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**Report to: Audit and Scrutiny Committee**

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**Date of Meeting: 18<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

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**Subject: Police Performance Report for Clackmannanshire April 2023 to September 2023**

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**Report by: Local Police Commander**

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## **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 2023 to 30th September 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. That Committee notes the report, commenting and challenging 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/>
- 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
- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Crimes of Dishonesty

- 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.

#### 4.0 Sustainability Implications

- 4.1. None.

#### 5.0 Resource Implications

##### 5.1. *Financial Details*

- 5.2. The full financial implications of the recommendations are set out in the report. This includes a reference to full life cycle costs where appropriate. Yes

- 5.3. Finance have been consulted and have agreed the financial implications as set out in the report. Yes

##### 5.4. *Staffing*

#### 6.0 Exempt Reports

- 6.1. Is this report exempt? Yes  (please detail the reasons for exemption below) No

#### 7.0 Declarations

The recommendations contained within this report support or implement our Corporate Priorities and Council Policies.

- (1) **Our Priorities** (Please double click on the check box )

Clackmannanshire will be attractive to businesses & people and ensure fair opportunities for all

Our families; children and young people will have the best possible start in life

Women and girls will be confident and aspirational, and achieve their full potential

Our communities will be resilient and empowered so that they can thrive and flourish

(2) **Council Policies** (Please detail)

## 8.0 Equalities Impact

8.1 Have you undertaken the required equalities impact assessment to ensure that no groups are adversely affected by the recommendations?

Yes  No

## 9.0 Legality

9.1 It has been confirmed that in adopting the recommendations contained in this report, the Council is acting within its legal powers. Yes

## 10.0 Appendices

10.1 Please list any appendices attached to this report. If there are no appendices, please state "none".

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## 11.0 Background Papers

11.1 Have you used other documents to compile your report? (All documents must be kept available by the author for public inspection for four years from the date of meeting at which the report is considered)

Yes  (please list the documents below) No

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# **Clackmannanshire Council Audit and Scrutiny Committee**



**POLICE PERFORMANCE REPORT**

**APRIL – SEPTEMBER 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 2023 to 30 September 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 April 2023 to 30 September 2023, as well as any notable developments at a national level that have an impact on the delivery of local policing services.

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 refer 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**

**Drug Warrants**

In April 2023, the Community Policing Team (CPT) organised an intelligence led plain clothes operation in response to complaints about drug dealing in Tullibody. On one of the deployments officers detained two men and their vehicles under Section 23 Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 for the purposes of a search and seized a quantity of ecstasy tablets (£390), 33 grams of crystal white powder (crack cocaine), a quantity of tablets and £830 in cash. Two 22 year old men were arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the sale and supply of controlled drugs, interviewed and released pending a laboratory examination of the drugs. A report was submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

In May 2023, the CPT received intelligence about a potential cannabis cultivation within an address in Sauchie, resulting in 14 cannabis plants (£2800) being seized and a 31 year old man being reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

In July 2023, the CPT gathered intelligence about the sale and supply of heroin from a premises in Alloa. The CPT along with colleagues from Pro-active CID and Response effected entry to the premises. Officers seized 45 grams of heroin (£2500), 18 wraps of cocaine (£400), 21 grams of cannabis (£240), a quantity of tablets and £8,800 in cash. A 32 year old man and a 52 year old woman were arrested and charged with being concerned in the supply of controlled drugs and released on an undertaking to appear at Alloa Sheriff Court at a later date.

During the reporting period there were 16 cases recorded for concerned in the sale and supply of controlled drugs (including possession with intent to supply), which is equal to the same reporting period in 2022. There were 3 cases recorded for producing, manufacturing, or cultivating controlled drugs, which is an increase of 2 cases from the same reporting period in 2022.

A total of 15 Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 search warrants were executed, with a total value of drugs seized being £217,545.00 (included ecstasy, heroin, cocaine, cannabis, benzidine and pregabalin) and £11,682.70 cash seized.

Our intelligence led approach to targeting and disrupting drug dealers and removing drugs from our local communities demonstrates we act on information and intelligence received from residents to reduce harm to individuals and our communities, making Clackmannanshire a safer place to work, live and visit.

**Crime Series**

In September 2023, several reports were received about a male targeting insecure houses and cars in Alloa. The CPT and Response Officers identified additional victims through house-to-house enquiries and social media appeals. Following



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investigation, a 43 year old man was arrested and charged for 10 crimes. The male has since been found guilty of all crimes and sentenced to 18 months in prison.

This coordinated investigation created the opportunity to increase public confidence in policing and reduce the fear of crime through effective policing and reassurance.

### Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour

In September 2023, complaints were received from residents and businesses about Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) in Alloa town centre, which included small fires being lit and one resident being threatened and plastics bottles being thrown at their windows.

