
Report to Audit and Scrutiny Committee

Date of Meeting: 26th October 2023

Subject: Police Performance Report for Clackmannanshire October 2022 to March 2023

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 October 2022 to 31st March 2023.
- 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
October 2022 – March 2023**

**Barry Blair
Chief Superintendent**

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BACKGROUND TO THIS REPORT

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 on an ongoing basis. Six monthly reports are produced to allow scrutiny by Clackmannanshire Council Audit and Scrutiny Committee. The quantitative information in this report covers the period from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023. The supporting qualitative information in this report highlights some of the notable activities undertaken by local and national officers in support our local policing priorities during the period from 1 October 2022 to 31 March 2023, as well as any notable developments at a National level that have an impact on the delivery of local policing services.

In order to support effective scrutiny and determine whether our preventative approach is having a lasting positive impact, members of the Audit and Scrutiny 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

We will work to prevent antisocial behaviour, hate crime, violence and disorder and aim to prevent acquisitive crime.

Acquisitive Crime Series - Detected

During September and October 2022, police received eight reports of thefts from vehicles and outbuildings in Sauchie and Alloa. Officers from the Community Policing Team (CPT) conducted enquiries, reviewed CCTV, and were able to identify the person responsible. Officers arrested and charged a male for the thefts and he was held in custody to appear at court the next day.

This was a complex investigation with the team demonstrating sound investigative skills and conducting a thorough and diligent enquiry to detect this crime series, arrest the male responsible, and prevent further criminality.

Sale and Supply of Controlled Drugs – Proactivity

In October 2022, the CPT were patrolling Tullibody, when they observed a male in a vehicle acting suspiciously and believed him to be involved in the sale and supply of controlled drugs. The officers decided to check the vehicle out, however when it came to a stop in Fishcross, the male ran off. Officers followed and after a lengthy foot pursuit he was apprehended and found in possession of herbal cannabis with a value of £885. Further investigation was carried out and he was charged with being concerned in the supply of controlled drugs and reported to the Procurator Fiscal (PF).

In the same month, Response officers were patrolling Tillicoultry when they observed a male drop a bag of what appeared to contain controlled drugs. Officers quickly retained the bag and found it to contain over 1,500 Diazepam tablets. The male was arrested and charged with possession of controlled drugs with intent to supply and reported to the PF.

In March 2023, the CPT and Clackmannanshire Alcohol Violence Reduction Unit (CAVRU), were patrolling Tullibody when they observed a vehicle belonging to a male known for being involved in the sale and supply of controlled drugs. The vehicle was stopped and, given the circumstances presented, the male was searched under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 section 23. He was found in possession of £3780 in cash, cannabis, and crack cocaine with a value of £3068. Both the drugs and cash were seized by police and the male was arrested and charged with being concerned in the supply of controlled drugs, and reported to the PF.

The above are examples of the CPT, CAVRU and Response officers proactively working together, patrolling local communities, seizing harmful controlled drugs, apprehending drug dealers, and helping to provide a safer environment for our local communities to thrive in.

Drug Search Warrants

In October, the CPT and Response officers received information from the local community about a female selling drugs from her home address in Alloa. The officers craved a drugs search warrant which was granted by the Sheriff. Officers later forced entry to the address, arrested the female and seized £5910, crack cocaine, heroin, and tablets valued at £1050. She was held in police custody to appear at court the next day.

In March the CPT received limited information about a possible cannabis cultivation within an address in the Alloa area. The officers conducted further enquiries, attended at the address and the occupier answered the door. Within the house the officers observed a mature cannabis cultivation and arrested the 47 year old male for producing a controlled drug. The drugs were valued at £1500 and were seized by police along with the cultivation equipment. These results demonstrate the importance of community intelligence and how it leads to proactive action to reduce harm and disrupt those who supply or produce drugs.

Prolific Theft by Shoplifting Crimes

Over the festive period two local nominals conducted a large number of shopliftings at local shops in Clackmannanshire, targeting shops selling foodstuffs, cleaning products and generally any items that can easily be sold on once stolen. On receipt of these reports and reviewing the incidents, the CPT were able to link all the crimes and prioritised the investigation into identifying and apprehending the two suspects.

