
Report to Partnership & Performance Committee

Date of Meeting: 10th March 2022

Subject: Police Performance Report for Clackmannanshire April 2021 to September 2021

Report by: Local Police Commander

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to provide the committee with information on the performance of Police Scotland in the Clackmannanshire local authority area for the period 1st April 2021 to 30th September 2021.
- 1.2. The report is aligned with the headings of the [Clackmannanshire Local Policing Plan 2020-2023](#) priorities (i.e. **Responsive to the concerns of our communities, Enhancing our collective resilience to emerging threats, Protecting people most at risk from harm and Promoting confidence through our actions Road Safety and Road Crime**).
- 1.3. The Clackmannanshire Police Performance Report (Appendix 1) contains the current information on performance against selected performance indicators. This report provides complementary information to that in the table to present a summary of performance of policing in Clackmannanshire Council area and also identifies emerging trends, threats and issues.
- 1.4. Data for this report is sourced from Police Databases that are subject to changes as enquiries progress. They can be best regarded as Point in Time figures. 3 year average figures are not available for all measures. The information in the table should be regarded as provisional.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1. It is recommended that committee notes, comments on and challenges the report as appropriate

3.0 Considerations

- 3.1. Attention of members is drawn to the Management Information now published via Police Scotland Website which can be found at the following location - <https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/what-we-do/how-we-are-performing/>

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3.2. Some of the risks and threats which continue to present in Clackmannanshire are:

- Domestic Abuse
- Crimes of Violence
- Possession and Supply of Controlled Drugs
- Cyber Fraud

3.3. By their nature, these remain longer-term threats and Forth Valley Division continues to focus on intervention and enforcement to address them.

3.4. There were no significant new operational issues emerging during the previous reporting period.

3.5. There were no significant new operational issues emerging during the current reporting period.

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**POLICE PERFORMANCE REPORT
April 2021 – September 2021**

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BACKGROUND TO THIS REPORT

As from April 2013, the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 has required Police Scotland to produce and publish a Local Policing Plan (LPP) for each local authority area. The LPP clearly sets out the policing priorities for Clackmannanshire.

Performance in relation to the identified policing priorities is monitored and reviewed internally on a weekly basis. Yearly reports are produced to allow scrutiny by Clackmannanshire Council Scrutiny Committee. This report covers the period from 1st April 2021 to the 30th of September 2021.

In order to support effective scrutiny and determine whether our preventative approach is having a lasting positive impact, members of the Public Safety Committee will consider information linked to the priorities outlined within this plan which include:-

- Responsive to the concerns of our communities
- Protecting people most at risk from harm
- Promoting confidence through our actions
- Enhancing our collective resilience to emerging threats
- Road Safety and Road Crime

This report will make reference to crime groupings. Groups 1-5 refer to an amalgamation of five crime groups. They are Group 1, consisting of violent crime; Group 2 covering sexual offences; Group 3 covers a wide range of crimes of dishonesty, Group 4 includes vandalism, fire-raising and malicious mischief; and group 5 includes proactive crimes. All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information.

RESPONSIVE TO THE CONCERNS OF OUR COMMUNITIES

Off - Road Motorcycles

During the spring months Tillicoultry, and more specifically the paths and fields near to Devonside and the River Devon, had experienced a high usage of off-road and trail motorbikes causing numerous complaints to police and the Community Council. The community officer arranged a proactive operation to address the problem, targeting not only this area but dealing with similar calls in Clackmannanshire. As a result, two motorbikes were seized and this success was fed back to the community who were appreciative of the efforts and progress made. This action has clearly been disseminated to the bike users as a reduction in calls to police was observed. This has made the area safer for pedestrians, dog walkers and young children who frequent these areas.

Electric Scooters

A number of pupils had obtained electric scooters (E-Scooters) and were riding them within the grounds of one of our high schools and on roads and pathways nearby. This was causing concern to local residents as there was a clear risk to the riders and pedestrians. Our Schools Based Officers (SBOs) attended this school and delivered educational inputs to all pupils regarding the use of these E-Scooters and the potential dangers. The pupils who were using them were also identified and they were visited at their home addresses where further discussions regarding the legislation and potential dangers of using these vehicles took place. This early intervention stopped the problem and also prevented any potential injuries to the riders or public.

Robbery

A taxi driver collected a male (the now accused) from the Glasgow area. He had then driven the accused towards a local address in Alloa. The accused had requested that the taxi driver give him his payment of £40 back, which had been declined. The accused then got out and leaned through the window of the vehicle, holding a bottle of alcohol in one hand with his other hand in his pocket, gesturing towards the taxi driver as though he had a knife. The accused has taken the money and ran off.

Officers have attended and spoken with the driver. He played officers the dash cam footage back during which the accused named his partner. Police systems have identified this person as living nearby. Officers have then attended and traced the accused who has immediately made admissions regarding travelling from Glasgow in a taxi and produced the stolen money from his pocket.

He was arrested and taken into custody where he was interviewed under caution and made some admissions. The accused was on licence for a hate crime and serious assault on another taxi driver a few years previously and was held to appear at court

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from custody. This was excellent work by the officers in quickly tracing this male, particularly in light of his previous conviction for a similar offence.

Protecting the Public and Reducing the Fear of Crime

In September 2021 a distressed female contacted police after being approached by a male in a car, whose behaviour she deemed as inappropriate and caused her to be alarmed and in fear of being abducted. Local officers traced the victim and obtained the relevant information to allow immediate enquiries to be carried out in order to trace the suspect who had since left the area.