In response, the CPT deployed in plain clothes and uniform resulting in two teenagers aged 14 years old and 15 years old being apprehended and charged with threatening and abusive behaviour (Section 38 Criminal Justice Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010) in the presence of their parents. The resident that was targeted was visited by the CPT, provided security and safety advice and referrals were submitted to partners to provide ongoing support.

The CPT continue to respond to complaints of ASB, working alongside partners and community groups to find long term solutions to prevent and deter disorder for the benefit of local communities. The CPT are actively involved in youth clubs and support community groups in each village, which have been created to support families in need and to deter and divert youths away from disorder.

By securing funding to assist local initiatives and taking an active role in these groups, the CPT assist by raising awareness on safer choices, impact of crime and provide suitable, worthwhile activities and learning for our young people.

Our daily patrol matrix and our weekend policing plans have been created to direct officers to areas where ASB occurs, building the opportunity for extra patrols in these areas and extra engagement with young people to prevent disorder.

During this reporting period the number of complaints regarding disorder have reduced from 1245 to 1155 incidents, a reduction of 7.2% compared to the same reporting period in 2022.

On 29 May 2023, in collaboration with our partners, Clackmannanshire's School Based Officers (SBOs) assisted the roll out of Health Week at Alva Academy.

The SBOs managed a stall, creating the opportunity for further engagement with pupils and delivered important safety inputs in relation to the areas covered under Health Week. By working closely with our partners, the event reached out to several young people in our local area.



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The SBOs also provided inputs at Junior Health week, which included the dangers of alcohol, smoking, drugs and vaping, all directly linked with youth related open space disorder.

In addition, the SBOs are involved in Personal and Social Education inputs at the secondary schools and provide additional safety information about drugs and alcohol.

Our SBOs delivered inputs on the impact of ASB across our three secondary schools, particularly the months leading up to the school holidays in Easter and Summer, by holding pupil engagement sessions, covering one school period a week. The aim of the inputs was to provide awareness on the impact disorder has on our communities, not only on the infrastructure, but more importantly, on the quality of lives for our residents. The SBOs further highlighted the impact the offending has on those responsible, the repercussions and the longer-term impact of offending on life choices, career progression and community acceptance.

SBOs also work closely with education teams at our three secondary schools, to deliver safety inputs at assemblies. The inputs during this reporting period related to internet safety, general online safety plus additional inputs provided to parents to ensure they are monitoring their child's internet usage, what to look out for and how to keep them safe whilst online.

The One Punch Campaign was also delivered to raise awareness of the impacts of violent behaviour, how this impacts the community and how it can go wrong very quickly.

Drug and alcohol inputs were also delivered weekly to our secondary school pupils, and after securing funding the SBOs were able to purchase £3000 worth of education aids to raise awareness and gain greater participation and interaction with pupils, highlighting emerging trends, particularly relating to vaping and psychoactive substances. These inputs are delivered to all secondary school year groups.

PROTECTING PEOPLE MOST AT RISK FROM HARM

**Support for Missing Person Investigations**

On 29 May 2023, a new scheme was introduced by Police Scotland known as the Philomena Protocol aimed at ensuring officers can trace children and young people reported missing in a timelier fashion. The protocol was first introduced by Durham Constabulary in 2019.

The protocol is primarily targeted towards children and young people living in care facilities and with foster carers. It encourages staff, families, and friends to compile a standardised form of useful information which could be used in the event of a young person going missing.

The CPT have a good working relationship with the staff at the Children’s care home in Clackmannanshire, who have adopted this protocol. This greatly assists police if or when a young person is reported missing.



The Philomena Protocol was developed following the success and learning of the Herbert Protocol; an initiative to support adults who are at risk of going missing. The Herbert Protocol is a national scheme that encourages carers, family, and friends to collate and provide useful information that can be used in the event of a vulnerable person living with dementia going missing to allow police to gain access to essential

information promptly.

Carers and/or relatives and friends can complete a form in advance which can be sent or handed to police in the event of a loved one going missing to reduce the time needed to gather this information. Remembering all sorts of information at times like this can be very distressing for those involved and being asked a range of questions by a police officer at this time can add to the stress and upset caused. The information contained within these forms, which can be downloaded from the Police Scotland website, aims to relieve some of that stress.

Over the reporting period there were a total of 105 missing person reports for Clackmannanshire and no incidences of the Philomena protocol being implemented.

**Victim Survivor Feedback**

An online form was recently launched on the Police Scotland website to gain anonymous feedback from people who have reported crimes of domestic abuse, rape, or other sexual crime. Local policing divisions will receive relevant feedback forms for review which provides an opportunity to highlight and share best practice as well as identifying potential areas for improvement.

## Recovery Olympics – Community Engagement

On 30 June 2023, the Annual National Recovery Olympics event took place at Forthbank Stadium in Stirling, of which our CPT attended and submitted a team to take part in this event.



This event is run by the local drug addiction team and recovery initiatives and is aimed at getting everyone together, including those recovering from drug and substance abuse, along with those involved in supporting the schemes.