Following a thorough enquiry and working in partnership with local security staff and Retailers Against Crime (RACS), officers identified the two suspects who were swiftly arrested for a total of eighteen crimes. The detection and apprehension of these prolific criminals instilled confidence in local shopkeepers and with small business owners, highlighting that police also prioritise this type of offending. This was having a massive impact on their businesses, at a time when the cost of living crisis was already affecting all areas of the community.

Theft by Housebreaking

On 5th March, three houses in Clackmannan were broken into and a car stolen from one address. Upon police receiving the reports, local officers attended, obtained statements and requested a scene of crime officer attend to obtain samples from each of the addresses. On 7th March the stolen car was involved in a road crash in Edinburgh and the driver ran away prior to police arrival. Police established the car was bearing false number plates and identified the car as having been stolen from Clackmannan. The car was forensically recovered and examined.

Our Priority Crime Team assumed responsibility for investigating these crimes and identified a 21 year old man from Edinburgh as being responsible. Due to him being in prison for other crimes, he was reported to the PF for these crimes and other road traffic offences. Crimes of theft by housebreaking impact greatly on victims and as this example demonstrates, police are committed to identifying persons responsible for these crimes and bringing them to justice.

Robbery

In November, a 50 year old woman was walking at Kingswell Park, Alloa when she observed the suspect and another male, both of whom were known to her. The suspect grabbed her, threw her to the ground and stole her bank card before running away. The victim asked a member of the public to call the police. Response officers attended and spoke with the victim, whilst CAVRU and CPT traced and apprehended the suspect. Forensic samples were obtained, the suspect was interviewed and released pending analysis of the samples. The suspect was later reported to the PF on receipt of the forensic report which provided a sufficiency of evidence for him to be charged with Robbery.

In February, a 51 year old man withdrew cash from an ATM at Stirling Street Alva and observed a male and female walking towards him, who were both known to him. The female approached him and immediately started to strike him to the body and grabbed his neck, whilst the male demanded money and stole cash from him. Response officers attended and then traced and arrested a 32 year old female and 31 year old male for robbery. Both were held in police custody to appear at court the next day.

Robbery is a serious crime and is always thoroughly investigated by police. Our Criminal Investigation Department (CID) hold overall responsibility for all crimes of robbery in Forth Valley Division.

Serious Assault, Knife Crime and Offensive Weapons

Over the reporting period 19 crimes of serious assault were recorded. 15 of these crimes are detected, 1 concluded as undetected and 3 are ongoing investigations. In the majority of these reports the person(s) responsible for committing the assault have been known to the victim.

28 crimes were recorded for carrying a knife and 28 crimes for being in possession of an offensive weapon, with a detection of 82% for both. The majority of individuals who were found in possession of a knife or offensive weapon were arrested, taken to custody and either held in custody to appear in court the next lawful day or liberated on an undertaking to appear in court at a future date. Our SBOs continue to provide inputs in our secondary schools highlighting the dangers and consequences of carrying a knife or offensive weapon.

Safeguarding Through Rapid Intervention (STRIVE) Case Study

In December, Clackmannanshire Council Housing Support made a referral to STRIVE as they had concerns about a young single male living in homeless accommodation. The male was diagnosed with ADHD and Autism and there were concerns about financial exploitation, his mental health, substance use and self-medication. He was known to both Criminal Justice Social Work (CJSW) and Police for crimes of dishonesty and violence.

The STRIVE team reviewed his income and liaised with Mental Health partners, Adult Care, CJSW, Housing, Money Advice, and other relevant partner agencies. He was given an allocated social worker and referred onto specific support services so that his bespoke needs could be addressed, and he was assisted financially and with housing support. The multi-agency approach in this case meant that the male received wrap around support from all appropriate partners, rather than a much less cohesive intervention from professionals working in silos to provide support, which would not have holistically addressed his needs.

