the polling stations. We dealt with some banners which had been stolen, including one which had been modified to be mildly offensive and placed outside of a polling station.

The SBCAT were at St Boswells Fair for several days. There was a lot of engagement with the local community and the travellers with no major issues or problems.

On 24<sup>th</sup> July SBCAT traced and arrested a male wanted by the CID for robbery.

The SBCAT have been attending in Jedburgh on Mondays when the court is on due to reports of ASB. These mobile and foot patrols have been well received by the public in Jedburgh with officers being approached and thanked on several occasions. These patrols will continue over the summer months.

2 youth warning letters were issued during the month of June.

**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 only 1 arrest this month for a non-domestic offence. The SBCAT has also assisted with high-risk domestic enquiry packs.

One of the roles the SBCAT completes is issuing dog fouling tickets on behalf of the council. On 29<sup>th</sup> July officers attended at an address in Galashiels to issue such a ticket. Upon meeting the male due to receive the ticket officers became concerned about his ability to care for himself and the dog. The following day they did a joint visit with the SSPCA. The dog was handed over to the SSPCA and it established that several members of the family had mental health issues and their home was in a poor state with some basic facilities not working. Full details were noted and passed to social work to ensure the family get the support they require.

**DRUG ENFORCEMENT** – SBCAT officers have taken part in 1 one drugs search warrants in the Scottish Borders. 3 people have been searched under the Misuse of Drugs Act with 1 of them being found in possession of a personal amount of cannabis.

For the past month the SBCAT has been enquiring into a package of drugs which was intercepted by the Post Office. Subsequently a search warrant was craved and executed in Hawick on 30<sup>th</sup> of July. A personal amount of cannabis and unknown tablets were recovered. Further forensic analysis is required but it is highly likely that the male involved will be reported for being concerned in the supply of controlled drugs.

**OTHER ISSUES OF NOTE-** Despite extra patrols in the Burnfoot and Mainsfield Road areas of Hawick there has been an increase in ASB, including the use of off road motor bikes and electric bikes. During August there will be a significant focus on these issues by the CAT and other Community Officers.

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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](mailto: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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