Due to the swift action by police, the suspect and his vehicle were quickly traced, resulting in numerous offences being detected, the suspect being arrested and conditions were imposed on him to protect the public.

Following the incident, the complainer posted some factually incorrect information on social media regarding the events and the intentions of the male suspect. This post was shared by all the contacts of the victim which quickly began to cause extreme concern in the local community, raising the fear of crime.

Officers engaged with the victim to ensure her welfare and advised her of the impact that such posts can have on the local community, which she was unaware of. In addition, police then sent out communications on all social media platforms regarding the quick detection of the perpetrator and providing information to reassure the community and diffuse the fear of crime.

This was great work by the local officers in detecting a serious crime and apprehending the male prior to any escalation of criminality.

Drugs Recovery

In April 2021, community and response officers attended at an address in Clackmannan in order to trace a person who was wanted on multiple apprehension warrants. Upon looking at the rear of the property it was evident that there could potentially be a cultivation of some sort within. There appeared to be persons within and keys could be seen in the rear of the door, however no persons were answering when officers were knocking on the door.

Officers thereafter forced entry to the premises where the wanted male was traced within, as was a Cannabis cultivation comprising of 30 plants with an estimated value of £12,000. The officers subsequently applied for and were granted a drugs search warrant for the address from the local Sheriff. After a systematic search further items were recovered providing additional evidence of the criminal act committed by the wanted male. An excellent piece of pro-active work to disrupt local drug supply in the community.

Tackling Open Space Youth Disorder



In the summer months, youth disorder increased in the Sauchie area, particularly in the Gartmorn Dam Country Park. This area is a vast open space with natural beauty and local amenities. Youths began congregating in the area, committing disorder by acting in a threatening manner, disrupting others from enjoying the area. In addition youths were setting fires in the wooded area of the park, which has a significant environmental and safety risk to all local persons. The area layout makes it problematic for police to patrol, due to the sheer size of the area and numerous exit and entrance points to the park.

The local community officers for Sauchie identified the increase in disorder in the area and the challenges of policing it by only reacting to disorder. As a result they led discussions with social work, housing, park rangers, wardens, education and local community groups. Following on from this work, the officers began collaborating with a group called Sauchie Active8, who employ staff to engage with local youths and provide activities to keep them busy and help them to make positive lifestyle choices.

The officers held regular meetings to discuss the issues and began a programme of regular events held every Tuesday and weekends within the area. These activities have representatives from youth outreach, police and Active8 and activities are set up to divert the groups away from disorder whilst providing education and support to prevent reoffending.

This group has been a great success so far and on the run up to the school summer holidays, it had a positive impact on the most problematic groups of youths from the

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local area. Education and support has been provided to the group, thus reducing incidents of disorder.

This collaborative approach continued through the summer holidays and beyond, having a positive impact, reducing the fear of crime in the local area, protecting the public along with the affected youths and diverting them from offending.

Partnership Working to Improve Community Safety

Over the last year a community police officer, PC James Miller, has been working with partner agencies to improve safety in his community. He contacted the CCTV contractor responsible for the new system in Alloa Town Centre with a view to progressing replacement systems for Alva and Tillicoultry. This was due to the existing two cameras in both villages only being partially operational. PC Miller met with the contractor and through consultation, plans for the new systems were created and costed. He liaised with both community councils and local councillors with a view to securing funding for the project.

Covid halted progress however through PC Miller attending the Alva Regeneration meeting with Clackmannanshire Council, funding and ownership was secured as part of the larger regeneration project. PC Miller attended further meetings with contractors, council and community groups and in April 2021, plans were finalised and installation of the new cameras began. The new system comprises around a dozen high definition cameras covering 9 locations along the A91, Alva with local and remote review capabilities. This new system has been driven by PC Miller with a view to deterring and detecting crime in Alva. It is hoped to replicate this success in Tillicoultry when they receive their regeneration funding.

Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (POCA) Recovery

PC Jamie Reid, the Alloa community police officer, was on patrol alone when he observed a vehicle being driven in the Alloa area with a local career criminal in the front passenger seat. PC Reid stopped the vehicle and with assistance of other officers, the vehicle was searched along with the occupants.

Found hidden within the vehicle was a large sum of money. The driver stated the money was his which he had been saving. The other occupants were all searched and checked, nothing further linking criminality was found. The cash was seized under the POCA legislation. Excellent proactivity and local knowledge - being in the right area at the right time to disrupt local criminals and their activities.

Persistent Anti-Social Behaviour

One of our community policing team has been the single point of contact for an escalating and ongoing series of antisocial behaviour incidents involving one female resident in a local village. This female had for no apparent reason begun targeting her neighbours with a tirade of despicable verbal abuse. This worsened during the summer when neighbours were trying to enjoy the communal garden, but instead their peace was shattered by the foul tirade of abuse, including racial comments made by the female.

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The officer ensured that the female responsible was arrested, charged and put before the court for the offences. Unfortunately the female was released from court on each occasion. A further incident occurred which was led and investigated by the officer, resulting in the female being arrested again. The officer, on the run up to the most recent incident, led multi-agency meetings with all relevant partners including social work, housing, council, adult care services and criminal justice, all of who provided information and evidence to help strengthen the case against the female.

The officer compiled an extremely detailed and comprehensive police report to accompany the female's appearance at court from custody. Due to the information obtained from his partnership liaison and full chronology published in his report, the female was remanded in prison pending her trial date.

The officer liaised with partner agencies whilst the female was in prison and the council then secured a comprehensive and stringent Antisocial Behaviour Order for the female for her release from prison. This order provides conditions that the female must adhere to in order to protect the quality of life of her neighbours.