Over the last year and beyond, the CPT are heavily involved in the local recovery cafés and initiatives, supporting the work done to aid the recovery of substance misuse in our area, providing support and opportunities to increase the quality of life for those affected by addiction.

This event and the team submitted by the CPT ran very well, due to the ongoing engagement, our attendance was very welcome, and this has broken down a lot of barriers between law enforcement and the recovery community.

## Drug Related Deaths

In Forth Valley, we created a support pack for members of the public who are witness to a suspected drugs related death and who are themselves a drug user. The pack contains information on local support services including Forth Valley Recovery Community, Change Grow Live and Transform Forth Valley.



It is hoped this will allow people affected by drugs to seek support, particularly at a time where a friend or family member has passed away due to drugs.



The CPT work closely with Transform Forth Valley and have held several joint initiatives over the last year. Between 31 May and 1 June 2023, Constable Grant Smith was joined at Sauchie Community Hall by our partners at Transform, providing advice and support about drug use to drug users, their family and friends.

Naloxone kits were provided to individuals to help to try and avoid fatal drug overdoses. Constable Grant Smith was also able

to provide advice about crime, community issues and drugs misuse.

## Harm reduction

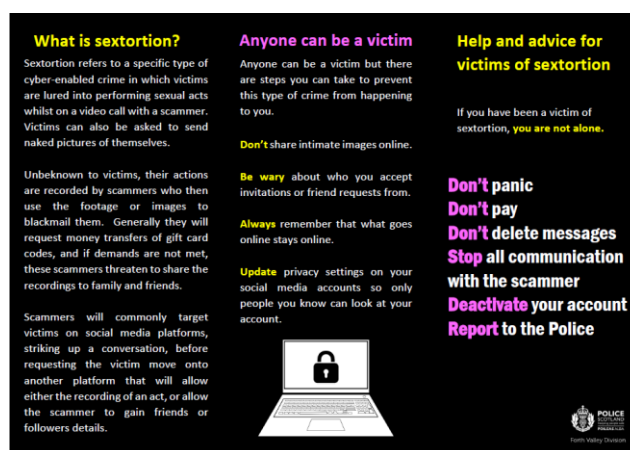
Over the reporting period Safer Communities ran a multi-agency drug support service awareness event in Clackmannanshire town centre which is a prevalent area for drug users to congregate. Safer Communities officers attended in their roles as Drug Related Death Coordinators and Crime Prevention. Partners including support workers from Transform Forth Valley and Change Grow Live also attended.

Information on what help exists locally for drug users and families was available to the public with the Crime Prevention officer giving advice on the Fraud Free 23 campaign.

## Sextortion

We continue to receive reports of 'Sextortion' scams within the division and locally in Clackmannanshire. Sextortion is where a suspect contacts a victim online, engage in sexual conversation and encourages the victim to send a sexual image or video and demand money or the image or video will be shared with the victim's family and friends.

In response Police Scotland and Forth Valley Division commenced an awareness campaign to highlight this scam, on social media, distributing posters and leaflets and our School Based Officers (SBOs) provide inputs on internet safety at our 3 secondary schools.



The crime of extortion/attempted extortion (sextortion) is a group 1 crime. The total group 1 crimes for this reporting period have increased from 54 to 58 compared to the same reporting period in 2022. Of note crimes of extortion account for the increase. There have been no crimes of murder, attempted murder, culpable homicide and there have been decreases in serious assault by -5.3% and robbery by -60%.

## Public Protection Related Demand

Between 1 April 2023 and 30 September 2023, the Forth Valley Concern Hub processed 1245 concern reports relating to incidents in the Clackmannanshire local authority. These reports cover a range of circumstances including domestic abuse, adult concerns, child protection, hate concerns and youth offending. Reports are commonly shared with our statutory partners in social work, education, health, Scottish Children's Reporter Administration as well as support services such as Women's Aid, Transform and Barnardo's, where appropriate. During this period, we assessed information in respect of 1245 unique incidents and shared information with partners in relation to 830 of these incidents to facilitate discussion and support the identification of the most appropriate response.

An Initial Referral Discussion (IRD) is held between statutory partners in response to child or adult protection referrals to agree a plan for the investigation. These meetings ensure relevant information is shared and risk assessed to determine what course of action should be taken either by a single agency, through a joint investigation or whether a referral to a case conference is required. During the reporting period 99 IRDs took place in relation to vulnerable adults and children in Clackmannanshire.

A child protection case conference is held when partners are concerned that a child or young person is experiencing or at risk of experiencing significant harm and a plan around the care and wellbeing of the child requires to be developed. As an outcome of such meetings, children can be added to or removed from the child protection register.

205 such conferences were held in respect of children in Clackmannanshire during this reporting period.

Adult Support and Protection (ASP) is the overall term that Social Work use in relation to the duties, responsibilities and actions undertaken to ensure that adults who may be more at risk of harm are kept safe. Different types of multi-agency meeting types exist for ASP, including but not limited to case conferences, core groups, professionals' meetings, escalating concern reviews. Discussions consider risks that the vulnerable adult is exposed to and how best they can be protected or enabled to make informed decisions concerning these risks. 35 meetings of this kind were requested for adults in Clackmannanshire during the reporting period.