Bike Register Database App for Officers

Police Scotland has a new tool at its disposal to assist with investigating bike thefts and returning lost and stolen cycles to their rightful owners. Since early December, all front-line officers have been able to upload the Bike Register Database App to their mobile device, providing them with a comprehensive list of all bikes registered throughout the country. The App provides the facility for police to check the VIN number of any bike they locate to establish who the real owner is.

We continue to encourage cyclists to register their bikes on the database, and Police attended the Forth Valley College open day event in October, to provide security advice to those who were there. The event was well attended and bike marking kits were distributed to both students and staff to encourage participation.



PROTECTING PEOPLE MOST AT RISK FROM HARM

We will work proactively with partners to protect vulnerable adults, children and young people and tackle sexual crime and domestic abuse.

School Liaison – Prevention and Intervention Inputs – Health Awareness Week

In October, the Schools Based Officer at Alva Academy, PC Arundel, along with partners from Education and Health, ran a Health Awareness Week. This comprised a series of inputs that were delivered to all the school year groups. Police took an active part and provided educational inputs including online safety, personal safety, drink spiking prevention and drugs. These inputs were very well attended and pupils commented favourably on the advice and information provided, all designed to keep themselves safe and raise awareness.



Bogus Caller

In January, a male was knocking on house doors in Alloa, offering cleaning services. One elderly resident agreed to utilise the services and allowed the male access to her home. Over the following weeks he stole cash from the house, gained access to her bank account and withdrew money. After noticing the missing money, the resident became suspicious and contacted police for advice. The CPT investigated the crime and identified a young adult as being responsible. He was arrested and charged with the crimes and the victim was given safeguarding and financial advice to keep her safe in future.

STRIVE Case Studies

In January Police Scotland referred an individual to STRIVE after he was reported as a missing person and subsequently committed a drink driving offence. Police had concerns regarding the male's mental health, alcohol and substance misuse. He advised police that he was having financial difficulties and was using substances as a coping mechanism. The case was reviewed by the STRIVE team and it was ascertained that he was already known to Community Addiction Services (CADS) and Change, Grow, Live (CGL). He was advised to continue to engage with these services. His children were known to Social Work, however they were not an open case at that time.

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Money Advice colleagues had extensive discussions surrounding debt management as this was the main trigger for the male in prompting him to misuse substances. The Early Intervention Team for children and families Social Work visited the family and discussed safeguarding strategies surrounding child contact with the male and agreed for a period of time that this contact would be supervised. They also assessed the family support network to ensure adequate support for the male, his ex-partner and children. During this assessment it was identified that the male's daughter was a young carer which prompted STRIVE to initiate further support for her.

CADS and CGL continued to have regular contact with the male and where appropriate highlight issues to the wider STRIVE group, such as when he mentioned his contact with the children was unsupervised. Information was shared quickly and appropriate conversations took place with the male and ex-partner, highlighting why the supervision measures were put in place. Since these interventions and support mechanisms were implemented the male has not come to the attention of police or other services and he has improved his engagement with CADS & CGL. This is a positive improvement and highlights that he is in a better place in terms of his own wellbeing, due to the multi-agency interventions.

In March, Clackmannanshire Council Housing Team referred a couple to STRIVE, due to noise complaints and concerns of domestic violence including coercive control. The case was reviewed by the STRIVE team and it was agreed that the police STRIVE officer and the housing officer would visit the property to establish the circumstances, and if any crimes had or were being committed. Additional support was offered from Money Advice, Wellbeing Scotland and the Domestic Abuse Prevention Programme (DAPP). The DAPP is a pilot jointly funded by Police and CJSW, which offers one to one bespoke support for couples, male perpetrators and female victims who are coming to the attention of police for domestic incidents, but have not yet entered the Criminal Justice system. Since this case was reviewed and support was provided, there have been no further incidents reported to police or housing and no offences disclosed following the interventions delivered by the DAPP.

