



# SCOTTISH BORDERS COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM

## IMPACT REPORT FOR Q2 JULY to SEPTEMBER 2018

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<b>TASKING DURING PERIOD</b> 1. Antisocial issues in and around Haymons Cove, Eyemouth. 2. Antisocial issues in Priory Hill, Coldstream.	<b>TASKING DURING PERIOD</b> 1. Antisocial behaviour, intimidation and harassment in Inchmyre, Kelso. 2. Antisocial behaviour, vandalism and intimidation in Maxmill Park, Kelso.	<b>TASKING DURING PERIOD</b> 1. Issues in Tulley Court, Galashiels. 2. Issues in Muthag Street, Selkirk.	<b>TASKING DURING PERIOD</b> 1. Youth issues at Hawick High School. 2. Youth issues in Kenilworth Avenue and Burnfoot in general.	<b>TASKING DURING PERIOD</b> 1. Kingsmeadow car park, issue with antisocial driving. 2. Youth alcohol issues in Peebles town centre.
<b>EVIDENCE OF IMPACT</b> 1. Patrols carried out. No further problems reported. 2. Working alongside the Community Beat Officer to address issues in the community.	<b>EVIDENCE OF IMPACT</b> 1. Call volume reduced after the initial reports. 2. Issues in September are subject to ongoing Police enquiries. CAT are liaising with SBC to identify tenants and address issues.	<b>EVIDENCE OF IMPACT</b> 1. Drugs warrant executed involving CAT and Police Scotland proactive team resulted in charges being brought. 2. CAT and multi-agency visit to the location was well received by residents who were spoken to regarding how to report antisocial behaviour. Call volume has reduced significantly.	<b>EVIDENCE OF IMPACT</b> 1. CAT sergeant and the Youth Community Officers are involved in multi-agency meetings regarding individuals named as causing issues. Incident volumes have reduced. 2. CAT have patrolled the area and visited licensed premises. Incident volumes have reduced significantly.	<b>EVIDENCE OF IMPACT</b> 1. Young drivers who frequent the car park have been spoken to by CAT officers. Incident numbers are low. 2. Patrols carried out at the end of September when the problem was identified. Tasking will continue into October but incident volume has reduced.

COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM (CAT) ACTIONS										
	Q1	Q2								
Raised in Qtr	3	4	2	6	6	8	7	7	4	8
Accepted in Qtr	2	2	1	2	4	4	2	3	2	2

**NOTE:** Not all issues received and discussed at the CAT oversight group meeting are taken on as actions by the CAT. Some actions may be more appropriately followed up and actioned by another service within SBC or by a partner organisation. Also some actions are tasked directly through Police Scotland so are not reflected in the figures above but show the impact the team is having in the Borders.



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### HI-VISIBILITY FOOT PATROL (HOURS)



Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
76.5	83.5		

The CAT, during the second quarter have conducted target foot patrols in the identified areas of concern, Galapark - Galashiels, Inchmyre - Kelso, Burnfoot - Hawick, Tweed Green - Peebles and Haymons Cove - Eyemouth. On patrol officers have engaged with residents to gain a better understanding of the problems in the area.

The CAT also patrolled local events including Kelso Civic Week and the Stowed Out Festival. Positive feedback was received from the organisers of the Stowed Out Festival with the CAT maintaining a presence throughout the event and travelling on the Borders railway to assist with the large number of youths that attended the event. Being present at these events has given the CAT opportunities to engage with the wider local communities and through proactive policing, deal robustly with antisocial issues. Over 25 seizures of alcohol from young people and several recoveries of controlled substances took place at these events.

### MOBILE PATROL (HOURS)



Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
108.5	145		

Mobile patrols are regularly carried out throughout the Borders by the CAT. These patrols are intelligence led. As a result of these patrols officers have made a number of drugs recoveries and issued traffic tickets and reported offenders.

### STATIC ROAD CHECKS



Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
40	20		

The CAT have continued to conduct static road checks on many of our arterial routes including the A72 at Cardrona & Peebles, A6105 at Duns & Gordon, A7 at Selkirk, Hawick & Galashiels and A68 at Jedburgh and Earlston as well as static road checks within towns such as Galashiels, Eyemouth, Hawick, Lauder & Kelso. The visibility of Police conducting these types of checks has a positive effect on road safety with speed guns often being used to monitor speeds in towns.