This will help reduce the harm caused by her actions and if breached, she may return to prison. The Council have confirmed that she will be evicted should she breach this order. The Council and social services have praised the officer's collaborative approach and taking the lead to tackle this problem and bring to a successful conclusion for his community.

PROTECTING PEOPLE MOST AT RISK FROM HARM

STRIVE – Collaborative Working to Assist a Vulnerable Adult

Police were called to an address after concerns were raised for the elderly gentleman who lived there. Officers observed that there was around a month's worth of food deliveries piled up in the porch area of the property and flies were seen on the windows. Thankfully the male was found safe and well within his home.

It transpired that he struggled to use the stairs in his private property and therefore had not been collecting his food shopping from the porch due to primarily living on the second floor. The living conditions within the address were of great concern. The male was living in squalor and his home and clothing were found to be extremely dirty. Rooms were piled floor to ceiling in rubbish and this made the exits of the property difficult to reach in addition to the clear health and fire risks posed.

As a result, a Vulnerable Persons Database Report was submitted and the case referred to the Safeguarding Through Rapid Intervention (STRIVE) team. Through referral from STRIVE, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service attended at the property and with the help of the male's sister, cleared most of the clutter and rubbish from the downstairs level, making the exits accessible. They also fitted fire alarms at the property.

STRIVE made a referral to adult care regarding the males community care needs as he struggled to manage his self-care and tenancy and could not use the stairs. STRIVE also referred the male to Transform Forth Valley who assisted him in accessing the supports available and ensured that adult care prioritised the case as best they could. They also offered the male assistance with his alcohol use.

Rapid multi-agency working with this man ensured that a male, not previously known to services, had his immediate safety issues addressed quickly and his longer term health and wellbeing concerns highlighted to the most capable support services.

Supporting Young People to Reduce Reoffending

Detecting crime is obviously a priority for policing across Scotland, however providing assistance to the perpetrator is also essential to prevent the repetition of offending. It has often been seen that police are victim led and the courts deal with the offender, however it is key to also deal with the issues causing the offender to relapse into criminality.

This type of work is instilled into our community policing team who are trauma trained and look out for and identify interventions that can be utilised to prevent re-offending. In the Alloa area there is a community drop in centre, which has proved key in relation to this type of work. The community officer for this area has worked very closely with

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the centre to identify vulnerable persons in the community and signpost them to the services provided by the centre.

One such case involved a male who had become a recidivist offender in the Alloa area, who was under 18 and clearly in need of some direction. Prior to identifying this, the officer was instrumental in obtaining funding for the centre to create a project tasked with providing support to offenders between 16 and 18 years of age. This was to give them something to focus on along with educational inputs and training which would divert them from their continued offending.

The recidivist offender identified by the officer fitted this criteria. The male's offending had escalated with the most recent incident involving a serious assault which he committed on another male. The officer spent a considerable amount of time with the male, who was initially sceptical of such projects and did not wish to participate. After the benefits were explained to him and considerable support offered, the male attended at the centre with the officer and engaged fully in the process.

The officer maintained an interest in this particular case and the male is now undertaking an apprenticeship and has secured employment once this is finished. This type of community work, albeit demanding and time consuming, has a positive impact on the lives of not only the offender but their families, friends and the victims of crime. We were able to help turn around a person destined for a career of criminality, providing structure along with education and employment.

Travelling Criminal Apprehended – Protecting the Most Vulnerable

During the month of May 2021, Clackmannanshire's Divisional Alcohol Violence Reduction Unit (DAVRU) were aware of a travelling criminal operating between Clackmannanshire and Fife in a vehicle driven illegally, whilst committing thefts and frauds in both areas. This male was targeting vulnerable members of the community by convincing them to part with money in exchange for building services never supplied.

As a result, the DAVRU officers were aware of the male, his description and the vehicles he used. They set up proactive points to patrol in order to trace the male on the most likely transport routes between Fife and the Clackmannanshire area. The DAVRU observed the male driving a van into Clackmannanshire from the Fife area. They signalled for the male to stop, which he failed to do and a pursuit ensued.

Due to the excellent communications passed by the DAVRU, the pursuit was authorised to continue, the officers passed regular and detailed updates for almost an hour when the pursuit eventually concluded.

The male was apprehended and was reported for a catalogue of offending between Fife and Clackmannanshire, including serious driving offences. The male was remanded in custody pending trial.

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This proactivity by the officers protected more vulnerable members of the community from being targeted by this career criminal, allowing the courts to take the appropriate action to prevent him being able to commit further offences.

Vulnerable Elderly Male

The protection of the elderly and vulnerable groups open to exploitation is a priority for our Community Policing Team (CPT). The CPT identify the most vulnerable members of their communities and utilise the services of the appropriate partner agencies, to provide wraparound support to protect them.

One such vulnerable member of the community was identified by the local CPT, who were aware of an unlikely acquaintance between him as an elderly male residing alone and a much younger female who leads a chaotic lifestyle in relation to drug abuse and criminal behaviour, mainly crimes of dishonesty.

Having identified this male may be at risk of exploitation by the female, the CPT conducted proactive visits initially to gauge if any exploitation was ongoing. During their visits they quickly established that the male was in fact being financially exploited by the female who was regularly taking his bank card, food, alcohol, cigarettes and anything else of value from his home. The male did not see a problem with the situation and it was suspected he was receiving some form of favour from the female.