### **Early and Effective Intervention**

Early and Effective Intervention (EEI) is available to deal with offences of a non-serious nature which are committed by young people under the age of 18 who have reached the age of criminal responsibility (12 years). This route offers a means to divert young people from the standard justice route which would normally involve a referral to the Scottish Children's Reporter Administration (SCRA). The EEI process is a multi-agency approach which incorporates the values and principles of Getting it Right for Every Child (GIRFEC). During this period there were approximately 157 incidents reported to police which resulted in youth offenders being charged. Of these, 28 young people were discussed at multi-agency meetings by partners within

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the forum. There were a further 15 instances of persons being referred to other agencies through the EEI process, where there were existing statutory or 3rd sector support in place for the child or young person. 44 received warnings from the police at an early stage. The remainder were reported to SCRA or the Procurator Fiscal either directly by the reporting officers prior to EEI Assessment being carried out or after having been assessed as not fitting the remit for EEI.

**Disclosure Scheme for Domestic Abuse Scotland**

The Disclosure Scheme for Domestic Abuse Scotland (DSDAS) gives people the right to ask about the background of their partner and allows concerned relatives and friends to ask if their loved one's partner has been abusive in the past. This scheme also gives Police Scotland the power to tell people they may be at risk of domestic abuse by their partner, even if this information has not been asked for. For Clackmannanshire, we received 25 applications during the reporting period and made 15 disclosures to protect vulnerable victims from Domestic Abuse within our communities.



**STRIVE**

In September 2023, a 19 year old female was referred to STRIVE by Police after she had been involved in several reports of anti-social behaviour at her address within a short period of time. The officers who attended had concerns the female was not managing independent living within her tenancy and may require further support.

Upon screening the information and history of the female between the services, it was established she had been a looked after child. When she turned 18, she moved out of her foster carers address and presented as homeless. She had been given her own tenancy but was ill equipped with the required life skills, struggling with the day to day running of her home and at risk of becoming involved in persistent ASB. Social Work confirmed she had previously refused to engage with the aftercare social work team or housing support.

As a result of the referral and discussion, money advice and housing representatives from STRIVE carried out an unplanned visit to the female. They found the property was sparsely furnished with no carpets, curtains, or basic cooking utensils. This was clearly a contributing factor in her ability/confidence in trying to prevent people attending at the address and becoming involved in ASB. She was supported through the Scottish Welfare Fund to allow her to properly furnish her home and afford her privacy, giving her more pride in her home and reducing ASB at her address.

It was also discovered she was struggling to budget and was in energy debt with the risk of her utilities being disconnected. This was further exacerbated as she did not have the knowledge or confidence to deal with this and had become complacent.

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STRIVE were able to refer the female to the money advice team for longer term assistance in tackling her energy debt, becoming more financially stable moving forward by ensuring she was accessing benefits that she was entitled to.

A further referral was made to Clackmannanshire Work, who support young people to access further studies or employment. The female was keen to engage with this as she was hopeful to gain meaningful employment and less dependent on benefits.

## PROMOTING CONFIDENCE THROUGH OUR ACTIONS

### Community Engagement



On 29 July 2023, community Constables Leigh Allen and Barry Ritchie attended the Hawkhill Community Fun Day and engaged with the local community.

This was a great community engagement day and created the opportunity for police to interact with children, young people and families in a positive way.

### Alloa Fire Station Open Day

On 19 August 2023, Alloa Fire Station held their family community open day. This event was attended by all emergency services, along with the Community Policing Team from Alloa.

The CPT took the opportunity to engage with the community, provide some valuable safety advice and break down barriers, engaging with families and getting the important safety message across.



Clackmannan's Community officer, Constable Barry Ritchie was on patrol in his community when he was approached by the grandparents of a young girl, who loves the police and wished to be a police officer when she is older. The girl and her family regularly see Constable Ritchie on patrol in Clackmannan, whether he is in a police van, on foot or on his police bicycle and he always has time to stop and speak with them.

The girl had her 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday in September, and the family asked Constable Ritchie if he could visit her on her birthday, as it would make her year. Knowing the impact, he could have and the real difference for the girl's birthday, Constable Ritchie, Miller, and Mason stopped by for a visit on her



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birthday to say hello and present her some Police Scotland gifts, much to her delight.

Hopefully, this has inspired the girl to take up the role of a police constable in the future.

### Police Scotland Youth Volunteers (PSYV)



Constable Tracy Diamond is the PSYV Co-ordinator and Clackmannanshire has an active Alloa PSYV group who have participated in several local community events.

Across the reporting period Alloa PSYV contributed to their local communities in a variety of ways, volunteering at the Tullibody Delph Pond clean up and the Race for Life providing some great experiences for the young people.

