

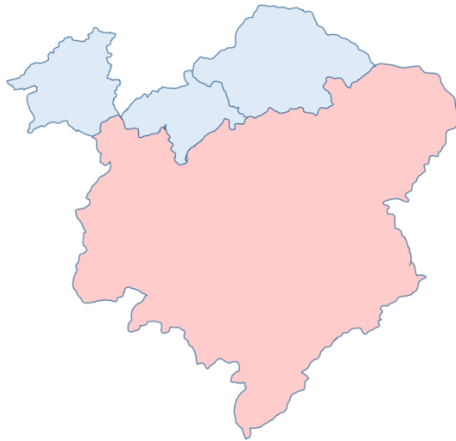
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Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Kelso and District Community Councils
Multi Member Ward Report for January 2025



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 – PS Ali Granger



PC Owenson and PC Anderson carried out various Handheld Radar Speed Checks throughout the area including, Sprouston, Ednam, Roxburgh Street and Angraflat Road in Kelso. Speed checks will continue to be carried out throughout the area to try and have a positive impact on driving behaviours and improve road safety locally.

PC Tait-Logan has been busy within the schools in the area in January. The focus in the High School has been on internet safety – S1 have had input on Sexting and S2 have had inputs on Grooming. PC Tait-Logan has also recently linked in with SAS with CPR training for the whole of Kelso High School as pictured below



Assemblies were held at Broomlands Primary (P1 to 3 and P4 to 7) about being a good citizen in and out of school.

PC Owenson was abstracted to the High-Risk Missing Person enquiries and has been called upon to assist response policing on occasion during this month.

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 January 2025 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 210 mental health related calls, around 10 missing person enquiries and approximately 74 domestic related incidents.

Kelso & District had mental health related calls and 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 20/01/2025 report of a young male being assault on a bus. Enquiry ongoing.

On 30/01/2025 report of assault in Meadow Court, Kelso. Ethical crime report recorded as did not wish to make a formal complaint.

Anti-Social Behaviour

On 18/01/2025 report of a female causing a disturbance at Poynder Gardens, Kelso. Officers attended and sought assistance from partner agencies, no criminality.

On 26/04/2025 report of a neighbour dispute at Eschie Court, Kelso. All parties spoken to and advice given. No criminality.

On 26/01/2025 report of a disturbance in Inchmyre, Kelso. Female arrested and reported for threatening and abusive behaviour.

Vandalism

On 25/01/2025 report of damage to a motor vehicle in Wallaceneuk, Kelso. Enquiry complete.

Reducing acquisitive crime

Theft

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On 14/01/2025 report of theft of a mobile phone from a property in Roxburgh Street, Kelso. Reporter failed to engage with Police. Ethical crime recorded.

On 29/01/2025 report of theft of wallet from Horsemarket, Kelso. Enquiries ongoing.



Improving road safety

Several speed checks throughout the area including, Sprouston, Ednam, Roxburgh Street and Angraflat Road in Kelso.



Tackling serious and organised crime

Serious and organised crime enforcement – January 2025

The Scottish Borders CID Proactive Unit executed 4 Drug Warrants across the command area during January, all were positive and 2 persons were charged with drug related offences.

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

Fraud

January saw a national campaign throughout Police Scotland focusing on Fraud. Online sales and romance frauds and the links they have to gift card Scams.

A comprehensive list of the main fraud types can be accessed on the Police Scotland website at www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/advice-for-victims-of-crime/fraud/main-electronic-fraud-types

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](#)

CAT Update

ROAD SAFETY & PARKING TICKETS –

On 13th January the CAT conducted speed checks at multiple locations across the Borders following complaints. This includes Stow, where 2 speeding tickets were issued. Parking checks have also been completed outside schools including St Ronan’s in Innerleithen, Knowepark in Selkirk and Peebles High School, following complaints

Officers have been carrying out high visibility enforcement across the Borders and addressing parking concerns. Advice has been given to drivers and 53 parking tickets have been issued. Extra

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attention was given to Galashiels, Selkirk, Kelso, Eyemouth, Chinside and Peebles following complaints.

RURAL ACQUISITIVE CRIME – We carry out high visibility mobile patrols across rural areas at varying times while completing static road checks.

A total of 17 static road checks were completed with 16 traffic offences detected.

VIOLENCE AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – High visibility patrols have continued in targeted areas of the Scottish Borders to address concerns highlighted as per our taskings.

This includes the Transport Interchange in Galashiels. On 22nd January SBCAT were conducting one of these patrols of the interchange when they found a bus driver had just been assaulted by a group of youths. Following enquiries 2 youths have been identified and will be reported for minor assault.

On 3rd January SBCAT officers responded to a call in Peebles regarding a male being threatened with a knife. The male had ran off from other officers but was quickly found by the CAT and arrested.

PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE –

The SBCAT has assisted with several domestic abuse enquiries during January along with several arrests on non-domestic warrants. Considerable efforts have been made to trace a male following a domestic related serious assault.

On 14th January SBCAT officers were first to arrive at a head on vehicle collision on the A7 near Selkirk. They assisted with first aid for one driver. The other driver was missing and was reported as a missing person. SBCAT then coordinated the police dog handler, police helicopter and Mountain Rescue to search the nearby areas and ensure the other driver wasn't injured nearby.

TACKLING SERIOUS AND ORGANISED CRIME –

On 29th January SBCAT officers were tasked with trying to trace a male in Duns who was wanted for various offences. All of the CAT attended, 2 went to his front door while the rest contained the area. He subsequently exited his home peacefully and was arrested.

SBCAT officers were at Selkirk Sheriff Court when they were passed a bag of cocaine which had been found. Following enquiries a male has been identified as having it in his possession and he will be reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

OTHER ISSUES OF NOTE-

On 24th January, SBCAT were backshift and were involved with Storm Eowyn with one of us assisting the Council's response from the Council HQ and the rest assisting with the blocked roads.

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

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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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