
Report to Audit & Scrutiny Committee

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Subject: Police Performance Report for Clackmannanshire October 2021 to March 2022

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 2021 to 31st March 2022. The statistics provided at the rear of the report cover the financial year.
- 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, Protecting people most at risk from harm, Promoting confidence through our actions, Enhancing our collective resilience to emerging threats, and 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 2021 – March 2022

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BACKGROUND TO THIS REPORT

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

Performance in relation to the identified policing priorities is monitored on an ongoing basis. Six monthly reports are produced to allow scrutiny by Clackmannanshire Council Partnership and Performance Committee. This report covers policing activity from the 1st October 2021 to the 31st March 2022 and statistics are provided at the rear for the financial year.

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

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

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

RESPONSIVE TO THE CONCERNS OF OUR COMMUNITIES

Reckless Conduct

Community Police Officers (CPT) were made aware of a video going viral on Facebook, showing a female apparently injecting heroin into her groin and exposing herself within a public bus stop during the day. The actions by this female exposed numerous members of the public and children to the risk of harm from the discarded needles and placed them in a state of fear and alarm at the openly reckless conduct by the person involved.

Officers secured the footage from the social network site, identified potential witnesses and obtained statements from them. The officer, through her local knowledge, identified the female suspect and apprehended her. Through diligent investigation and responding quickly to community unrest, this increased the confidence in local policing and reduced community tensions.

Proactive Drugs Search Operation

The CPT had been receiving information about a large quantity of controlled drugs being stored at an address in the area. Due to the volume and frequency of information being received, the CPT craved and were granted a drugs search warrant for the address from the Sheriff. Upon the warrant being received it was established the resident had vacated the address to live up North, returning once a week to check on the property.

The team arranged for a council joiner and a police dog handler to attend along with them and the warrant was executed. Whilst executing the warrant a number of neighbours showed an interest in the operation and officers provided reassurance and advice. The neighbours all stated they were very impressed with the police action which increased the confidence in local policing to the communities.

Antisocial Behaviour – CPT Intervention

PC Katie Lawson, community officer covering Alva and Tillicoultry, identified an increase in calls to Police from a local resident regarding antisocial behaviour and persistent bullying behaviour directed towards their family, property and their son. This was from a local youth and had been ongoing for four years. PC Lawson reviewed all the relevant calls to police and met with the victim to gain an understanding of the ongoing issues. PC Lawson developed a strategy to resolve the problem, made contact with relevant partners in housing, social work and education and visited the youth responsible and his parents, providing clear instructions and a warning, should the problems persist.

As a result of PC Lawson's early and effective intervention the antisocial behaviour stopped and the victim sent an email of thanks to PC Lawson regarding her good work and problem solving capabilities.

Operation Christmas – Tackling Acquisitive Crime

The objective of Operation Christmas is to conduct high visibility patrols and provide reassurance to the public and retailers in response to the increase in acquisitive crime around Christmas, focussing on Alloa Town Centre and Sterling Mills, Tillicoultry.

In December 2021 PC Miller from the CPT conducted foot patrols in Sterling Mills where he proactively recovered £175 worth of stolen property stolen from the Nike store and drugs were also recovered from a known drug user. Two parking tickets were issued for a driver parking within a disabled bay and another for parking on double yellow lines. This proactive work helped to increase trust and confidence in police from the public.

Violent Crime

In January 2022 a particularly violent incident occurred where a male was attacked by two males within a house in the Clackmannanshire area. During this assault weapons were used to beat the victim and stab him, causing a serious injury. The victim was reluctant to involve police and did not report the incident however his mother notified police.

Response officers attended and after a considerable time built up a rapport with the victim by gaining their trust and explaining safeguarding procedures to the victim, who was fearful of the consequences of reporting the incident to police. As a result of the information provided by the victim, officers were quickly able to obtain the required evidence and identify and apprehend the two offenders.

All of the enquiry was completed the same day by the officers, which helped to keep the public safe through the early apprehension of two violent offenders. The feedback received from the neighbours at the location of the incident was very positive with praise given to the swift and robust action of the police, keeping the community safe.