Alloa PSYV along with Falkirk PSYV visited the RNLI in South Queensferry where they all received some water safety advice and learned about RNLI work.

Our Alloa PSYV along with Forth Valley Divisions Safer Communities team attended the learning disability sport games, held over two days at Stirling University. The Forth Valley Disability Sport group participated and included athletes from Clackmannanshire and the PSYV where able to support athletes throughout the event.

Alloa PSYV took part in the Kilt Walk (14.9 miles) after choosing to fund raise for local charity 'Connect' which provides local young people who experience social isolation with a befriending service. They raised £2000 for the charity.

Furthermore, Alloa PSYV have engaged with the public, providing safety advice and information when supporting local communities at Dino Day Alloa and Alloa Saints Youth football tournament.

### Safer Communities Department - Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

Ramadan, which took place throughout April is one of the most sacred times for the Muslim faith. This particular year saw a raid at Al – Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem during prayer time on 4 April 2023 which, as expected, had an impact at our local Mosques with concern around their own personal safety. Throughout Ramadan police ensured support and regular in person visits to all Forth Valley Mosques (including Alloa), providing reassurance and safety for members.

Safer Communities attended a Dementia networking event which saw partners and third party organisations from across the Forth Valley area attend and receive some

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particularly insightful information regarding the daily struggles and safety concerns for those living with Dementia.

The Forth Valley Safer Communities Team were actively involved in LGBT pride month; Internal awareness and information was provided to all Forth Valley police officers, with information stands at police offices, including Kilncraigs, Alloa.

The Safer Communities Team also attended and supported a Forth Valley Pride in the Community event during which LGBT Youth Scotland showcased a viewing of the 5 minute film 'Past, Present and Proud' made with young people from Forth Valley, where we were able to learn about and contribute to LGBT Youth Scotland's new social history project (Un)seen, (Un)heard, and help with further planning towards a future Forth Valley Pride. The team also took part in the Rainbow Rounders event, held this year in Forth Valley showing visible support to our LGBT community, with business's and community members attending from throughout the Forth Valley area, including Clackmannanshire.

The Safer Communities Team attended and supported the Awakening Music Festival at Falkirk Stadium. The event which was held for persons living with Disabilities, was attended predominantly by disability communities and groups from the Forth Valley area. Many Clackmannanshire community members enjoyed engagement with the team.

The team also provided an input covering internet safety, hate crime, keeping safe and a number of other relevant topics to our Forth Valley Dates and Mates social group which is attended by persons living with learning difficulties/disabilities. The group is attended by Clackmannanshire residents amongst residents from other areas within Forth Valley.

### **Your Police Survey**

Understanding the views and priorities of Scotland's diverse communities is fundamental to how Police Scotland responds to the needs of the public. Public engagement activities help the service improve how it delivers policing services in local communities, ensuring they are accessible and inclusive for everyone.

The Your Police 2023-24 survey has been designed to listen and better understand the views and priorities of communities by giving them the opportunity to share their thoughts about policing and safety in their local area. The survey covers various themes, such as:

- Feeling of safety in local area
- Locations where people feel less safe
- Confidence in policing
- Respect for police
- Police performance and attitudes
- Concern about crime
- Feedback on contacting the police

- Suggestions for improvement of the police service.

The survey can be accessed at the following link: <https://bit.ly/3mZGF6L> or by scanning the QR code below:

Accessible formats of the survey are available. An easy-read and British Sign Language version of the survey is available on the survey overview page. The survey takes approximately 10 minutes to complete and all individual responses to the survey are anonymous.



## ENHANCING OUR COLLECTIVE RESILIENCE TO EMERGING THREATS

### **Disruption to Serious and Organised Crime**

In July 2023, intelligence was received about a potential cannabis cultivation being grown within a residential property in Alloa. The CPT developed the intelligence, and a drugs search warrant was executed resulting in a large-scale cannabis cultivation being found within. A total of 300 mature plants, valued at £180,000.00 was seized along with all the equipment. Given the scale of the operation and potential links to serious and organised crime the investigation is ongoing and led by our proactive CID to identify the persons responsible.

In July 2023, Constable Miller, CPT and Constable Gibb, Divisional Alcohol, Violence Reduction Unit (DAVRU) at Alloa were patrolling Tillicoultry when they observed a man driving his car, who was known to be involved in the sale and distribution of controlled drugs, county wide and links to organised crime. The officers stopped the vehicle and detained him under Section 23 Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 for the purposes of a drugs search. He was searched along with his car and officers recovered 216 grams of cannabis (£3,240) and £712,70 in cash. The 70-year-old man was reported for being concerned in supply of controlled drugs.

Investigation into the theft of high value motor vehicles following residential housebreakings, identified links to organised crime groups, operating in multiple areas across Scotland. As a result, our local officers have increased patrols across Clackmannanshire to target these travelling criminal groups. The CPT have provided key information to local community groups, residents associations, community councils and via our local media outlets, highlighting the vulnerabilities associated with vehicle security and preventative measures to increase security to prevent these types of sophisticated thefts. Our divisional priority team have ownership of this crime trend and are working with neighbouring police divisions to identify the persons responsible and bring them to justice.