The CPT spent a lot of time explaining the exploitation to him and visiting him regularly to protect him. In addition, they highlighted their concerns to our partners in social work, adult care, council and housing. All partners then participated in weekly meetings to discuss and plan a way forward. As a result, an Adult Support and Protection Banning Order was craved and granted, preventing the female making contact or attending at the males address, along with other conditions.

The officers later visited the male, and whilst speaking to him he mentioned contact that the female had made over that weekend and they also noticed items missing from his home. Further enquiry resulted in more evidence being gleaned that the female breached the banning order. She had her tenancy terminated and received the maximum prison sentence for breaching the order.

The CPT then helped to have the male housed out with the area to ensure that he would not be exploited in future.

PROMOTING CONFIDENCE THROUGH OUR ACTIONS

Licensing - Returning to normality after COVID Lockdown

For the majority of the period of this report, the licensing trade in Clackmannanshire, along with the rest of the UK, was subject to stringent lockdown measures which had an impact on the night time economy in Clackmannanshire. The restrictions imposed on the licensed premises included opening times, purpose of the venue and conditions on patrons within. As a result of these conditions, the CPT took ownership of the enforcement of these conditions and regular visits to all the licensed premises were carried out, sometimes alongside the council's environmental health and licensing department.

As a result of these visits, confirmation that the premises were abiding by the conditions was achieved. In addition, the communities felt reassured as they were concerned about feeling safe during lockdown and again when returning to normality and socialising in licensed premises.

When the restrictions eased and the conditions imposed on the licensed premises were lifted, the CPT continued the licensing visits and checks, to ensure the public felt safe and that the premises were still abiding by the rules and had sufficiently trained staff to effectively manage the licensed premises.

Community engagement with young children

Our CPT take pride in their engagement with young children and regularly attend at local groups and youth clubs and take part in social activities to help break down barriers at an early stage. Recently they attended the Rainbows, under the Guides group.

Afterwards, a letter was received from the Guide leader covering the Rainbows section detailing the very positive impact that the visit had on the groups of children within the group. This demonstrates the impact that such visits still have in the community, with the CPT acting as role models and providing direction to young children, steering them in the right direction away from harm and building trust and respect within their communities.

Cohesive Partnership Liaison – Reducing the Fear of Crime

The CPT in one of our villages observed a pattern emerging concerning youth related open space disorder, contributing to the increase in the fear of crime. This was particularly apparent at a large grocery store. The CPT observed that local youths were congregating in and around the area of the store, which led to it being targeted by local drug users and the area becoming a hotspot for disorder.

As a result, the CPT included the area in their regular patrol matrix to deter criminality and the potential for persons to loiter in the area, attracting other elements of criminality. In addition, the officers asked local partner agencies to get involved and identify diversionary activities for the young people to afford them other ways to occupy their time. The officers developed a good relationship with the store owners, visiting them every shift to provide support, reassurance and an avenue through which to report any concerns direct to them.

As a result of this work, feedback was received from the store owners who were full of praise for the local CPT. They commented on how the fear of crime has diminished as a result of the attention paid by police in tackling the issues identified. The owners reported a significant reduction on the previously reported incidents, so much so that they are now investing in a second similar store in a neighbouring village.

The work done to identify the issues early and using good old fashioned policing methods, increased the confidence the public and business owners have in Police Scotland. This has reduced the fear of crime and provided additional support to enable the owners to feel confident in starting a second business, knowing the police are there to support them.

Community Project Funding by Police

The CPT work very closely with local community groups, who provide an invaluable service to our communities, including the most vulnerable. Funding has been a big challenge for these groups, particularly during the Covid pandemic when voluntary sectors have been hit hard.

Police were made aware of government funding which was available to police to assist local projects. As a result, the CPT secured funding for three projects in the Clackmannanshire area:

1. The Community House in Alloa which provides support to families struggling with poverty, particularly by providing activities for children. This creates social inclusion, tackles child poverty and provides parents with much needed support in the form of activities that the family can become involved in.
2. The Community Centre in Hawkhill, Alloa, is the centre of Alloa and is one of the most popular community centres around. They have been struggling with funding to get trips organised for local disadvantaged young people, which is a deterrent for anti-

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social behaviour (ASB) and associated criminality. They work with young people, provide meaningful activities and training to provide them with life skills and support to deter them from criminality. They had been struggling to obtain funding for transport and kit for outdoor pursuit activities and team building exercises.

3. The Alva Development Trust operates foodbanks, soup kitchens and provides other financial support for the most vulnerable across Clackmannanshire and those in poverty unable to feed and clothe their families. Due to COVID, their donations and charity work has been impacted meaning they had limited funds to provide these excellent and sometimes lifesaving services.

Police provided funding to all three of the above services, which will have a hugely positive impact on our community, not only providing essential services in the form of food and clothing for our most vulnerable, but also diversionary activities to deter young people from criminality and by providing support and education to get them on the right path to making positive lifestyle choices.

Acquisitive Crime Detections

During July 2021, a number of similar thefts were reported in the Claremont area of Alloa. These involved a person entering insecure vehicles, garages and garden sheds, stealing property. Initially five incidents were reported to police. The community officer for the area assumed ownership and during the investigation which involved visiting approximately two hundred houses in the estate, numerous pieces of CCTV footage was retained from residents' doorbell cameras. This provided a description of the male offender and although his face was covered, the clothing and build were distinctive.

Furthermore, by attending every address, a further five incidents were uncovered which either the residents were unaware of or they had not reported to the police.