Disability Survivors Advocacy Project

Central Advocacy Partners are a registered charity that operates across the Forth Valley area, providing positive forward thinking support to people with learning disabilities. Our advocacy partners have secured funding to support the implementation of a new survivors advocacy project designed to support women and girls who live in the Forth Valley area who are:

- 16 years or over;
- Identify as or have been diagnosed with a learning disability, learning difficulties and / or autism, and;
- Are experiencing or have experienced domestic abuse.

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Our Divisional Safer Communities team have been liaising with our partners and also working to increase awareness of the new service amongst our staff. Referral processes are now embedded within our Public Protection Unit, with our Concern Hub acting as our single point of contact for information sharing.

Empowering Refugee Women



Our divisional Safer Communities team hosted information sessions, the most recent of which was held in March, for refugee women who have travelled to the Forth Valley area from Syria, Sudan, Afghanistan and Ukraine. Many had burning questions about policing in our local area and were keen to gain an understanding of how safe our communities are, how they could contact police and how we address domestic abuse issues, to name but a few topics raised. Interpreting services were on hand to support these discussions and convey important safety advice and crime prevention messages. Further sessions were arranged, which will continue to support our efforts to change preconceived perceptions of the police and build trust and confidence with our communities.

16 Days of Action

The 25th of November marked the start of the global 16 Days of Action campaign which calls for the elimination of gender based violence. The theme of this campaign, which ran until 10 December, Human Rights Day, was ending femicide; the intentional killing of women, with a gender-related motivation.

In support of wider partnership activities in the local area, officers and staff from our local and specialist teams participated in a range of events and supported calls to action on social media around a range of gender based violence topics including consent, domestic abuse and human trafficking.

In November, the Scottish Business Resilience Centre, in collaboration with Alloa First and the Violence Against Women and Girls Co-ordinator, delivered a training session to local business. The training was provided by Medics Against Violence who delivered a presentation and raised awareness of the signs of domestic abuse and highlighted what was available to support and assist a victim of domestic abuse.

Violence against Women and Girls Strategy

Police Scotland's Violence against Women and Girls Strategy was presented to the meeting of the Police Performance Committee of the Scottish Police Authority on 16 March 2023. This Strategy draws together and builds upon a range of work that has been underway within our organisation for some time. It underlines our commitment to creating a society where women and girls live free from violence, abuse, exploitation and harassment, as well as improving and future-proofing our policing response in this area in collaboration with our partners.

The strategy and underpinning implementation and communication plans have been developed through broad consultation and engagement with the general public, women and girls, survivors of violence, key partners, academics and experts in this field. The key outcomes of this strategy are to support women and girls, prevent harm and secure justice, create safe spaces and promote trust and confidence.

The strategy provides commitments to enhancing our trauma informed approach to sexual violence and domestic abuse which disproportionately affects women and girls; building confidence amongst victims and survivors to report abuse, prioritising their needs from the point of first contact with police and ensuring individuals are kept updated from the moment they make a report. In support of this, it is proposed that trauma-informed training will be delivered to all police officers and staff, and the use of trained sexual offences liaison officers in conducting visually recorded interviews will be expanded.

The implementation plan also recognises work that needs to be done internally within Police Scotland, in recognition that we as an organisation are not immune from the sexism and misogyny that is often at the root of this violence.

PROMOTING CONFIDENCE THROUGH OUR ACTIONS

We will deliver our service by engaging communities and developing and supporting our staff to ensure sustainability for the future.

Community Safety Day, Tillicoultry

In October, the village of Tillicoultry held their emergency services open day at the local fire station. Community officer, PC Miller, engaged with the residents who attended in their droves, as this was an excellent opportunity for police and other members of the emergency services to be visible and accessible in the community, and provide vital safety information, reassurance, and address any concerns collectively, face to face.

Direct Contact Process for the Scottish Ambulance Service (SAS)

Our colleagues in the Scottish Ambulance Service and the wider health service continue to experience unprecedented levels of demand. This has an impact on front-line local policing, resulting in failure demand. Officers are abstracted from their communities for lengthy periods of time, dealing with medical related issues in the community, custody setting or at hospital, and experience lengthy turnaround times.