Detecting Serious Crime

Detecting serious crime remains a priority for police, as is securing evidence, protecting the victim and apprehending offenders at the earliest opportunity to ensure public protection.

In January 2022 two males attended at an address in Sauchie, forced entry to a house by kicking the door open. The victim exited and two males assaulted him by striking him to the head and body with pieces of wood, resulting in him sustaining serious facial injuries.

Response and community officers immediately attended, secured and preserved the scene, obtained initial information from witnesses and identified one of the suspects. The local Criminal Investigation Department (CID) attended along with a Scene Examiner. During the subsequent examination a footwear impression was recovered along with weapons believed to have been used in the assault. Following

extensive enquiries, police identified and arrested both suspects who were arrested and the recovered footwear worn at the time of the crime by the suspect matched the impression taken from the scene.

Through joint internal working, this resulted in a positive outcome, detecting serious crime and safeguarding of the victim.

Police Funding for Community Clubs

The local Sauchie community officer, PC Baillie has been involved in supporting the local football group which provides a valuable service in the community to divert people away from antisocial behaviour. Sauchie Juniors Football Academy operate a community training facility at the Tullibody Civic Centre using a disused bowling green. This has serviced the community for over ten years but both the club and PC Baillie identified a need to upgrade their club equipment.

The Academy has over 250 members ranging from 3 years to 74 years of age and provides fitness, education and wellbeing services for all involved, not just football, including a walking football session and disability provisions for those in need.

This is all community based and relies on funding to operate. No membership fees are taken and the club collaborate with local partners to offer counselling, support, education and guidance.

PC Baillie secured community funding for the academy and has now presented the academy with enough money to provide a fantastic range of equipment for the academy and enable them to make their service available to more people and continue the excellent service it provides for many years to come.

Weapons and Antisocial Behaviour

In February 2022, officers were called to deal with a disturbance from a residential address in Clackmannan. The sole male occupant was shouting, swearing and playing music at an excessively loud level. Numerous officers attended due to the previous knowledge of the male, who is a career criminal and has a history of disorder, violence, possessing weapons and assaulting police. A subsequent call was received reporting the male was in the street brandishing a piece of wood and a metal pole.

Upon officers' arrival, the male was back in his address and refused to answer the door and had his music blaring. The officers utilised the relevant legislation and gained entry to the property and the male was arrested. Officers were alive to the male's violent history and his use of weapons and observed a Taser device within the property. The device was safely recovered and the male was charged with numerous offences and appeared in court from police custody.

Acquisitive Crime

From November 2021 to January 2022, numerous incidents of shoplifting occurred at the three main supermarkets in Alloa. Twelve separate incidents were reported and recorded with relatively high value goods being stolen, including television sets. The community officer began collating the details of these incidents and the images captured of the sole offender. It transpired the offender was not known to any of the

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local officers in Forth Valley. The officer identified key times the thefts occurred, which tied in with the approximate times of a train arriving at Alloa train station.

The officer carried out patrols around Alloa railway station on specific days/times and observed the male, captured on the CCTV, leaving the train station heading for a supermarket. Colleagues apprehended the male who was in possession of tag cutting equipment used in recent thefts. The male was charged with all the thefts and officers shared the information with Retailers Against Crime Scotland (RACS), should there have been any further undetected offences across the country attributed to the offender. The three supermarkets thanked the police for the effort put into this case and for identifying the serial shoplifter. Security advice was provided to allow the supermarkets to put measures in place to prevent any reoccurrence.

Vandalisms in Tillicoultry

Local community officers in Tillicoultry were made aware of numerous incidents of vandalism in the village in February 2022, particularly in relation to the defibrillator situated outside a local pharmacy, to the electronic bus timetable at Murray Square and other nearby vehicles and houses that were damaged.

Community officers PC Miller and PC Lawson conducted enquiries into all these incidents of vandalism, all of which were detected and local young people were charged and reported for the crimes committed. Both officers continued to conduct extra patrols in the village, to deter any future incidents.

