



SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL

PERFORMANCE REPORT

Q3 2023/24 CAT REPORT



Clean, green future



Fulfilling our potential



Strong inclusive economy, transport and infrastructure



Empowered, vibrant communities



Good health and wellbeing



Working together improving lives



Q3 Community Action Team Report

The following is commentary based on the statistical information provided in the CAT Quarterly Impact Report for quarter 3 of 2023/24.

- The Community Action Team (CAT) has been operating at full strength since 1st June and the upturn in the statistics since that date is notable, particularly for High Visibility Foot Patrols and Mobile Patrols hours.
- The number of parking tickets issued across the Borders has increased considerably in quarter 3, with 389 tickets issued for the quarter.
- 21 Youth warning letters were issued in quarter 3 with 13 being issued in December 2023 as a result of proactive patrols and engagement with young people in Peebles and Innerleithen.
- There were two notable drugs seizures in quarter 3 in Hawick and Selkirk.



COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM

IMPACT REPORT FOR QUARTER 3 - OCTOBER 2023 to DECEMBER 2023

| BERWICKSHIRE | CHEVIOT | EILDON | TEVIOT | TWEEDDALE |
|---|---|--|--|--|
| TASKING DURING PERIOD | TASKING DURING PERIOD | TASKING DURING PERIOD | TASKING DURING PERIOD | TASKING DURING PERIOD |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Off-road motorcycling at Monynut Forest in October. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> In December SBCAT officers and partner agencies took part in the White Ribbon Campaign relating to ending violence against women and girls. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> In November officers from SBCAT, Road Traffic and Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) carried out road checks on the A68 at Earlston. Following intelligence received a drugs warrant was executed in Selkirk in November. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Following intelligence received a drugs warrant was executed in Hawick in October. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing reports of young people causing issues and drinking in Peebles and Innerleithen in December. |

All Localities

- Festive Campaign December

| BERWICKSHIRE | CHEVIOT | EILDON | TEVIOT | TWEEDDALE |
|---|--|---|---|---|
| EVIDENCE OF IMPACT | EVIDENCE OF IMPACT | EVIDENCE OF IMPACT | EVIDENCE OF IMPACT | EVIDENCE OF IMPACT |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> CAT day of action in October where the quad bikes were deployed and identified 8 vans parked within the area. 4 tickets were issued and a further 4 trace enquiries were initiated. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> SBCAT officers attended a surgery in Kelso where advice was given to members of the public in support of the campaign. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 69 vehicles stopped and checked resulting in 1 positive drugs search, 7 prohibition notices, 3 Vehicle Defect Notices and 18 warnings issued. 1400 cannabis plants with a street value of over one million pounds were seized. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 430 cannabis plants and 40Kg of cannabis bud were seized. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 13 warning letters were issued during the month of December in relation to young people identified as engaging in antisocial behaviour in Innerleithen and Peebles. |

All Localities

- CAT officers carried out 132 high-visibility licensed premises checks throughout the Borders

COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM (CAT) ACTIONS

| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 |
|---------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Raised in Quarter | 2 | 3 | 4 | | 3 | 5 | 4 | | 5 | 6 | 6 | | 5 | 4 | 2 | | 4 | 0 | 4 | |
| Accepted in Quarter | 0 | 1 | 3 | | 2 | 1 | 1 | | 5 | 5 | 5 | | 4 | 2 | 1 | | 3 | 0 | 4 | |

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|---|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
| % of tasking accepted by the CAT across all localities | 2022/23 60% | 2023/24 Year to date 65% |
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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.



COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM

IMPACT REPORT FOR QUARTER 3 - OCTOBER 2023 to DECEMBER 2023

HI-VISIBILITY FOOT PATROL (HOURS)



| Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 |
|-----|-----|-----|----|
| 130 | 411 | 288 | |

Foot patrols are the number hours CAT officers spend in a specific location carrying out foot patrols. The figure quoted is in individual officer hours.

MOBILE PATROL (HOURS)



| Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 |
|-----|------|------|----|
| 703 | 1346 | 1218 | |

Mobile patrols are those carried out in marked Police Scotland vehicles and can involve 1 or more officers. The figure quoted is in individual officer hours.

STATIC ROAD CHECKS



| Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 |
|----|-----|-----|----|
| 83 | 139 | 171 | |

Static road checks are proactive stops of vehicles in known problem locations to prevent or detect criminal or antisocial acts involving vehicles.

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR WARNING LETTERS ISSUED TO UNDER 18s



| Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 |
|----|----|----|----|
| 9 | 10 | 21 | |

Where young people aged under 18 are evidenced committing antisocial behaviour (including drinking alcohol) warning letters are issued to parents/guardians to advise them of the situation.

NUMBER OF DRUG SEARCHES UNDERTAKEN PERSONS



| Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 |
|----|----|----|----|
| 2 | 0 | 16 | |

56% of searches were positive for drugs in quarter 3.

NUMBER OF DRUG SEARCHES UNDERTAKEN PREMISES



| Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 |
|----|----|----|----|
| 14 | 5 | 12 | |

50% of searches were positive for drugs in quarter 3.

| | BERWICKSHIRE | | | | CHEVIOT | | | | EILDON | | | | TEVIOT | | | | TWEEDDALE | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|----|----|----|-----------|----|----|----|-----------|----|-----|----|-----------|----|-----|----|-----------|----|----|----|
| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 |
| PARKING: No of Tickets Issued | 3 | 4 | 23 | | 3 | 18 | 29 | | 29 | 95 | 168 | | 1 | 67 | 126 | | 8 | 17 | 43 | |
| 2023/24 Year all localities | Q1 | | | | Q2 | | | | Q3 | | | | Q4 | | | | | | | |
| | 44 | | | | 201 | | | | 389 | | | | | | | | | | | |