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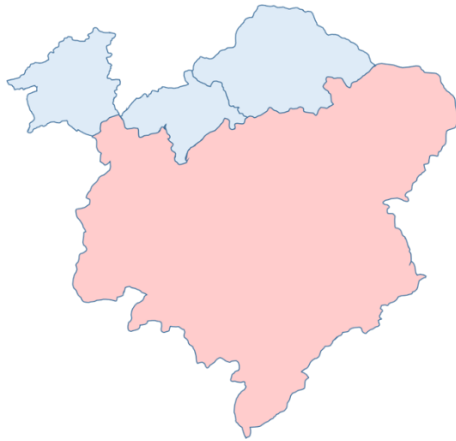


Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

East Berwickshire Community Councils
Multi Member Ward Report for July 2024

(Up to 30/07)



The information provided within this report, is predominately based on the East Berwickshire 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 – East Berwickshire – PS Ali Granger

The beginning of 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, including Berwickshire, are required to assist. Considerable time is also spent planning these events to ensure the safety of all those taking part. Eyemouth Events were very well organised and attended, with plenty of marshals to assist, well done to all those volunteers who give up their time to make sure these events ran smoothly.

Between events, PC Jacobs has been patrolling the town centre, assisted with neighbour disputes and community concerns. She also attended the recent Partnership Approach to Water Safety (PAWS) meeting. More information can be found regarding this on the link below.

[wss-editable-partnership-approach-to-water-safety.pdf \(watersafetyscotland.org.uk\)](https://www.watersafetyscotland.org.uk/wss-editable-partnership-approach-to-water-safety.pdf)

PC Cameron spent July also assisting with events and engaging with young people during the school holidays.

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.

East Berwickshire had 12 mental health related calls and 1 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 Anti-Social Behaviour

Assaults

On 22/07/24 report of a disturbance ongoing within a property in Renton Terrace, Eyemouth. Officers attended, both parties spoken to. Ethical Crime report submitted for minor assault.

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On 27/07/24 report of youth assaulting a police officer in the Co-Op car park, Eyemouth. Youth taken to Eyemouth Police Station where she was cautioned and charged with police assault in the presence of her parents, reports submitted.

Anti-Social Behaviour

On 07/07/24 report of male causing a disturbance outside the Cutty Sark Pub, Eyemouth after having been asked to leave. Nothing ongoing on police arrival. No complaints made.

On 13/07/24 report of males in possession of weapons and being verbally threatening and in Renton Terrace, Eyemouth. Both arrested, charged and relevant reports submitted.

On 16/07/24 report of male causing a nuisance within the Co-Op, High Street, Eyemouth and refusing to leave. No trace of male, no complaints made and no offences

On 17/07/24 report of male from the Eyemouth area contacting the police requesting assistance from them, becoming abusive to the operators on the phone. One male traced and arrested and charged with threatening and abusive behaviour.

On 17/07/24 report of female causing a nuisance in Barefoots Way, Eyemouth. Fixed Penalty Notice issued.

On 21/07/24 report of trail bikes having been ridden on land around Monymut without permission. Community Action Team emailed. Informant spoken to and advice given.

On 28/07/24 report of male staring into a window of a property in High Street, Ayton causing fear and alarm to the informant. Enquiries ongoing.

Vandalism

On 07/07/24 report of a window having been broken at Chirnside. Crime report submitted, enquiries complete

On 09/07/24 report of panes of glass smashed to a large greenhouse at a property in Cockburnspath. The property is presently vacant and advertised for sale. Crime report submitted, enquiries complete

Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Theft by Housebreaking

On 15/07/2024 report of theft of motor vehicle and items from a property in Reston. Motor vehicle and items have been recovered, and a crime report has been submitted. Male arrested and reported.

On 18/07/24 report of theft of a quadbike from an outbuilding at Restonhill Farmhouse. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

Theft

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On 01/07/24 report of theft of payment card machine from The Allanton Inn, Allanton. Crime report submitted, enquiries complete

On 15/07/24 report of an attempt theft of a motor car in Dominies Way, Chirnside. Enquiries ongoing. Crime Report submitted.

On 16/07/24 report of theft of a child's scooter from outside a property in Dominies Way, Chirnside. A crime report has been submitted for the theft, and enquiries are ongoing.

On 17/07/24 report of theft of property in Stebbings Rise, Eyemouth. Crime report submitted, enquiries complete

On 18/07/24 report of theft of motor vehicle in Abbots Row, Coldingham. Statements noted. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

On 25/07/24 report of theft of two motor vehicles at Mrytle Cottage, Coldingham moor road. Both vehicles were stopped by Northumbria officers and two males arrested. Thereafter Police Scotland Officers attended at Bedlington Police Station and arrested and charged both males for theft of motor vehicles.

On 27/07/24 report of theft from a property in Hurkur Crescent, Eyemouth. Statement noted. Crime Report submitted. Enquiries ongoing.

Improving Road Safety

On 06/07/24 – a driver was issued a fine and penalty points for careless/inconsiderate driving in Eyemouth.

On 19/07/24 – a driver was issued a fine for driving with no MOT in Chirnside.

On 20/07/24 – a driver was issued a fine for driving with no MOT in Eyemouth.



Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

Serious and organised crime enforcement – July 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.

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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.

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 – 24th July

Samaritans Awareness Day is on 24th 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

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

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CAT Update:

MMW REPORT:

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 31st 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.

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 4th 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 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 24th 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

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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 29th 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 30th 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 with 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.

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:

EastBerwickshireCPT@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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