### **Counter Terrorism**

Forth Valley and Fife Divisions jointly ran Exercise Safe Steeple at the Scottish Police College. Exercise Safe Steeple takes the form of a multi-agency Tabletop Exercise

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and comprises a mix of pre-loading by Subject Matter Experts coupled with facilitated discussion and feedback. The exercise focuses primarily on recovery rather than response; namely the 2 days, 2 weeks and then 2 months after a Marauding Terrorist Attack (MTA) with the aim 'To enhance the multi-agency preparedness in responding to and recovering from a terrorist related incident'. This event was attended by over 100 participants from various organisations and was met with extremely positive feedback on the day.

### **Events and Emergency Planning**

Between 1 April and 30 September 2023 officers from Police Scotland provided policing at nine events across the Clackmannanshire area. Officers attended at various gala days, including Alva, Dollar, Menstrie, and Tillicoultry. Officers assisted with traffic management and enjoyed community engagement at these events, working with stewards to keep everyone safe and ensure the events were able to run as planned. Police attended the Alva Games and assisted with the planning of the event, working with organisers, Local Authority, and other partner agencies to collectively agree what was required for the delivery of the safe event.

### **Football**

In May 2023, Alloa welcomed Scottish League 1 Champions Dunfermline to the Indodrill Stadium. A crowd of over 1600 enjoyed an entertaining match which Dunfermline won 2-0. Police conducted patrols in the town centre, train station and within vicinity of the stadium to ensure those in attendance could enjoy the occasion.

Matches against Stirling Albion in July in the Viaplay Cup and again in a league fixture in August also required policing. In recent local derby matches police have faced challenges with youth disorder and use of pyrotechnics. Our Dedicated Football Officer works closely with the Safety Officers at the clubs to ensure the safety of those attending and allow the supporters of each club to enjoy the action on the pitch. Our SBOs are also assisting and delivering relevant inputs to pupils at our Secondary Schools.

### **Running Events**

Throughout the year officers within the Events and Operations Planning Team work closely with the Local Authority to plan for the many running events in the Clackmannanshire area. The Safety Advisory Group process is invaluable to allow police to work with organisers to minimise risk and disruption and allow the events to run smoothly and have the positive impact on the community intended by the organisers. This includes larger events such as the Alloa Half Marathon, and smaller events which do not require police attendance at the actual event, such as the Tilly 10k or the Wee County Harriers Relay Race.

## ROAD SAFETY AND ROAD CRIME

### Priority Routes

There is one Priority Route in the Clackmannanshire area, namely, the A91 road. This remains unchanged from previous years. Officers patrol this road on a daily basis to provide a visible presence/deterrent and to detect offences including those comprising the 'fatal 5'.

The 'fatal 5' are as follows.

- Careless driving
- Drink and drug driving
- Not wearing a seatbelt
- Using a mobile phone
- Speeding

Road users who commit one of the Fatal Five offences are far more likely to be involved in a fatal collision than those who do not.

### Speed Patrol

On 30 August 2023, in response to complaints about speeding, Constable Ritchie conducted speed patrols through the A91 in Dollar. On this occasion no offending was detected, however, several vehicles were provided education around road safety and speed.

Through this reporting period the CPT have carried out 81 hours of speed checks at several locations around Clackmannanshire, paying particular attention to our priority routes, A91 – Dollar Road, Tillicoultry, A91 - Menstrie to Alva. In addition, the A908/B9140, Fishcross, Forrestmill and Alloa Road, Clackmannan were subject to speed checks.



During this reporting period there were 55 speeding offences, an increase of 29 offences (111.5%) compared to the same period in 2022.

The SBOs cover one hour of speed patrol each day between the start and end of school, utilising joint work with the pupils doing a HNC in Police studies or PSYV staff to provide additional tuition. This work extends into our local primary schools, where our Junior Road Safety Officer (JRSO) scheme is utilised, along with school staff and Police, to provide direct patrols, awareness, and education in relation to persons speeding around our local schools.

## **Joint Roads Policing Operations**

During the reporting period the CPT planned and conducted 3 joint operations involving local policing officers and Roads Policing, particularly related with the National Speeding campaign. The operations ran on 3 days, 2 June 2023, 14 June 2023 and 26 June 2023 with a focus on speeding on the A91 along the Hillfoots, due to an increase in serious injury collisions and a fatal collision. The results of the operations were as follows:

- 1 driver reported for speeding (50mph in 30mph).
- 9 Conditional offers of fixed penalty notices issued for speeding (speeds between 44mph and 48mph in 30mph limit).
- 1 Conditional offer for a red light.
- 54 warnings issued to drivers on the A91, in relation to increased speeds, which were below the chargeable threshold.
- 1 Conditional offer of fixed penalty (Stopped in area of pedestrian crossing).
- 1 Conditional Offer of fixed penalty (delivery driver parking on the area of a Puffin crossing).

