



SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL

PERFORMANCE REPORT

Q4 2024/25 (Jan 25 – Mar 25)

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



Q4 Community Action Team Report

The following is commentary based on the statistical information provided in the CAT Quarterly Impact Report for quarter 4 of 2024/25.

- On 20th May 2024 the number of CAT officers reduced from two teams to one team. There are now six officers and one sergeant covering the Borders.
- The CAT have executed several drugs searches of premises in Kelso, Selkirk and Hawick in quarter 4 with positive results.
- Mobile and fixed cameras in Burnfoot are proving effective in deterring and detecting issues involving young people as SBCAT have been able to view footage and identify suspects.

The following is commentary based on the statistical information provided over the operational life of the CAT

- As the CAT will no longer be funded by SBC with effect from 1st April 2025 the following statistics give an indication of the impact the CAT has had on Borders Communities during its operation.
- From 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2025 the CAT have issued 4205 parking tickets. Over the same time period the CAT have issued 501 warning letters to young people known to have engaged in antisocial behaviour.
- From 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2025 the CAT have received 754 requests for action to address persistent issues of crime and antisocial behaviour. These requests came primarily from elected members via the Community Action Team Strategic Oversight Group (CATSOG), which met monthly. Over 75% of the requests were accepted and dealt with by the CAT or the community policing teams. The main issues reported were antisocial behaviour involving young people, parking and speeding.



COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM

IMPACT REPORT FOR QUARTER 4 – JANUARY 2025 to MARCH 2025

BERWICKSHIRE	CHEVIOT	EILDON	TEVIOT	TWEEDDALE
TASKING DURING PERIOD	TASKING DURING PERIOD	TASKING DURING PERIOD	TASKING DURING PERIOD	TASKING DURING PERIOD
1. Rural crime and off-road motorcycling.	1. Drugs Warrant Execution in Kelso in March..	1. Scrap metal theft in March in Selkirk. 2. Drugs Warrant Execution in March in Selkirk.	1. Drugs Warrant Execution in February in Hawick. 2. Reports in March that young people had started a small fire at Burnfoot primary school.	1. Speeding and Parking issues in rural Peeblesshire.

All Localities

- Storm Eowyn in January

EVIDENCE OF IMPACT	EVIDENCE OF IMPACT	EVIDENCE OF IMPACT	EVIDENCE OF IMPACT	EVIDENCE OF IMPACT
1. In March SBCAT conducted quad bike patrols in the Monynut Forest area	1. No drugs were found but SBCAT officers found a significant amount of unexplained cash within the property which was seized for further enquiry.	1. SBCAT arrested 3 people and charged them with theft when the vehicle they were in was found to contain the stolen property. The driver was also charged with drink driving and other traffic offences. 2. £800 of cannabis was recovered. A male was arrested and later charged with supplying controlled drugs.	1. Cannabis plants worth an estimated £290,000 were seized from a property in Hawick. 2. CCTV was viewed and officers and school staff were able to identify the young people.	1. Parking and speeding checks carried out in March in West Linton and other rural communities.

All Localities

- CAT provided emergency response to issues resulting from the storm.

COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM (CAT) ACTIONS																				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Raised in Quarter	1	4	2	2	1	2	1	0	6	8	6	5	4	6	3	0	2	3	3	5
Accepted in Quarter	1	3	2	2	1	2	1	0	3	4	6	5	4	4	3	0	1	2	3	5
% of tasking accepted by the CAT across all localities					2023/24 67%								2024/25 Year to date 81%							
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
295	213	138	120

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
569	703	638	498

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
37	71	52	32

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
2	15	20	12

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
11	8	5	11

73%
of searches were positive for drugs in quarter 4.

NUMBER OF DRUG SEARCHES UNDERTAKEN PREMISES



Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
6	2	11	4

75%
of searches were positive for drugs in quarter 4.

	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	5	36	19	12	13	13	7	10	39	75	96	50	44	0	14	6	14	2	26	4
2023/24 Year all localities	Q1				Q2				Q3				Q4							
	115				126				162				82							

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IMPACT REPORT FOR 2024-25



HI-VISIBILITY FOOT
PATROL
(HOURS)



766 Foot Patrol Hours

Hours during 2024/25

ANNUAL TOTALS

22-23	686	23-24	1118
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NUMBER OF DRUG
SEARCHES UNDERTAKEN
PERSONS



35 drug searches of
people were undertaken in
2024/25

ANNUAL TOTALS

22-23	81	23-24	41
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MOBILE PATROL
(HOURS)



2,408 Mobile Patrol

Hours during 2024/25

ANNUAL TOTALS

22-23	4,893	23-24	4,190
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PERCENTAGE OF POSITIVE
SEARCHES
PERSONS



54% of searches were
positive for drugs in
2024/25

ANNUAL TOTALS

22-23	50%	23-24	44%
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STATIC ROAD CHECKS



192 Static Road Checks

carried out during 2024/25

ANNUAL TOTALS

22-23	374	23-24	466
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NUMBER OF DRUG
SEARCHES UNDERTAKEN
PREMISES



23 drug searches of
premises were undertaken in
2024/25

ANNUAL TOTALS

22-23	59	23-24	34
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ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR
WARNING LETTERS
ISSUED TO UNDER 18s



49 ASB Warning Letters

Issued to under 18s during
2024/25

ANNUAL TOTALS

22-23	56	23-24	68
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PERCENTAGE OF POSITIVE
SEARCHES
PREMISES



83% of searches were
positive for drugs in
2024/25

ANNUAL TOTALS

22-23	80%	23-24	68%
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NUMBER OF PARKING
TICKETS ISSUED



485 parking tickets

issued during 2024/25

ANNUAL TOTALS

22-23	353	23-24	1033
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B | **communities**
partnership