### ROAD TRAFFIC NO. OF FIXED PENALTIES ISSUED



Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
9	3		

From completing mobile patrols and static road checks several motorists have been charged with relevant road traffic offences with fixed penalty tickets being issued and drivers reported to court. The CAT do take the opportunity to speak with and educate motorists regarding their driving style/ awareness of other road users and in relation to minor vehicle maintenance issues. Officers have had positive results following engagement with young drivers in areas identified as having antisocial/inconsiderate driving by groups. Work has also been done to enlighten cyclists using pavements in Innerleithen and engage with motorcyclists using the A708 at St Marys Loch.

### PARKING NO. OF TICKETS ISSUED



Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
219	241		

All Borders towns have received attention in relation to dangerous and inconsiderate parking with an increase in the number of parking tickets issued this quarter. Officers have been completing timed parking in our Main/High Streets in response to concerns raised by local businesses and residents. Although enforcement is important, the CAT officers do try to move vehicles on when possible and explain the parking regulations to the public. The CAT are liaising with the local authority with regards to any signage problems or insufficient road markings.

### NUMBER OF DRUG SEARCHES UNDERTAKEN PERSONS



Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
69	44		

**31.8%**  
of searches were positive for drugs

### NUMBER OF DRUG SEARCHES UNDERTAKEN PREMISES



Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
16	19		

**78.9%**  
of searches were positive for drugs

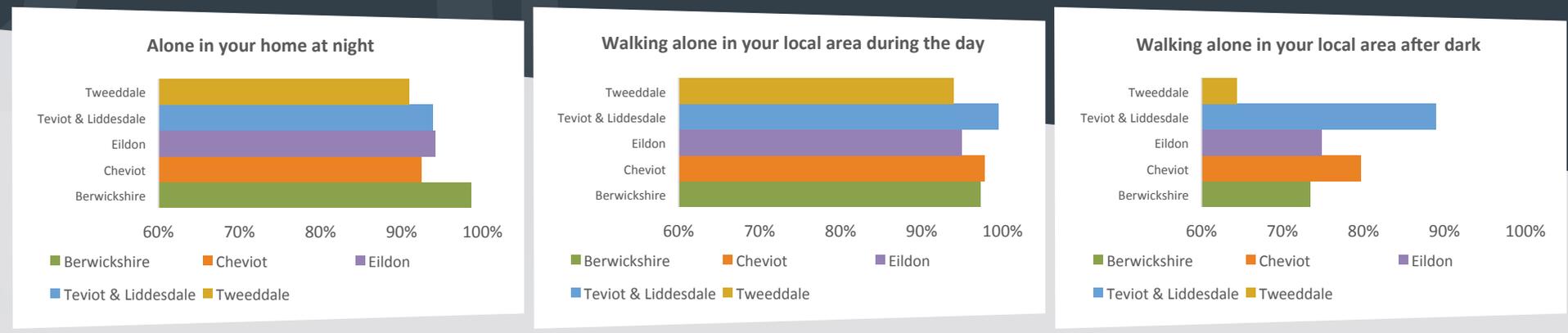


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## LIFE IN THE SCOTTISH BORDERS – IMPACT AND PERCEPTIONS OF THE COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM (CAT)

During summer 2018, Scottish Borders Council undertook a Household Survey to gather views on quality of life, neighbourhoods, and council services. Interim, high level results on community safety are presented below by locality. The Community Action Team (CAT), introduced in April 2018, aims to have a positive impact on community safety across the region.

### How safe do you feel? \* % Feeling Very Safe or Fairly Safe



\*Based on interim results, Oct 2018. Full Household Survey results will be presented to Scottish Borders Council in early 2019

Many of the things that people highlighted in the Household Survey as an issue in their area being dealt with on a day to day basis by the CAT. For example, the Household survey revealed the % of Borders residents who had experienced the following issues in their local area frequently/occasionally\*:

<p><b>22%</b> people using/dealing drugs</p> 	<p><b>62%</b> parking problems</p> 	<p><b>72%</b> anti-social driving behaviour</p> 	<p><b>73%</b> animal nuisance (noise &amp; dog fouling)</p> 
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SBC also recruited to a "People's Panel", and asked more specific questions about the impact and visibility of the Community Action Team. Whilst performance information shows the CAT is have a positive impact, there is still work to do. The People's Panel will be contacted again in March 2019 to assess perception after a year of operation.

<p>"Didn't know there was a team, or how to contact them should I need to".</p>	<p>"Not really visible as I live in a very rural area. I occasionally see a police officer in town".</p>	<p>"Seems like a big area for a small team".</p>	<p>"What a good idea to have a team that is accessible to the public and local".</p>	<p>"CAT is doing a good job of keeping Jedburgh relatively crime free".</p>
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