

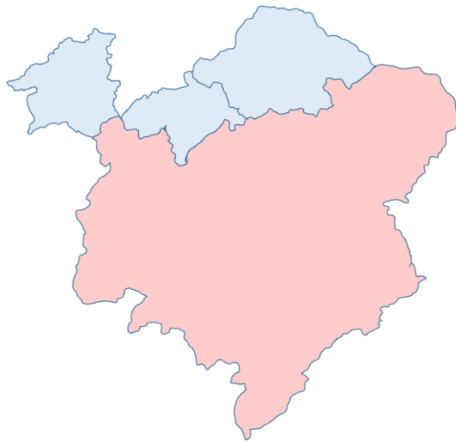
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Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Kelso and District Community Councils
Multi Member Ward Report for January 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

All the Community officers, Community Action Team Officers and School Link Officers work closely together to help tackle community priorities. Throughout January the Community Policing Team have carried out additional mobile and foot patrols, including in plain clothes in Kelso, to prevent and tackle antisocial behaviour.

School Link Officer PC Tait-Logan reinforced this through prevention messages in school assemblies to try and help reduce the impact of such behaviour on local communities.

Officers continue to work with partner agencies including Registered Social Landlords and Scottish Borders Council Antisocial Behaviour Unit to help provide support in the local community.



The Community Policing Team continue to carry out road checks / speed checks throughout the area to try and help improve Road safety in our local towns and villages, including continued checks on Roxburgh Street and at Ednam.

Police will be represented at the Kelso Community Council Meeting with PC Paul Owenson attending.

School Link Officer PC Tait Logan has been working on the following

- Inputs throughout January in schools on bullying, substance misuse, hate crime and road safety
- Attending various school careers fairs to give an insight into working for Police Scotland.
- Road Safety Patrols and road safety messaging at Broomlands Primary
- Obtaining training so she can provide driving simulator training for older pupils in High Schools, improving road safety for young drivers.
- Working with Ednam community addressing speeding issues in the village.

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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 Stuart Fletcher.

Local Policing Priorities

1. Protecting most vulnerable
2. Reducing violence and Anti-Social Behaviour
3. Reducing acquisitive crime
4. Improving road safety
5. Tackling serious and organised crime

Protecting most vulnerable



In January 2024 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 204 mental health related calls, around 18 missing person enquiries and approximately 82 domestic related incidents.

Kelso & District had 26 mental health related calls and 2 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 24/01/2024 report of a male being assaulted within a property in Woodmarket, Kelso. Witnesses non cooperative, relevant paperwork submitted .

Anti-Social Behaviour

On 05/01/2024 report of a female from Crawford Street, Kelso stating that unknown person is kicking her door. Officers attended and no damage to door evident, no persons in the area, suitable advice given.

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On 17/01/2024 report of neighbour dispute at Eden Road, Ednam. Advice given

On 19/01/2024 report of a disturbance in Orchard Park, Kelso. Officers attended to an argument, no criminality established.

On 19/01/2024 report of a disturbance outside the Co-op Store in Roxburgh Street, Kelso. Male charged and reported for threating and abusive behaviour.

On 21/01/2024 report of a neighbour dispute Henderson Court, East Bowmont Street, Kelso, advice given.

On 28/01/2024 report of a male causing a disturbance outside a property in Orchard Park, Kelso. Officers spoke to all parties, who stated it was an argument, no criminality.

On 29/01/2024 report of a disturbance involving 3 males in Coal Market, Kelso. Enquiries ongoing.

Vandalism

On 08/01/2024 report of damage to a garden gate in The Tofts, Kelso. Enquiries ongoing.

On 11/01/2024 report of damage to a window of a property in Wallaceneuk, Kelso. Enquiry complete, relevant paperwork submitted

Reducing acquisitive crime

Theft

On 19/01/2024 report of theft shoplifting from Co-op Store, Roxburgh Street, Kelso. Enquiries ongoing, positive lines of enquiry.

On 19/01/2024 report of theft shoplifting from the Vapour Shop, Woodmarket Kelso. Enquiries ongoing, positive lines of enquiry.

On 21/01/2024 report of theft from a male in Roxburgh Street, Kelso, whereby property has been stolen from his home address, positive lines of enquiry.

On 29/01/2024 report of theft from a male in Coal Market. Enquiries are ongoing.

On 29/01/2024 report of a taxi driver delivering a male to an address in Roxburgh Street, Kelso. Male has left taxi to go inside to get taxi fare, however, never returned. Enquiries ongoing, positive lines of enquiry.



Improving road safety

On 25/01/2024 report of a female being struck by a vehicle whilst walking on the road between Kelso and Ednam, resulting in significant injuries. Enquiries are ongoing into the circumstances of the collision.

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Tackling serious and organised crime

Serious and organised crime enforcement – January 2024

The Scottish Borders CID Proactive Unit executed 5 Drug Warrants across the command area during January, four were positive and 4 persons were charged with drug related offences.