Officers at the scene of an incident previously required to make contact with the police area control room to summon the assistance of the SAS, leading to third hand information being passed to the service from staff who were not present at the scene or in a position to provide a real-time update in relation to any spontaneous changes noted in the presentation of the casualty. It has been recognised that this process had the potential to increase the risk of casualties being incorrectly assessed and triaged, leading to longer delays and potentially poorer outcomes for the individual concerned.

Following a successful pilot in the Lanarkshire area, a new national process has been developed in conjunction with SAS, to enable officers to make direct contact with them on the 999 call system in the case of a medical emergency, using a police dedicated phone line. This process came into effect in February and ensures that vital information is passed directly to SAS, so they can provide advice to officers at the scene and ensure the appropriate medical response is identified swiftly. Where it is not operationally safe for officers to make direct contact, Area Control Room staff will continue to support officers to ensure that medical assistance is obtained, as required.

Drug Support Services Event

In January, police hosted a Forth Valley Police wide drug services awareness event. Partners from Transform Forth Valley, Scottish Families Affected by Alcohol and Drugs, CGL and the Forth Valley Recovery Community provided support to the event which gave our staff and officers the opportunity to meet with representatives of the services that operate in our local area. They learned more about what they do, what support

they can provide and how we can work together to deliver positive outcomes for vulnerable members of our communities and their families.

The event helped officers enhance their own knowledge of the subject matter and also network and build relations with other services. This makes it possible for joint work to be undertaken to reduce harm in our communities, either with visits to vulnerable people or by carrying out patrols in high risk areas. This event forms part of a programme of activity within Forth Valley Division, designed to raise awareness of support that is available in our local area and the associated referral mechanisms which officers and staff can utilise to obtain assistance for those in need.



Police Assault

The Chief Constable has made it clear that violence against officers and staff is utterly unacceptable and should never be seen as simply part of the job. Our organisation has promised to provide appropriate support to colleagues where it does occur, with an Assault Pledge.



Between October 2022 and March 2023, 20 crimes of police assault were recorded in Clackmannanshire for assaults on police officers whilst they carried out their duties. 13 (65%) of the assaults occurred between 11pm and 3am on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings in open public spaces, residential and commercial premises. The assaults involved accused persons pushing, kicking, spitting and biting officers.

ENHANCING OUR COLLECTIVE RESILIENCE TO EMERGING THREATS

We will focus on tackling cybercrime, serious and organised crime and counter terrorism, as well as planning for emergencies.

Stolen Vehicles

PC Baillie, one of the CPT officers for Sauchie, was being visible in his community and proactively patrolling to provide reassurance to residents and prevent criminality. During these patrols, in the space of one month, he located three stolen vehicles, all stolen from the Larkhall area. These vehicles were seized by police and our CPT liaised with officers from Larkhall and conducted a joint investigation into an organised criminal network operating between both areas. The recovery of vehicles resulted in a financial recovery in excess of £100,000.

Proactive Drugs Recovery

In October, the CPT and CAVRU were in Clackmannan on an unrelated enquiry, when they had cause to detain a male in possession of a ruck sack outside his home address, in terms of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 section 23, for the purposes of a search. On searching the male, he had £20 on his person, however on searching his rucksack officers recovered a large quantity of cash in what appeared to be £1000 bundles, along with a small set of scales.

The officers seized the cash, under the Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA) as they suspected that it was the proceeds of criminality, and advised him further enquiry would be carried out. The cash was later counted and found to be £26,830. On further examination the scales were found to contain traces of a white powder, which tested positive for cocaine. The man was later reported to the Procurator Fiscal possession of a controlled drug.

Proactive Drugs Recovery

In February, the CPT and CAVRU were on proactive patrol in Tullibody when they observed an Audi motor car showing as having no MOT. The officers stopped the car to investigate further and when speaking with the driver they noted a smell of cannabis. The driver and his car were searched under the relevant legislation and officers recovered cannabis, cannabis edibles, scales and cash.

