



Scottish Borders Area Commander's

Local Monthly Update – June 2020

(Data from 01/04/2020 – 29/06/2020)

	2019/2020	2020/2021	% Change	Local Area Commanders Comment
Total Crimes and Offences (Group 1-7)	2039	1599	-21.6	
Total Crimes (Group 1-5)	981	822	-16.2	
Overall Violent Crime	243	203	-16.5	
Group 1: Non Sexual Crimes of Violence	20	44	120	There has been an increase of 4 serious assaults, 5 DASA offences and 7 Threats and Extortion when compared to last year.
Group 2: Sexual Crimes	60	63	5	The most significant change has been the rise in Communicating Indecently (SOSA 2009).
Group 3: Crimes of Dishonesty	418	274	-34.4	
Group 4: Fire-raising, Malicious Mischief, etc	216	172	-20.4	
Group 5: Other Pro-Activity Crimes	267	269	0.7	
Group 6: Miscellaneous offences	589	510	-13.4	
Group 7: Offences relating to Motor Offences	469	267	-43.1	

The data provided in this report is for information purposes only and is not official crime statistics. All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information. All data has been extracted from Police Scotland internal systems and is correct as at 02.06.2020.

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.

Local Area Commanders Comments

Covid-19 Update:

During the month of June the vast majority of people in the Scottish Borders continued to comply with the guidelines.

It is pleasing to see that the total number of COVID related ASB calls reduced by 43% during the month of June

Crime figures and Incidents of Note:

The following is a list of some of the more notable incidents that we have dealt with in June:

- In the early mornings of Wednesday the 3rd of June 2020 an attempt was made to break into a house in Teviot Crescent in Hawick. A female has since be arrested and charged with the offence.
- On the Friday the 5th of June the CAT team executed a Misuse of Drugs Warrant on a property in Galashiels. £1700 was recovered as well as evidence to support drug dealing. A 32 year old male was charged with being concerned in the supply of drugs.
- Between the Monday the 1st and Thursday the 4th of June a house was broken into in Bright Street in Hawick. Enquiries are currently ongoing.
- On Monday the 8th of June police received reports of a vehicle which had been set alight in Queens Drive, Hawick. All possible lines of enquiry have been progressed at this time.
- On Monday the 15th of June 2020 Police executed Misuse of Drugs Warrants. As a result 2 males were charged with production of a class B drug and being concerned in the supply of a class B drug.
- On Sunday the 14th of June 2020 Police received a report of a housebreaking in Preston Road, Duns. A 39 year old male has since been charged with the offence.
- On Wednesday the 17th of the June 2020 a 52 year old female was charged with embezzling £42,000 from a 70 year old female in Hawick.
- On Sunday the 21st of June 2020 a housebreaking to a business premise was reported in Hawick. Enquiries are currently ongoing.
- On Thursday 25th of June 2020 a Housebreaking was reported in Newstead, Melrose. Enquiries are currently ongoing.

- On Thursday 25th of June 2020 Police received a report of a fire-raising at a property in Havelock Place, Hawick. Nobody was injured during the incident and enquiries continue into the incident.

CAT update

This month the Community Action Team have achieved the following results and carried out the agreed taskings as per below:

Drugs

Eyemouth – Continued pressure on the County Lines groups operating within Eyemouth by executing a further MDA warrant on an industrial unit within Eyemouth. Class A drugs recovered and further intelligence gleaned.

Kelso – Whilst conducting bail offender enquiries within Kelso area officers discovered a cannabis cultivation within an address with a value of approximately £30,000. This discovery took SBCAT recovery's over £1 Million since inception.

Hawick – During a pre-planned operation Officers executed 3 MDA warrants at Princess Street, Duke Street and Rosevale Street, discovering 3 linked Cannabis cultivations worth a value of approximately £475,000. 2 Eastern European males were arrested and remain in Custody pending trial.

30/06/2020 - Following a call for assistance from the Scottish and Fire and Rescue Service to a flooded property at the Sandbed, Hawick, SBCAT officers attended and discovered a further Cannabis Cultivation with an approximate value of £416,000. 1 male was arrested and will appear at Edinburgh Sheriff Court on 01/07/2020.

Peebles – SBCAT officers received intelligence that a young male was selling Cannabis to youths within the Peebles area. A warrant was craved for the address and Class B drugs with an approximate value of £8,500 were recovered.

ASB

Youth ASB Peebles – SBCAT Officers undertook patrols over a weekend along with their CPT colleagues targeting youth ASB and Vehicle ASB. 1 ASBO vehicle warning was issued and 12 youths identified being in possession of alcohol.

Youth ASB letters – Following its introduction in June 2020, 22 letters have been sent to parents/guardians between 01/06/20 – 22/06/20. Incidents are compiled on a weekly basis by SBC analyst and Police ASB analyst and thereafter SBCAT Sergeants review the incidents to establish if an ASB letter is suitable.

General

Following visibility concerns being raised in Jedburgh SBCAT have conducted high visibility patrols in the Town centre and issued 12 parking tickets.

19 static Speed checks have been conducted with 10 traffic related conditional offers issued. From 1st of July we have introduced 3 targeted zone areas of Hawick, Kelso and the A701 with greater recording of offences and driver engagement for scrutiny.



Chief Inspector Stuart Reid | Local Area Commander - Scottish Borders
Galashiels Police Station | 3-4 Bridge Street | Galashiels | TD1 1SP