A plain clothes operation was then arranged by the CPT, deploying officers on night patrol duty in the target areas. By deploying the resources in the right areas at the right times, the offender, who was not from the local area, was caught in the act and equipped to steal. Further investigation linked the male to twelve thefts in total, resulting in the male being arrested, charged and remanded in custody pending his trial date.

This information was communicated back to the public to provide reassurance and who in turn highly praised all officers involved from CPT and response policing, highlighting their confidence and trust in police.

Community Event



In August 2021, a large event took place in Alloa Town Centre which involved an extremely large mechanical puppet (STORM) parading through the town centre. The purpose of this event was to bring communities together to highlight the impact of climate change and what can be done to prevent same. The event planning took several months and involved numerous multi-agency meetings to ensure the policing response was designed to protect the public, whilst maintaining the free flowing nature of the event and facilitating community engagement.

The event was attended by people of all ages and from all areas of Clackmannanshire and beyond. Lots of members of the public engaged positively with the police highlighting how professional the event was and how police engaging with the community led to an increase in satisfaction with and trust in the police. This proved to be an excellent event having been well organised to ensure maximum safety and enjoyment for all.

Game On Project

Protecting young people from the risk of harm has always been a priority for police in Clackmannanshire, along with decreasing the instances of antisocial behaviour, in particular open space youth related disorder. As a result the CPT identified a new initiative being considered in the local area called 'Game On'. This was an idea, from the local community outreach workers, to have regular football academies funded by the local Coalfield Regeneration Fund.



As a result, the officers got involved at an early stage in the planning, providing support and guidance to get the initiative up and running. This is now in place and runs every Friday from 6pm to 8pm at Alloa Football Club ground.

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It has proven to be a great success. Police attend and get involved at a practical level which has went a long way to breaking down barriers and opening up relationships between the police and the groups of young people who would normally avoid police contact. The initiative has been designed to target the groups most vulnerable to being engaged in antisocial behaviour and provides education and not just football games, all designed to provide support and awareness to groups aged 12-18 years on the importance of community respect and the impact of crime on their local community and their own personal development.



Due to the success, this scheme has progressed into the Tullibody Civic Centre meaning more venues are open to the group. This is a good example of community engagement and breaking down barriers, all to keep people safe

ENHANCING OUR COLLECTIVE RESILIENCE TO EMERGING THREATS

Cybercrime – Keeping Safe Online

The Keeping Safe Online programme provides education and awareness to the most vulnerable people at risk of online exploitation, be it sexual, financial or emotional harm. The SBOs primarily have been instrumental in rolling out this initiative.

They have worked alongside partners in education and social care to provide inputs to secondary school age children and providing information to keep themselves safe online. Similar learning packages have been adapted and rolled out to parents to assist them in monitoring the online activity of their children and to look out for signs of exploitation and provide support should they suspect their children are being exploited online or subject to harm through grooming or sexual coercion.

With the information prepared from the work carried out above, the CPT have adapted these learning packages, tailoring them to primary school aged children, to ensure they are aware of the requirement to stay safe whilst online.

The CPT are all trained and experienced in providing information and signposting persons who are either being subjected to financial exploitation online or are at risk of financial exploitation. Regular education is provided throughout the community groups along with partner agencies on this subject, which is ongoing.

Substantial Cannabis Cultivation



Tackling illegal drug supply and use in our communities is a priority for policing in Clackmannanshire, particularly due to the link between the sale and supply of controlled drugs and serious organised crime. The CPT were tasked with developing and progressing intelligence relating to drug misuse and patrolling their areas to identify key sites vulnerable to be used for the production of controlled drugs.

In April 2021, intelligence came to light relating to an industrial unit in the Clackmannanshire area being used for the production of cannabis. There was nothing

to indicate the exact location, however the Community Policing Team were on the lookout for vulnerable sites.

In June 2021, the CPT were conducting patrols in relation to open space youth disorder and observed two males in a compound on a site which was now abandoned. This compound had an extremely large barn secured within the curtilage. The officers conducted enquiries with the males observed and were granted access to the site. Whilst within, the officers observed a power source being fed into the main barn, which appeared to be unsafe and bypassing the normal electricity supply.

Due to their suspicions, the key holder for the site attended and granted access. A substantial cultivation of cannabis was discovered within, along with construction ongoing within the barn, segregating areas into growing rooms to expand the production operation. The appropriate search and recovery warrants were craved and granted and the cultivation retained by police. Two males were arrested and remanded in custody and work is ongoing to identify and apprehend the persons involved in the planning of this site.

The recovery for this operation was just shy of £200k worth of controlled drugs. Expert analysis found that the construction work ongoing within the barn would have expanded the production of controlled drugs into the millions of pounds every 12 weeks. This proactive work seriously disrupted the production of controlled drugs within our communities and disrupted the serious organised crime group from benefiting from illegal activity within Clackmannanshire.

Drugs Recovery - Tackling Threat and Risk

Addressing the harm caused to local communities through the sale and supply of controlled drugs is an extremely important issue for policing. The harm caused to our local residents is evident from the supply of controlled drugs to our most vulnerable members of our community, open to manipulation and exploitation to become addicted to controlled drugs, increasing the need to supply.

As a result, all our officers are regularly briefed on the factors affecting our communities and the harm caused by illegal drugs and the misuse of same. All our officers remain proactive in this regard to not only take illegal drugs off the streets but also to put measures in place to protect those most vulnerable.

In June 2021, response policing officers were called to an address in the local area by colleagues in the ambulance service, who were attending a call of a male suspected of having taken an overdose of heroin. Police arrived and found a male unconscious and unresponsive, being tended to by ambulance personnel. Assistance was provided by police in relation to advanced life support and the adverse effects of the controlled drugs were reversed by the administering of specialist medication in the form of Narcan.