PROTECTING PEOPLE MOST AT RISK FROM HARM

Drugs Search – Protecting the Vulnerable in our Communities

Information was received by the CPT, from concerned residents of an address in Alloa, relating to the number of persons attending a specific address for short periods. From the information received there were indications that drugs were being sold from the premises. As a result, the team craved and were granted a drugs search warrant for the address from the Sheriff. Officers attended the address, executed the warrant and three females were found within however no trace of controlled drugs.

The female occupier was noted to be a heavy intravenous heroin user who, from her condition and appearance, was suffering badly from the effects of drugs, which were having a clear impact on her health. The female was provided with numerous contacts and signposted to support agencies by police, to aid her with her medical issues and provide assistance in terms of drug withdrawal.

Despite the warrant operation recovering no controlled drugs, the officers took the opportunity to provide care and support for the female who was spiralling into a very unhealthy and dangerous state of health as a result of heavy drug use, to improve her wellbeing.

Protecting Vulnerable Children

Tillicoultry community officers had been dealing with a ten year old boy for a number of months who had come to the adverse attention of police initially for disorder related incidents. His offending then escalated to include persistent criminal damage, violent incidents and theft.

Officers led regular partnership meetings with support agencies, adopting a problem solving approach to deal with the incidents and address the root cause. After extensive collaboration, the child is now being helped by Barnardo's and are some way to identifying potential learning difficulties that may be contributing to the unruly behaviour displayed by the child, in order to ensure that the correct interventions can be put in place.

Public Protection

In November 2021, two separate crimes were reported in quick succession in the Dollar and Muckhart areas of Clackmannanshire. These crimes occurred on different dates but were reported to police on the same date. The nature of the offences involved a male following lone females on footpaths and in wooded areas, walking closely behind them to their alarm and distress.

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The community officers took ownership of these incidents, conducted systematic and diligent enquiries, whereby they were able to link the male to the two reported incidents, which showed a pattern of concerning escalation.

The day the incidents were reported, the CPT completed the enquiry by identifying and arresting the male. He was charged for both incidents and held in police custody to appear at court the next day before being remanded pending the trial date.

This extremely diligent police work, due to the extensive local knowledge of the CPT, led to his quick arrest, protecting the public. The details of the arrest was circulated on social media by the police which prompted a wealth of positive comments, increasing public reassurance for women and girls and increasing the trust and confidence in the police.

Elderly and Vulnerable Community Groups

PC Leigh Allen, the community officer for Tullibody has been actively involved in ensuring personal safety is a priority for elderly and vulnerable community groups. Due to the work he has done with other community groups, he was approached by the Women's Institute to provide some advice to their organisation.

In November 2021, PC Allen attended the Scottish Women's Institute within Menstrie Parish Church and provided a safety input for attendees around bogus workers, scam calls and internet based crime. The session was very well attended by the group and increased their confidence

This information session was very well attended who took a lot of information away which will increase their confidence of the group to challenge such scammers and notify the police, to keep themselves safe. PC Allen received a card thanking him for his input and the manner in which it was presented.

Funding Support for new Community Groups

The Menstrie community identified that the area was not providing valuable support and education for local youths outside of school hours. PC Allen, the community officer, in consultation with the local Community Support Group managed to identify premises from where they could create and start up Menstrie's first youth club.

PC Allen sought police funding to support the club which was approved and gave the group a significant sum for them to purchase club equipment. The club provides a safe base for children and young adults to meet, socialise and receive help and support, whilst creating an enjoyable and friendly environment for all. The club plan to join with local partner agencies and volunteer groups to provide drug and alcohol awareness, trauma counselling and support for children living in poverty.

This has been a great initiative to be part of from the outset and the support provided by police has been greatly received by the community.

Mental Health Vulnerability

In January 2022, police were called to an address in the Alloa area by a concerned neighbour reporting that the male occupier sounded as if he required help. Community and response officers attended. On arrival they were met by a male who was in mental health crisis. The officers communicated with the male through the closed door and the male's condition deteriorated, resulting in him causing harm to himself by striking his head off the ground within the property.