The man was arrested and conveyed to police custody. His house was thereafter searched, with further controlled drugs recovered. The male was reported to the PF for being concerned in the sale and supply of controlled drugs.

POCA Recovery – Disrupting Serious and Organised Crime

In March, the CPT and CAVRU were on patrol in Sauchie when their attention was drawn to a car linked to a nominal of an organised crime group, responsible for the sale and supply of controlled drugs in the local area. The officers stopped the car and the nominal was observed to be the driver.

The officers were then presented with circumstances giving them reasonable cause to suspect that he was in possession of controlled drugs, so he was searched under the relevant legislation and found to be in possession of £1,390, which he could not account for. The cash was seized under POCA legislation for forfeiture. This is an example of the disruption of drug dealers, through intelligence led policing; stopping and engaging the right people and being in the right place at the right time.

Theft by Shoplifting Investigation

Throughout February and March, there were numerous shopliftings reported at different premises in and around the Alloa area. The suspect for each shoplifting was similar in appearance. The CAVRU began reviewing all the crimes and conducted a thorough investigation to establish any link and identify the suspect(s).

In March the suspect was identified from their enquiries and arrested by the CPT when on patrol in Alloa, and charged with 11 crimes of shoplifting, along with a contravention of the Civic Government Scotland Act 1982, section 57 (intended theft). This joined up investigation identified a prolific thief who was held in police custody to appear in court, with bail conditions requested to prevent further offending.

Online Safety Awareness

In January, representatives from our Public Protection team took part in a global online awareness event hosted by Children’s Fund Inc. examining the impact of the crime of sextortion and the psychological processes a victim undergoes once they realise they have been targeted and manipulated in this way by someone they have never met. This awareness session provided officers with a greater understanding of the impact of sextortion on victims and enables police to provide accurate advice to victims and inform them of the support available via third sector organisations.

Fraud Prevention

A number of engagement events have taken place during this reporting period as part of our Fraud Free 23 campaign, which seeks to raise awareness of the common methods used by fraudsters and provide some simple steps that people can take to keep themselves safe. As part of the campaign, officers held Fraud Free Events at Sterling Mills Tillicoultry and distributed posters to pharmacies, health centres and other community hubs across Clackmannanshire to upskill residents and businesses alike, and help them to prevent themselves falling victim to this prevalent crime.

ROAD SAFETY AND ROAD CRIME

We will aim to reduce casualties and crime on our roads through collaboration with our partners.

Drink Driver – Vehicle Seized

In October, Response officers were patrolling the road network, to keep people safe. Their attention was drawn to a vehicle driving in an erratic manner. They signalled for the driver to pull over, however they failed to stop and a short time later the driver collided with a tree on a roundabout in Clackmannan and ran off from the vehicle into nearby woodland. Officers placed a containment on the area and sought assistance from colleagues.

A police dog handler arrived and deployed the police dog, who began a search and found the driver hiding in undergrowth. He was arrested for failing to stop, driving whilst under the influence of alcohol, taking and driving away the vehicle without consent, no insurance, and possession of controlled drugs. He was held in police custody to appear at court, where he pled guilty to the offences. Proactive policing of the road network resulted in this apprehension of a dangerous driver who could have caused serious harm to the community.

Town Centre Parking - Days of Action

In October, the CPT conducted two days of action to target illegal parking in Alloa Town Centre, particularly relating to disabled parking bays and double yellow lines. On these days, 31 Fixed Penalty tickets were issued. This type of enforcement continues to take place regularly to address this ongoing concern for those living, working and visiting the town centre.

Joint Operation - Speed Detection

In October, as part of the National Speeding Campaign, which is a month long operation to tackle speeding throughout Scotland, the CPT and our colleagues in the Divisional Roads Policing Unit (DRPU) conducted joint patrols throughout Clackmannanshire. The areas of high traffic were patrolled, paying particular attention to the trunk roads through Alloa and Clackmannan. During this one day joint operation, two vehicles were found to be travelling in excess of the speed limit, between 40mph and 50mph within the 30mph zones, and Fixed Penalty tickets were issued to both drivers.