County lines nominals and rural acquisitive crime are still prevalent in some areas of the Scottish Borders and we are working closely with colleagues in England and local partners to detect and identify offenders in this area of criminality.

Two warrants were also executed in conjunction with other departments in relation to serious crime inquiries.

Cannabis Cultivations

Pro-active CID would again 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](#)

Keep Safe Initiative

Primarily aimed at disabled members of the community helping to tackle disability hate crime, Keep Safe is a national network of over 800 safe places (including shops, libraries, pubs etc.) for anyone who may feel lost, scared or vulnerable when out in the community. [About Keep Safe \(iammesotland.co.uk\)](#)

All Scottish Borders Co-ops have signed up to the scheme with staff training, business packs and store signage being provided.

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No Cold Calling Zones

- Any community organisation interested in setting up a new zone or wishing to refresh an existing zone (those with the old Lothian and Borders Police signs) or should contact their local community policing team <https://www.scotland.police.uk/secureforms/contact/>

Rural Crime

- Scottish Borders Partnership against Rural Crime (SBPARC) exhibited at the Border Union Show highlighting the latest rural crime prevention advice. The partnership continues to meet regularly to address local priority rural crime throughout the year.

We continued to distribute free wireless perimeter security alarms and crime prevention advice to farmers and rural business. These can be requested by Farmers / Rural businesses using the [Contact Us Form](#) on the Police Scotland Website.

CAT Update:

ROAD SAFETY – SBCAT have continued carrying out road checks in numerous locations in the Scottish Borders and have issued 7 traffic tickets for various offences throughout the month.

Following concerns regarding antisocial driving at Tesco, Galashiels, and regular checks were carried out during the month in line with direct CAT taskings and 1 driver was reported for driving with no insurance.

Throughout January numerous hi- vis speed and static road checks have been carried out at schools throughout the Scottish Borders at dropping off and picking up times.

PARKING TICKETS – Officers have been carrying out high visibility patrols in Peebles, Kelso, Eyemouth, Duns, Selkirk, Galashiels, and Hawick, and addressing parking concerns there. Advice has been given to drivers and 177 tickets have been issued.

In early January a female was knocked over and injured by a person driving a vehicle that had been illegally parked in Peebles town centre. Over the following days the SBCAT targeted area for parking offences and issued a total of 64 tickets in the Peebles area. On multiple occasions the officers were approached by members of the public thanking them for their efforts.

On 16/01/24 – during one shift 2 CAT officers issued 20 parking tickets in Eildon while completing other duties.

Passing attention was given to Traquair Road, Innerleithen (no issues) The War Memorial in Coldstream (no issues) Galashiels Town Centre and Bridge Street in Kelso were also regularly checked by officers, which was also carried out as a result of requests made at the previous meeting.

Following a report of illegally and poorly parked vehicles within Duns Industrial Estate Business owners and staff were spoken to and the parking regulations were explained to them. They all moved their vehicles to suitable places. Regular checks are being completed but no further parking issues have been identified.

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. 34 static checks were carried out throughout the Scottish Borders in January along with numerous hi-visibility patrols of rural areas.

On 24/01/24 two officers conducted a patrol of Monynut on quadbike. Other regular patrols have been completed with nothing to report.

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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.

16 youth warning letters were issued during the month of January in relation to youths.

On 6/1/24 following an enquiry a youth was traced and C/C'd for vandalising a shop window in Selkirk.

On 24/1/24 following a report that youths had set a fire in Selkirk, officers attended and after confirming it was a small controlled fire their presence resulted in a male youth being identified and his parents having to be spoken to.

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 11 people were arrested on warrant. This includes 2 high priority warrants whereby the 2 individuals were remanded at court the following Monday due to the risks they posed to the public

On 12/1/24 officers reported a male for warrant after he was found to be in breach of his curfew.

On 12/01/24 – CAT officers observed two people wanted on high priority warrants. They ran off from the officers but following a foot chase they were both arrested. Due to the risks they posed to the public they were both remanded at court

DRUG ENFORCEMENT – SBCAT officers have taken part in 1 drugs search warrants in the Scottish Borders.

On 13/1/24- CAT officers carried out a drug search on a male found in a car in the Selkirk area. He subsequently failed a roadside drug wipe and was arrested (enquiries ongoing)

On 17/1/24- CAT officers executed an MDA warrant in Peebles which resulted in the recovery of a personal amount of cannabis and a male being C/C'd and reported. (approx. 22g est value, £330.00)

OTHER ISSUES OF NOTE- On 11/1/24- CAT officers arrested a person in relation to a reported Fraud. Following interview they were C/C'd with Fraud and reported to the PF.

On 18/01/24 - Following an invite from a young pupil of Drumlanrig Primary School in Hawick CAT officers attended at the school. They explained the role of the police and the actions that young children can do to help their community.

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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