Between May and June 2023, the CPT conducted further joint operations with Roads Policing colleagues, conducting road check operations around the Aberdona, near Forrestmill, to tackle travelling criminals utilising vans, during the hours of darkness, to commit thefts. This resulted in 24 vehicles being stopped and checked with no criminality found.

Between 26 June 2023 and 16 July 2023, the CPT and Roads Policing focused on the National Drink Drive campaign, with intelligence led, directed patrols, however no offences were found for driving unfit through drink or drugs. All drivers stopped, were found to be fit to drive.

In August 2023, DAVRU officers observed a man known to be disqualified driving in the Alloa area and on observing police he made off at speed and failed to stop. After a short pursuit, the vehicle was stopped by police and a 50 year old driver arrested and charged with driving whilst disqualified, driving with no insurance and dangerous driving. On appearance at court, he was found guilty and disqualified from driving for 8 additional years, ordered to re-sit his driving test on completion of his disqualification period, issued a home detention curfew for 3 years with an electronic tag and a 3 year restriction of liberty order.

In September 2023, Constable Anderson from Response Policing, observed a man known to him for driving on a provisional licence without supervision in the Alloa area. The car was stopped and established the driver had taken the car without permission. The 21 year old man was charged for taking and driving away a motor vehicle, driving without insurance and a provisional licence. At court the man was found guilty and issued a £300 fine and 6 penalty points endorsed on his provisional licence which revoked his licence.

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In September 2023, the CPT observed a vehicle being driven in the Alloa area, believed to be driven without insurance. The officers attempted to stop the car, however the driver failed to stop, instigating a pursuit. Due to the reckless manner of driving, authority to continue the pursuit was stood down by the police control room. Officers later traced the car abandoned and a containment was placed on the area resulting in the driver being traced. The 31-year-old man was arrested and charged for taking the car without permission, no insurance, and no driving licence. After appearing at court, he was found guilty and given a £640 fine and 9 penalty points endorsed on his licence.

In June 2023, as part of the National Seatbelt and Child Safety Week, the CPT and SBOs completed a 2-day training course delivered by a national company about child car seat safety. This provided our officers with increased knowledge in respect of approved child restraints, all to keep children safe on the roads.

### Roads Policing Unit

In April 2023, Road Policing Officers from Stirling responded to a call from a member of the public about an intoxicated driver in the Alloa area. The driver was stopped and failed a roadside drug test. The driver was arrested and required to provide a sample of blood, the results of which are awaited.

In May 2023, Officers carried out a road check on the A91 road. This resulted in 2 vehicles being seized for being driven without insurance and 3 drivers warned for speeding.

During this reporting period several Local Response and Community Officers were trained by Road Policing Officers in the use of speed detection equipment so that they could also tackle the issue of speeding in the communities of Clackmannanshire.

### School Parking



On 16 August 2023, the CPT deployed to all the primary schools throughout Clackmannanshire, for the first day back after summer leave. The aim of these patrols was to address any illegal/dangerous parking at the start of the school year.

Officers engaged with several drivers providing advice to ensure the safety of all school children. One driver was issued a fixed penalty for causing an obstruction.

On 30 August, the Tullibody Community Constable Leigh Allen, patrolled his local schools to ensure safe access for the children. During this visit, he observed a parent parked illegally, causing a danger to the children. The driver was issued a fixed penalty notice.



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On 31 August 2023, Clackmannan CPT conducted patrols around Clackmannan Primary School, and one vehicle issued a fixed penalty for inappropriate parking.



The CPT continue to carry out patrols around our primary and secondary schools to enforce offences where they are identified and provide education where appropriate.

The schools' prioritised during the reporting period were Sunnyside Primary, Craigbank Primary, Deerpark, Abercromby, Dollar (Strathdevon) and Menstrie Primary. Of note school staff and parent council members commented favourably on the police presence and impact.

During this period 20 fixed penalty notices were issued for parking on double yellow lines, along with 32 warnings delivered for inconsiderate parking.

Parking, particularly within the town centre of Alloa, continues to be subject of ongoing complaints from the community. Our officers when call demand and resourcing permits continue to monitor and issue parking tickets. In this reporting period 96 local authority fixed penalty tickets were issued for parking in disabled bays and double yellow lines in the town centre of Alloa and the centre of each village. Education and advice are provided where appropriate, particularly around local schools.

To further promote road safety and make our roads a safer place for children and young people the CPT secured 3000 road safety books covering a variety of different road safety topics for different age groups from the APS group who co-ordinate 'Ziggy's Road Safety Mission'. The CPT are distributing these to target groups during our community engagement events and road safety inputs.