In relation to the male and the other persons present in the address, the attending officers were mindful of the cause of this person's illness and the potential presence of the substance which had caused him harm. The officers thereafter recovered a

substantial quantity of heroin and other controlled drugs within the address. As a result, the two other occupants were examined by medical professionals, to ensure that they were not at risk from the same effects as the affected male, resulting from the ingestion of controlled drugs.

Due to the obvious presence of controlled drugs within the address, officers craved and were granted a warrant to search and recover, resulting in the recovery of over £6,000 in controlled drugs, including Heroin and tablets suspected to be Diazepam.

This proactive work has not only ensured the safety of the persons present who were vulnerable to the effects of controlled drugs, but also recovered a large quantity of Heroin and other controlled drugs, destined for the streets of Clackmannanshire, putting other members of the community at risk.

Cannabis Cultivation

In August 2021, the community officer for one of the villages was attending a call regarding noise and antisocial behaviour from a neighbour. After speaking with the complainer the officer made enquiries with the subject and attended his address. The subject was displaying suspicious behaviour and quickly closed his door when stepping into the common close to speak with the police.

The officer could detect the smell of cannabis from the subjects flat when the door was open so using his communications skills, he obtained consent from the subject to enter, where he observed a cannabis cultivation growing in the bedroom of the address.

The officer then dismantled and recovered the cannabis cultivation along with colleagues, which was worth around £4000. The subject has been reported for the offence of producing a controlled drug.

This proactive approach not only recovered £4000 worth of drugs, thus protecting the public from the harmful effects of misusing controlled drugs, but additionally increased the confidence in policing within the local community who became aware of the police action and grateful for the intervention.

Disruption of Large Scale Drugs Production



In September 2021, local officers were alerted to suspicious activity at an industrial site in Alloa. As a result police attended and conducted enquiries around the premises which led to information being obtained that the site most likely was being used to grown cannabis. Due to the information obtained a search warrant was craved and granted.

Local officers along with CID and drugs unit officers attended and uncovered a very large cannabis cultivation of an industrial scale. The recovery of the items from the location evidenced a cannabis growing operation of around half a million pounds in regular turn over.

The disruption of this organised criminal enterprise has not only halted this criminality within our local area but also protected the most vulnerable members of our community in ridding the area of the controlled drugs destined for our streets.

Residential Thefts and Housebreaking Crimes

In July 2021, police were notified of three separate crimes all in close proximity of one another, occurring the same night, involving an insecure vehicle and garage being entered and an attempt to break into a house. Property was stolen from the vehicle and garage. As a result, the CPT were tasked with conducting enquiries to identify the unknown suspect to bring them to justice and prevent further incidents.

The local Facebook posts were reviewed, where a local resident had posted CCTV coverage of their address which was in the vicinity of these thefts, with footage showing a male within their garden attempting to force open the window of their house.

During the course of the enquiry, the officers visited all the local houses in the vicinity of the thefts and identified the property with the CCTV which proved to be fruitful and also obtained details of a further four thefts that had occurred on the same night but had not been reported to police.

These additional reports provided information of further distinctive items of property being stolen. CCTV was secured, and from local knowledge the police were able to identify the offender as a local man, known to police for his history of offending.

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The CPT craved and were granted a search warrant for this male's address, where they recovered some of the stolen property. The suspect was apprehended, charged and subsequently remanded in custody, where he remains pending his trial date.

All of the victims were updated and the detection communicated to the wider community to provide reassurance. From the comments received on social media, the public were very satisfied with the policing response to these reports, the proactive approach by police in gathering further crime reports, evidence and the capture of the offender within a short timeframe. The concerns of the public were listened to and responded to in an extremely professional and proactive manner. This has hugely increased the public confidence in the police in this local area.

Dishonesty Crimes Detected

Over a period of three months, local retail stores had been plagued by a shoplifter, entering stores throughout Clackmannanshire and stealing goods. All the shops had CCTV cameras installed, however due to the suspect wearing a mask as per Covid regulations, he could not be identified. The local officer, PC James Miller, took ownership of this and interrogated CCTV systems for neighbouring premises and council CCTV, in an effort to identify the suspect.

As a result of a thorough investigation, suitable footage was found which identified the suspect. This footage was compared to the footage from relevant shopliftings in terms of the male's appearance and PC Miller was able to tie all the shopliftings together and obtain sufficient evidence to apprehend the suspect, which he duly did.

As a result the male is being considered for a banning order preventing him entering the areas where he committed his thefts, thus providing further confidence in the local community that their issues were being addressed and actioned by the local police, successfully apprehending a repeat offender.

ROAD SAFETY AND ROAD CRIME

Op Peacoat – Road Safety



Protecting our communities and vulnerable road users is always a priority in the Clackmannanshire area. Due to the layout of our county, which borders the two other areas within Forth Valley Division, along with our neighbouring divisions, our roadways are vulnerable to travelling criminals. We also have two main trunk roads passing through our county which require patrolling to prevent and deter careless or dangerous driving on our roads.

CPT are tasked with patrolling our road networks regularly to prevent and detect criminality, ultimately making our road networks a safer place to be. This was impacted more at certain times during the Covid lockdowns as more pedestrians were out and about utilising our roads for social activities and fitness. This followed on from local complaints and information gleaned during engagement with communities where residents voiced their concerns.