Proactive Vehicle Seizure

In February, the CPT were patrolling their ward areas, when they observed a van driven by a male, who the officers knew from local briefings to be a disqualified driver. The officers signalled for the driver to pull over however he failed to do so. A police vehicle pursuit was authorised and the vehicle was then brought to a stop.



The driver was arrested and charged for driving whilst disqualified, dangerous driving and other driving offences. His vehicle was seized by Police. He was held in custody and was then remanded at court by the Sheriff, later receiving a custodial sentence for his crimes.

Speed Initiatives and Patrols

In line with the National Speed Awareness Campaign, our local officers deployed throughout Clackmannanshire to enforce the law and educate drivers about the consequences of speeding on our roads.



This enforcement action is ongoing, with support from our DRPU, all to tackle the #Fatal5 and prevent deaths on our roads.

The CPT deployed in Devonside, Tillicoultry in March to conduct static speed patrol checks with the use of hand held laser devices. Checks were conducted but with no offences detected. Positive feedback was received from the local community.

The team also deployed along with the DRPU and carried out further speed detection patrols throughout Clackmannanshire. The focus was on areas where an increase in injury collisions was occurring.

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14 speed warnings were issued, 3 drivers were issued with a Conditional Offer of Fixed Penalty (COFP) for exceeding the 40mph zone on the A91 at Menstrie, and 2 drivers were issued a COFP for not possessing an MOT certificate.

The CPT then deployed in the area of Pitfairn Road, Fishcross during the evening rush hour, to conduct static speed patrol checks in response to local complaints of vehicles speeding on this road. Checks were conducted between 4 - 5.30pm with no offences detected, however 6 warnings were issued, as appropriate.

The CPT and DRPU also focussed on the A91 stretch of road, due to numerous serious injury and fatal collisions. As a result, the following was recorded:

1 x COFP for no insurance, 1 x COFP for no MOT, 1 x COFP for speeding and a number of warnings were also given for speeding. This road safety policing activity demonstrates internal collaborative working between departments, all to make the road networks of Clackmannanshire safer for drivers, pedestrians and cyclists.

School Parking

The CPT conducted regular patrols at schools in Clackmannanshire to enforce parking regulations and to ensure children can get to and from school safely. We continue to encourage parents and guardians to be mindful of parking safely when dropping off or picking up. We work closely with schools and pupils appointed as Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSOs) to continue to educate people on this issue.

Schools in Clackmannanshire have areas nearby for people to park in to avoid congestion around the school, and Police encourage them to consider the Park and Stride initiative where possible. By parking in the marked area around the gates, with yellow zig zags and double yellow lines, drivers will likely be issued with a fixed penalty fine, and enforcement has been utilised previously at the primary schools, highlighting the seriousness of this public safety issue.

Off Road Motorcycle Seized

In March, Response officers observed a 16 year old riding an off road motorcycle within a public park in Alloa, to the alarm of those within. Police apprehended him and seized his bike, before charging him and reporting him for this offence which was endangering the safety of visitors to the park.



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Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour						
		Apr 2021 - March 2022	Apr 2022 - March 2023	Victims	% Change	3 year average
1	Total No Group1: Crimes of Violence	116	112	4 less	-3.4%	-9.7%
2	Murder	-	2	2 more	X	500.0%
3	Attempted Murder	2	4	2 more	100.0%	-
4	Culpable Homicide (common law)	-	-	-	-	-
5	Culpable Homicide (other)	-	-	-	-	-100.0%
6	Serious Assault detection rate	86.5%	82.5%		-4.0%	1.5%
7	Serious Assault	37	40	3 more	8.1%	-18.4%
8	Robbery detection rate	90.0%	63.6%		-26.4%	-14.8%
9	Robbery	10	22	12 more	120.0%	1.5%
10	Common assault detection rate	72.5%	73.2%		0.7%	-1.4%
11	Common assault	524	527	3 more	0.6%	-3.2%
12	Number of complaints regarding disorder	2437	2146	291 less	-11.9%	x

