

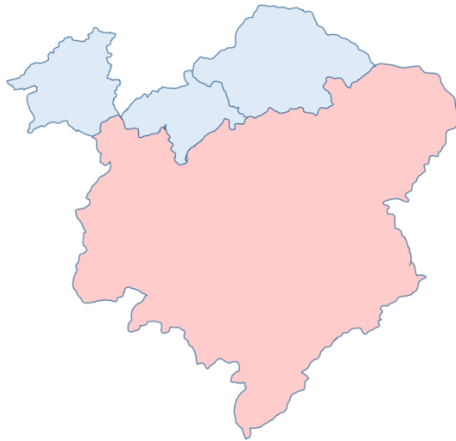
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Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Kelso and District Community Councils
Multi Member Ward Report for September 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 Tour of Britain stage 1 was held entirely within the Scottish Borders on 3rd September, Kelso being the main focus having the start and finish of the stage in the town. With large crowds being drawn to Kelso it was a busy day for the town in general and this included Policing. Local officers patrolled Melrose and Kelso, with specialist support from our colleagues in Roads Policing along the entire route.

Well done to all those involved in organising this event, which was a special day for Kelso and indeed the Scottish Borders.

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 September 2024 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 193 mental health related calls, around 20 missing person enquiries and approximately 89 domestic related incidents.

Kelso & District had 17 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

No disclosable reports

Anti-Social Behaviour

03/09/2024 report of graffiti on the roadway near to Kelso Cemetery, Rosewood Industrial Estate, Kelso. Linked to Tour of Britain event. Enquiries ongoing.

On 15/09/2024 report of a disturbance within the Queens Head Hotel, Kelso between two males. Officers attended and established no criminality.

On 18/09/2024 report of a disturbance in Eschie Court, Kelso. Male suspect charged.

On 26/09/2024 report of a disturbance outside an address at Cappers Court, Kelso. Male issued with a Recorded Police Warning.

On 29/09/2024 report of a disturbance coming from a flat in Eschie Court, Kelso. No criminality established

Vandalism

On 02/09/2024 report of vandalism to an exterior garden door of a property in Edenside Road, Kelso. Enquiries complete.

On 07/09/2024 report of a damage to a window of a property in Eschie Court, Kelso. Enquiry complete.

On 07/09/2024 report of vandalism to a motor vehicle parked in Abbotseat, Kelso. Enquiry complete.

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On 09/09/2024 report of damage to exterior garden gate of a property in Edenside Road, Kelso, whereby it was temporarily boarded up due to damage caused on 02/09/2024. Enquiries complete.

On 17/09/2024 a male from Woodbank Road, Town Yetholm reports damage to an exterior light. Enquiry complete.

On 24/09/2024 report of youths causing damage to garden area at rear of Ednam House, Bridge Street, Kelso. Enquiries ongoing.

Reducing acquisitive crime

Theft

On 20/09/2024 report of theft shoplifting from the Co-op Store, High Croft, Kelso. Youth charged.

On 20/09/2024 report of another theft shoplifting from the Co-op Store, High Croft, Kelso. 2 youths charged.

Theft Housebreaking

No reports.



Improving road safety

On 07/09/2024 a driver was issued a fine and penalty points for careless/inconsiderate driving in Kelso.

On 13/09/2024 a driver was issued a fine and penalty points for driving with no insurance in Kelso.

Killed or Seriously Injured

No reports.



Tackling serious and organised crime

Serious and organised crime enforcement – September 2024 – update to follow

Campaigns

Student Safety

Police Scotland aims to provide students with important safety advice on how they can avoid becoming a victim of crime. Common frauds that students are experiencing range from the more recognisable face-to-face fraud to those carried out by someone anonymously online. Advances in technology enable you to carry out daily tasks more easily but can be frequently exploited by fraudsters interested in personal information and money. The guide will provide information and advice to increase awareness to identify potential frauds and prevent the loss of valuable data to those intent on stealing it.