In June 2021, PC Katie Lawson from the CPT lead Operation Peacoat, which was a proactive roads policing operation designed to identify non-roadworthy vehicles, detect offences and educate road users on the dangers of speeding.

This operation ran for four days and during this time our officers stopped and checked a total of 1,019 vehicles on the Clackmannanshire road network. Two drivers were found not to have insurance and one driver was found to be driving without a driving licence. Four vehicles were found to be driven without an MOT Test Certificate. Appropriate action was taken with a number of vehicles being seized and several reports to the Procurator Fiscal. Speed detection patrols were carried out on also to tackle local complaints of speeding vehicles. No speeding offences were detected.

The operation was designed to provide education and enforcement, as required, in relation to all aspects of road safety, to make the roads of Clackmannanshire safer for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians.

School Parking Patrols



Following the return to school after the summer holidays, all primary and secondary schools were patrolled rigorously to educate parents and children on the dangers of parking within the vicinity of the school gates, obstructing the safe passage of children, and in relation to speeding in and around the school area.

In addition, speed patrols were carried out around the school areas within the 20mph zones, educating drivers of the dangers of exceeding these limits. This proved to be helpful in sending the road safety message to new parents, new school children and the general public, all to maintain the safety of all persons frequenting the school area.

Road Safety Campaign - Tackling the Fatal Five



During September 2021, we took part in the national seatbelt awareness campaign, linked to the Force priorities in terms of road safety and reducing fatalities on the road networks throughout Scotland. The CPT in Clackmannanshire conducted a seatbelt awareness operation across the main trunk roads throughout Clackmannanshire.

During this operation, the local officers focussed on education as opposed to enforcement, where proportionate, to educate drivers on the importance of seatbelt use to prevent serious injury and fatalities, thus keeping everyone safe.

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As a result of the two day operation, 350 vehicles were stopped and checked and drivers educated as appropriate, which was positively received. Two separate offences were also detected relating to vehicle defects and the drivers were issued Conditional Offer of Fixed Penalty Notices.

The feedback received from the public was positive in relation to this operation which has sent out a clear message on the importance of wearing seatbelts and preventing injuries on our roads.

Disrupting Criminality

On Wednesday 30th September 2021, officers from the Community Policing Team and DAVRU were paired to patrol the Clackmannanshire area. During this proactive patrol, they observed a known male with an extensive history of criminality, driving a vehicle not normally linked to him. As a result they signalled for the vehicle to stop.

The vehicle failed to stop for police and after a short pursuit, the driver stopped and surrendered himself to police. It was established that the 28 year old driver did not have insurance nor the correct driving licence to allow him to drive the vehicle. As a result he was charged with the two document offences and also failing to stop for police. His vehicle was taken off him due to not having the correct documentation.

This proactive vehicle stop was a prime example of the officers being in the right area at the right time, proactively policing to detect offences and thus keeping people safe by removing an unqualified and uninsured driver and vehicle from the roads.

Operation Close Pass



The CPT and colleagues from the Roads Policing Unit, conducted a joint operation in Clackmannanshire, Operation Close Pass. This is a national operation designed to increase the safety of vulnerable groups utilising the road networks throughout Scotland.

This Operation was conducted on the road networks within Clackmannanshire and is designed to tackle the issue of drivers passing too close to cyclists, causing a danger to life. The CPT deployed on cycles with the support of a roads policing vehicle and

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any drivers passing too close would be stopped, education provided where appropriate and enforcement, as required.

This operation detected no vehicles breaching any of the road traffic laws which was encouraging, suggesting that the message from previous operations and initiatives has been getting across, increasing the safety of persons utilising our roads.

In addition to the above operation, a marked roads policing vehicle was positioned at a busy car park with the 'Operation Close Pass' mats laid out, providing a highly visible outline of the safe driving position and distance whilst passing cyclists. This attracted local attention and was clearly an operation which was welcomed by the local residents, all feeling the benefit of the police presence and increasing their confidence and satisfaction in the police service.

**LOCAL AUTHORITY SCRUTINY BOARD - Clackmannanshire
April 2021- September 2021**

| Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour | | | | | | |
|--|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------|-------------|------------------------------------|
| | | Apr 2021 - Sept 2021 | Apr 2020 - Sept 2020 | Victims | % Change | 3 year average 2019- 2021 |
| 1 | Total No Group1: Crimes of Violence | 67 | 71 | 4 less | -5.6 | 65 |
| 2 | Murder | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3 | Attempted Murder | 2 | 1 | 1 more | 100 | 2.3 |
| 4 | Culpable Homicide (common law) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 5 | Culpable Homicide (other) | 0 | 1 | 1 less | -100 | 0.6 |
| 6 | Serious Assault detection rate | 83.3% | 57.6% | | 25.8 | 71.1% |
| 7 | Serious Assault | 24 | 33 | 9 less | -9.8 | 28.6 |
| 8 | Robbery detection rate | 85.7% | 85.7% | | 0 | 80.9% |
| 9 | Robbery | 7 | 14 | 7 less | -50 | 9.3 |
| 10 | Common assault detection rate | 73.6% | 76.4% | | -2.8 | 74.3% |
| 11 | Common assault | 337 | 305 | 32 more | 10.5 | 330.3 |
| 12 | Number of complaints regarding disorder | 1383 | 1926 | 543 less | -28.2 | 1575.6 |