Due to the potential for serious injury being caused, police identified quickly the requirement to enter the property as quickly as possible to prevent harm being caused to the occupant. Additional officers were requested to effect safe entry by force. Prior to the equipment arriving at the locus, the community officers managed to negotiate with the male and he opened the door to the address, before continuing to cause himself further harm.

The officers in attendance knew the male to suffer from several confirmed mental health conditions which had been exasperated by alcohol and prescription medication. His condition was also identified by the officers as potentially Acute Behavioural Disturbance (ABD) which is classed as a medical emergency, so an ambulance was summoned.

Officers were required to periodically restrain the male to prevent him harming himself for almost an hour until the ambulance arrived. The male was escorted to hospital in the ambulance with four officers to prevent him further harming himself. This continued for several hours at the hospital until his condition eased.

This was a purely medical matter with no criminality but the officers spent considerable time preventing the male harming himself. The efforts by the officers was exemplary considering the strength of the male and the condition he was in. The male ultimately received the appropriate medical treatment and suffered no injuries.

The mother of the male was present at the location and she commented on the exceptional efforts by the officers involved and the care and support they showed to her son who was having a mental health crisis.

Cultural Differences

The community officers in Clackmannan, PC Ritchie and PC Reiter, have been heavily involved with the local primary schools, delivering inputs and dealing with issues affecting the wellbeing of the pupils. Due to this regular interaction with pupils and staff, officers quickly identified a case of bullying involving primary seven pupils. The incidents involved bullying borne out of poor attitudes and intolerance of other cultures and around race and age, and a general lack of respect for the property of others.

The officers engaged with the group and began an early intervention process mirroring an initiative that they were aware of from the Stirling school network. The officers liaised with the Community Learning and Development team and by working in partnership they delivered a six week programme to address the identified issues

and encourage inclusion and understanding of different perspectives and the impact of behaviours on others.

Tackling Youth Disorder - Tullibody

During February 2022, there was serious spike in antisocial behaviour in Tullibody. The offenders were youths that had not previously come to the attention of police in any significant way. On return from annual leave when these incidents had been perpetrated, local community officers, PC Allen and PC Boyle, engaged with multiple groups across the community with a view of ascertaining the names of those responsible.

Visits were then carried out with all of the children and their parents; work conducted at school in a group setting and assistance sought from Intensive Family Support.

As a result of the work carried out the ASB stopped almost instantly and really promising meaningful work is being conducted in the background with the support of Alloa Social Work, police and Barnardos. The main individual responsible was identified as being vulnerable in various respects that police had been unaware of and support networks have now been put in place for the child.

Community Partner Engagement

PC Miller, Tillicoultry community officer has been involved in work being carried out by the newly formed Ochil Youths Community Improvement (OYCI). This is a new youth action charity for young people in the local area. After a huge refurbishment, it opened at premises in Tillicoultry.

Police have engaged with the organisers who run the OYCI and the venture is shaping up to be a fantastic addition to the local area, providing such things as outdoor education, cyber games creation and cooking classes, as well as a safe space for youths to come and make friends to support their wellbeing. Their services are free of charge which removes any financial barriers which may otherwise stop a lot of young people from participating in these kind of activities.

The group are currently working with an established database of vulnerable children but there is an open link between the group and the local police for referrals for those who meet the criteria, ensuring all children in need are considered.

The group have been extremely grateful for the input by local police and the continued support that has been offered.



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Safeguarding Through Rapid Intervention (STRIVE)

In February 2022 STRIVE received a referral from council housing regarding a male who had recently moved into one of their tenancies. At the time of him being accommodated, the housing officer was made aware he had some complex needs due to suffering from mental health issues, likely as a result of his time served in the army. The housing officer was informed that the male had support in place however she quickly became concerned he did not have sufficient support when she noted a deterioration in his behaviour. This coincided with the male beginning to come to the attention of police regarding poor mental health, misuse of alcohol and associated behaviours.