STUDENT ONLINE SAFETY GUIDE

SUPPORT AND WELLBEING

- Please, seek help from your university/college wellbeing services for assistance and guidance.**
- Samaritans**
A free, confidential emotional support service available 24/7, 365 days a year for anyone in the UK and Ireland
Call 116 123
www.samaritans.org
- Breathing Space**
A free, confidential service for anyone in Scotland experiencing low mood, depression or anxiety. It has a helpline and a webchat; see the website for times available
www.breathingspace.scot
- Papyrus**
Provides confidential advice and support and works to prevent young suicide in the UK
www.papyrus-uk.org
- CALM**
A campaign to try to reduce suicide rates, particularly in men. CALM has a helpline and webchat available 5 pm – midnight, 365 days a year
www.thecalmzone.net

FURTHER INFORMATION, ADVICE AND GUIDANCE

- NCSC Sextortion Emails**
www.ncsc.gov.uk/guidance/sexortion-scams-how-to-protect-yourself
- Phishing**
www.ncsc.gov.uk/collection/phishing-scams
- Revenge Porn Helpline - Sextortion**
www2.revengepornhelpline.org.uk
- Get Safe Online**
www.getsafeonline.org
- Victim Support Scotland**
www.victimsupport.scot
- Take Five**
www.takefive-stopfraud.org.uk
- Money Mules**
www.nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/moneymuling
- Police Scotland**
www.scotland.police.uk/advice-and-information/internet-safety



Caring for someone with Dementia?
Worried that they may go missing?



The Herbert Protocol is here to give you some reassurance and help keep your loved ones safe. The system provides the police with everything they need to know to search for the person living with the dementia. It's a form that is kept at home containing important information regarding known routines, habits as well as descriptions of your friend/relative and details of their and others involved with their care. It can be handed to Police so that you do not have to worry about gathering the information during what can be a very stressful time. You can download the form from www.scotland.police.uk/ your-community It should be kept up-to-date so that all the information is relevant and current. A recent photograph should also be kept with the form. The police will only need the form when the person is reported missing and the form will be returned when the person is found. What should I do if I am concerned that my friend or relative is missing? If you believe the person is missing and at risk of harm, please call '999' at the earliest opportunity. Tell the operator you have a Herbert Protocol form.

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CAT Update:

ROAD SAFETY – SBCAT have continued carrying out road checks in numerous locations in the Scottish Borders and have dealt with 26 traffic offences this month.

On 1st September the CAT dealt with a drunk driver in Berwickshire and it transpired that he taken the car without consent of the owner. He was charged with drunk driving along with several other offences.

On the same date the CAT took part in a motorcycle initiative completing static checks targeting motorcyclists.

On 11th September the CAT conducted speed checks and foot patrols outside schools in Newcastleton and West Linton following complaints from the local community. During the month other speed checks were completed outside schools including some of our other smaller communities such as Stow, Gordon and Earlston.

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 48 tickets have been issued.

Passing attention was given to Galashiels, Peebles, Duns and Eyemouth. Several parking tickets were also issued in Coldstream and Selkirk 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. 44 static checks were carried out throughout the Scottish Borders this month along with numerous hi-visibility patrols of rural areas.

In early September a CAT officer paired up with our divisions Wildlife officer for 3 days. Using our quad bikes, they conducted rural patrols across Berwickshire targeting wildlife crime and other rural crimes. Crime prevent advice was given a numerous farmers and rural workers.

On the 20th of September CAT officers along with officers from several other police forces in the North of England took part in Operation Checkpoint. This involved static road checks targeting cross Border rural acquisitive crime.

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – High visibility patrols have continued in targeted areas of the Scottish Borders to address concerns highlighted as per our taskings. This includes outside Jedburgh Sheriff Court on Monday court days.

On the 21st of September the SBCAT along with the Specials Initiative Team conducted, foot, mobile and bicycle patrols of Burnfoot. An E-scooter was seized from a juvenile and returned to the parents. 2 youths were charged with, shouting swearing and being threatening towards police. Further patrols were completed with officers including some in plain clothes.

Later in the evening the SIT and CAT conducted road checks stopping 120 vehicles and detecting 9 traffic offences in the Hawick area.

10 youth warning letters were issued during the month of September

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 2 arrested this month for a non-domestic offences. The SBCAT has also assisted with high-risk domestic enquiry packs.

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Throughout September the CAT has been making enquiries into a violent male wanted for a priority arrest warrant and for serious domestic offences in Hawick. The male has since fled to the South of England. We've been liaising with the local police and they are making attempts to arrest him on our behalf.

DRUG ENFORCEMENT –

2 people have been searched under the Misuse of Drugs Act with both of them being found in possession of a personal amount of cannabis. The CAT was not involved in any drugs search warrants in September.

OTHER ISSUES OF NOTE-

Following training in September all of the CAT are now trained to use the quad bikes.

We've also had some response officers do trainings days with us, helping us with our taskings as part of their third-year training.

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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