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April 2021- September 2021**

| Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour (continued) | | | | | | |
|---|---|----------------------|-------------------------------|---------|----------|--------------------------|
| | | Apr 2021 - Sept 2021 | Apr 2020 - Sept 2020 | Victims | % Change | 3 year average 2019-2021 |
| 13 | Number of Domestic Abuse Incidents Reported to the Police | 393 | 411 | | -4.4 | 393.3 |
| 14 | Total Crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents | 292 | 289 | | 1 | 282 |
| 15 | Percentage of Domestic Incidents that result in a crime being recorded | 40.5% | 46.5% | | -4.6 | 44.6 |
| 16 | Total crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents detection rate | 79.8 | 77.9 | | 2.5 | 77.3 |
| 17 | Total Detections for Domestic Bail Offences | 23 | 21 | | 9.5 | 23 |
| 18 | Ensure 95% of domestic abuse initial bail checks are conducted within a prescribed timeframe (24hrs)* | 96.9% | 90.6% | | 6.9 | * |
| * No data available for 2019 | | | | | | |
| 19 | Hate Crime and offences detection rate | 74.6% | 94.9% | | -20.3 | 84.4 |
| Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour - Stop and Searches | | | | | | |
| | | Apr 2021 - Sept 2021 | Apr 2021 - Sept 2021 Positive | Victims | % Change | 3 year average |
| 20 | Number of stop and searches conducted (total) | 119 | 71 | | | |
| On the 11th May 2017 Police Scotland adopted a new code of practice on the use of stop and search. At this time the use of non-statutory (Consensual) search ceased. Further information on Police Scotland's use of stop and search and on the code of practice is available on the Police Scotland Website. | | | | | | |

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| Additional Identified Local Priorities | | | | | | |
|---|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------|-------------|------------------------------------|
| | | Apr 2021 - Sept 2021 | Apr 2020 - Sept 2020 | Victims | % Change | 3 year average 2019- 2021 |
| 21 | Number of detections for drugs supply, drugs productions, drugs cultivation | 21 | 36 | | -41.7 | 34.3% |
| 22 | Theft by housebreaking (including attempts) detection rate | 29.4% | 59.3% | | -29.9 | 39.6% |
| 23 | Theft by housebreaking (including attempts) | 34 | 59 | 25 less | -42.4 | 44.3 |
| 24 | Theft by shoplifting detection rate | 80% | 73.7% | | 6.3% | 76.8% |
| 25 | Theft by shoplifting | 85 | 76 | 11 more | 11.8 | 96.3 |
| 26 | Vandalism & Malicious Mischief detection rate | 44% | 34.7% | | 9.3% | 37.1% |
| 27 | Vandalism & Malicious Mischief | 216 | 277 | 61 less | -22 | 253.3 |
| 28 | Number of detections for Consuming Alcohol in a designated place (where appropriate byelaws exist) | 7 | 7 | | 0 | 6.7 |
| Public Protection | | | | | | |
| | | Apr 2021 - Sept 2021 | Apr 2020 - Sept 2020 | Victims | % Change | 3 year average 2019- 2021 |
| 29 | Number of Sexual Crimes | 100 | 56 | 44 more | 78.6 | 82 |
| 30 | Sexual Crimes detection rate | 54% | 55.4% | | -1.4% | 53.1% |
| 31 | Rape detection rate | 100% | 36.4% | | -63.6 | 67.7% |

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March 2021**

| Road Traffic Casualty Statistics | | | | | |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|---------|----------|--------------------------|
| | Apr 2021 - Sept 2021 | Apr 2020 - Sept 2020 | Victims | % Change | 3 year average 2019-2021 |
| People Killed | 0 | 0 | - | - | - |
| People Seriously injured | 7 | 4 | 3 more | 75 | 4.7 |
| People Slightly Injured | 5 | 3 | 2 more | 66.7 | 7.3 |
| | | | | | |
| Children (aged<16) Killed | 0 | 0 | - | - | - |
| Children (aged<16) Seriously Injured | 0 | 0 | - | - | - |

| Road Safety & Road Crime - Detected | | | | | |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|---------|----------|--------------------------|
| | Apr 2021 - Sept 2021 | Apr 2020 - Sept 2020 | Victims | % Change | 3 year average 2019-2021 |
| 32 Dangerous driving | 18 | 9 | | 100 | 15.3 |
| 33 Speeding | 33 | 52 | | -36.5 | 42 |
| 34 Disqualified driving | 9 | 7 | | 28.6 | 9.7 |
| 35 Driving Licence | 38 | 35 | | 8.6 | 31.3 |
| 36 Insurance | 83 | 80 | | 3.8 | 69.7 |
| 37 Seat Belts | 3 | 9 | | -66.7 | 4.7 |
| 38 Mobile Phone | 1 | 1 | | 0 | 1.7 |

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April 2021- September 2021**

| Public Confidence | | | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| | | Apr 2021 - September 2021 | | | |
| | | Number of Complaints about the Police | | Number of Complaints per 10,000 Police Incidents | |
| 39 | Complaints received about the Police | 19 | | 27.3 | |
| | | On Duty Allegations | Off Duty Allegations | Quality of Service Allegations | Total Number of Allegations |
| 40 | Total Allegations Recorded | 28 | 0 | 2 | 30 |

The complaints received are the total Complaints about the Police received and logged on our system. One complaint about the Police can have several allegations contained within, similar to one crime report having several charges contained within. The allegations are similar to individual charges, for example a member of the public can submit a complaint about the Police which is recorded as one complaint, within this complaint they could outline their dissatisfaction in relation to not receiving adequate updates in relation to the crime reported (allegation 1), not being satisfied with the time taken to progress their crime report (allegation 2) and the uncivil manner of the subject Police Officer investigating their crime (allegation 3).