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Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour (continued)						
		Apr 2021 - March 2022	Apr 2022 - March 2023	Victims	% Change	3 year average
13	Number of Domestic Abuse Incidents Reported to the Police	740	656		-11.4%	-14.9%
14	Total Crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents	286	263		-8.0%	-21.2%
15	Percentage of Domestic Incidents that result in a crime being recorded	38.6%	40.1%		-3.5%	-3.2%
16	Total crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents detection rate	79.2%	66.5%		-16.0%	-15.2%
17	Total Detections for Domestic Bail Offences	37	29		-21.6%	-37.0%
18	Ensure 95% of domestic abuse initial bail checks are conducted within a prescribed timeframe (24hrs)*	96.1%	94.0%		-2.1%	x
19	Hate Crime and offences detection rate	85.3%	63.5%		-21.8%	-23.3%
Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour - Stop and Searches						
		Apr 2021 - March 2022	Apr 2022 - March 2023 (Positive)	Victims	% Change	3 year average
20	Number of stop and searches conducted (total)	246	130			
<p style="color: red;">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.</p>						

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Additional Identified Local Priorities						
		Apr 2021 - March 2022	Apr 2022 – March 2023	Victims	% Change	3 year average
21	Number of detections for supply of drugs (incl. possession with intent)	31	36		16.1%	-18.2%
22	Number of detections for drugs production, manufacture or drugs cultivation	8	3		-62.5%	-60.9%
23	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts) detection rate	26.2%	14.9%		-11.3%	-22.8%
Context: Includes dwelling house, non-dwelling and other premises.						
24	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts)	61	67	6 more	9.8%	-14.8%
Context: Includes dwelling house, non-dwelling and other premises.						
25	Theft by shoplifting detection rate	71.8%	63.8%		-14.3%	16.6%
26	Theft by shoplifting	187	334	147 more	78.6%	78.6%
27	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief detection rate	39.2%	33.1%		-6.1%	-4.2%
28	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief	426	387	39 less	-9.2%	-19.6%
29	Number of detections for Consuming Alcohol in a designated place (where appropriate byelaws exist)	10	3		-70.0%	-64.0%
Public Protection						
		Apr 2021 - March 2022	Apr 2022 - March 2023	Victims	% Change	3 year average
30	Number of Sexual Crimes	156	120		-23.1%	-16.9%
31	Sexual Crimes detection rate	57.7%	56.7%		-1.0%	-1.3%
32	Rape detection rate	29.4%	53.8%		24.4%	9.4%

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Road Traffic Casualty Statistics					
	Apr 2021 - March 2022	Apr 2022 - March 2023	Victims	% Change	3 year average
People Killed	1	2	1 more	100.0%	x
People Seriously injured	15	12	3 less	-20.0%	x
People Slightly Injured	10	14	4 more	40.0%	x
Children (aged<16) Killed	0	0	-	0.0%	x
Children (aged<16) Seriously Injured	1	3	2 more	200.0%	x

Road Safety & Road Crime - Detected					
	Apr 2021 - March 2023	Apr 2022 - March 2023	Victims	% Change	3 year average
33 Dangerous driving	32	26		-18.8%	-17.9%
34 Speeding	77	63		-18.2%	-28.9%
35 Disqualified driving	13	15		15.4%	-13.5%
36 Driving Licence	83	56		-32.5%	-13.0%
37 Insurance	190	150		-21.1%	-0.4%
38 Seat Belts	13	12		-7.7%	33.3%
39 Mobile Phone	4	7		75.0%	31.3%

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Public Confidence					
Apr 2022 - March 2023					
		Number of Complaints about the Police		Number of Complaints per 10,000 Police Incidents	
40	Complaints received about the Police	52		40.4	
Allegations					
		On Duty Allegations	Off Duty Allegations	Quality of Service Allegations	Total Number of Allegations
41	Total Allegations Recorded	50	-	23	73

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).

Conventions:

– means null or zero

x = not calculated

