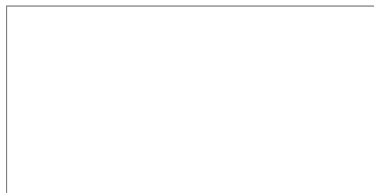


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Pro- Active Team

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.

Community Action Team

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 there. Advice has been given to drivers and 53 parking tickets have been issued. Extra 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 in Hawick following a domestic related serious assault. The male has fled to England and we have been liaising with Cheshire Police to make attempts to trace him.

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 exploiting money out of youths and young adults, along with domestic abuse 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.