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<b>Violence, Disorder &amp; Antisocial Behaviour</b>						
		Apr 2022 - September 2022	Apr 2023 - September 2023	Victims	% Change	3 year average
1	Total No Group1: Crimes of Violence	54	58	4 more	7.4%	-8.9%
2	Murder	-	-	-	-	-
3	Attempted Murder	1	-	-	-100.0%	-100.0%
4	Culpable Homicide (common law)	-	-	-	-	-
5	Culpable Homicide (other)	-	-	-	-	-100.0%
6	Serious Assault detection rate	42.9%	50.0%		7.1%	5.2%
7	Serious Assault	19	18	1 less	-5.3%	-27.0%
8	Robbery and assault with Intent to rob detection rate	53.3%	100.0%		46.7%	27.8%
9	Robbery and assault with Intent to rob	15	6	9 less	-60.0%	-50.0%
10	Common assault detection rate	73.6%	74.9%		1.3%	2.7%
11	Common assault	284	303	19	6.7%	5.9%
12	Number of complaints regarding disorder	1245	1155	90	-7.2%	x

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		Apr 2022 - Sept 2022	Apr 2023 - Sept 2023	Victims	% Change	3 year average
13	Number of Domestic Abuse Incidents Reported to the Police	355	348		-2.0%	-9.8%
14	Total Crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents	142	142		-	-11.8%
15	Percentage of Domestic Incidents that result in a crime being recorded	40.0%	40.8%		0.8%	-0.9%
16	Total crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents detection rate	62.3%	59.4%		-4.7%	-19.6%
17	Total Detections for Domestic Bail Offences	13	12		-7.7%	-37.9%
18	Ensure 95% of domestic abuse initial bail checks are conducted within a prescribed timeframe (24hrs)*	95.8%	82.9%		-13.5%	x
19	Hate Crime and offences detection rate	66.7%	67.6%		0.9%	-13.2%
<b>Violence, Disorder &amp; Antisocial Behaviour - Stop and Searches</b>						
		Apr 2022 - Sept 2022	Apr 2023 - Sept 2023 (Positive)	Victims	% Change	3 year average
20	Number of stop and searches conducted (total)	70	56		-20.0%	x
<p>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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<b>Additional Identified Local Priorities</b>						
		Apr 2022 – Sept 2022	Apr 2023 – Sept 2023	Victims	% Change	3 year average
21	Number of detections for supply of drugs (incl. possession with intent)	16	16		-	11.6%
22	Number of detections for drugs production, manufacture or drugs cultivation	1	3		200.0%	12.5%
23	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts) detection rate	4.5%	64.0%		59.5%	23.5%
Context: Includes dwelling house, non-dwelling and other premises.						
24	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts)	22	25	3 more	13.6%	-35.3%
Context: Includes dwelling house, non-dwelling and other premises.						
25	Theft by shoplifting detection rate	65.9%	60.1%		-5.8%	-12.2%
26	Theft by shoplifting	132	213	81 more	61.4%	118.8%
27	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief detection rate	33.2%	38.4%		5.2%	1.3%
28	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief	193	224	31 more	16.1%	-2.3%
29	Number of detections for Consuming Alcohol in a designated place (where appropriate byelaws exist)	3	2		-33.3%	-64.7%
<b>Public Protection</b>						
		Apr 2022 - Sept 2022	Apr 2023 - Sept 2023	Victims	% Change	3 year average
30	Number of Sexual Crimes	70	50	20 less	-28.6%	-33.0%
31	Sexual Crimes detection rate	48.6%	48.0%		-0.6%	-5.1%
32	Rape detection rate	43.8%	66.7%		22.9%	16.7%

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<b>Road Traffic Casualty Statistics</b>					
	Apr 2022 - Sept 2022	Apr 2023 - Sept 2023	Victims	% Change	3 year average
People Killed	1	0	1 less	-100.0%	x
People Seriously injured	6	2	4 less	-66.7%	x
People Slightly Injured	8	4	4 less	-50.0%	x
Children (aged<16) Killed	0	0	0	0	x
Children (aged<16) Seriously Injured	3	1	2 less	-66.7%	x

<b>Road Safety &amp; Road Crime - Detected</b>					
	Apr 2022 - Sept 2022	Apr 2023 - Sept 2023	Victims	% Change	3 year average
33	Dangerous driving	12	9	-25.0%	-37.2%
34	Speeding	26	55	111.5%	46.0%
35	Disqualified driving	5	5	-	-37.5%
36	Driving Licence	32	17	-46.9%	-52.3%
37	Insurance	80	48	-40.0%	-41.9%
38	Seat Belts	8	4	-50.0%	-40.0%
39	Mobile Phone	2	8	300.0%	380.0%

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<b>Public Confidence</b>					
April 2023 - September 2023					
		Number of Complaints about the Police		Number of Complaints per 10,000 Police Incidents	
40	Complaints received about the Police	33		45.5%	
		On Duty Allegations	Off Duty Allegations	Quality of Service Allegations	Total Number of Allegations
41	Total Allegations Recorded	38	0	18	56

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