STRIVE screened the case and were able to quickly establish that he was not known locally to a GP practice or any mental health services. Subsequently STRIVE made contact with his support worker from the local authority area he had moved from and she informed STRIVE the male had support from a charity but due to Covid this support was limited to sporadic phone calls which was simply not enough. The male had moved from supported accommodation where he had intensive support and was clearly struggling with the sudden change of support available to him. The case had not been transferred to the new local authority mental health service.

STRIVE brought this to the attention of Change Grow Live (CGL) and mental health services who both agreed to attempt engagement with the male as a priority. CGL very quickly made contact with the male who was delighted at the opportunity to work with their service and has engaged well ever since.

With the support of STRIVE and CGL the male has been allocated to psychiatry services where his complex needs have been assessed and a package of care agreed, as appropriate. The male has not come to the attention of either housing or police since this support was put in place.

STRIVE Intervention

In January 2022 STRIVE received a referral from child care social work regarding a female who had young children and had fled domestic abuse. The case was complex in respect that the female spoke very little English, was not particularly keen to engage with services and, as it quickly transpired, had no access to any funds. As she had pre-settled status in the UK, she had a specific condition that she would have to work prior to being entitled to any benefits. As such, the female was left unable to claim any benefits for herself or her children.

STRIVE held an emergency meeting during which it was agreed that Clackmannanshire Council would house the female and her children, to allow time to resolve the issue with benefits. They also agreed to fund the cost of the electricity and gas on a temporary basis. STRIVE provided the female with a mobile telephone and essentials were provided for her and the children such as clothing, food and some emergency funding. Referrals were made to SHAKITI and OPOKA charities to

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provide the female with the relevant support in respect of the domestic abuse and assistance with immigration issues.

It quickly became apparent that the lady was suffering from mental health issues when she began coming to the attention of Police due to some very concerning behaviour. STRIVE held an emergency meeting with mental health services at which time they agreed to assess the female which subsequently resulted in her having to be detained at hospital. As social work were already involved and aware of the situation, alternative care was able to be arranged for the children quickly.

STRIVE kept in regular contact with the hospital during the female's eight week stay with them and took part in her discharge planning meeting to ensure mental health professionals were fully aware of the situation and the best needs of not only the female, but also her children were considered. The lady is no longer coming to the attention of police.

PROMOTING CONFIDENCE THROUGH OUR ACTIONS

Proactive Licensing Checks



During October 2021, whilst coming out of the most recent Covid lockdown and returning to social normality, the Divisional Alcohol and Violence Reduction Unit (DAVRU) officers conducted proactive licensing visits to all licensed premises within Clackmannanshire. The purpose of these visits was to ensure that all the licensed premises were up to date on training, documentation and legislation changes as a result of the new COVID 19 guidance, particularly in relation to night clubs with dancefloors, requiring patrons to provide proof of their COVID 19 passport to gain entry to said premises.

These licensing visits have proved extremely beneficial in sharing experiences and guidance between establishments, all to ensure customers and staff were kept safe and free from harm. The visits have included advice and guidance for licensing staff and customers on the dangers of drink spiking, following national news coverage. Licensed premises visits continue and form part of every weekend policing plan.

Scottish Women and Girls in Sport Week

In October 2021, PC Lorna McPherson and PC Claire Harman from the CPT provided assistance in policing the Alloa Park run for the fifth annual Scottish Women and Girls in Sport week. This event took place in West End Park, Alloa. PC Harman took the opportunity to participate in the run, in full police uniform, to assist in raising awareness and increase visibility and coverage of women's sport.

Supporting Volunteer Community Groups – Flood prevention

The Alva and Tillicoultry community officer, PC James Miller, has been actively involved in supporting and engaging with volunteer groups working on flood defences. The area is a hotspot due to the location of the River Devon and the flooding routinely causing road closures and damage to properties.

As a result several groups have come together to create a flood defence partnership, which has also purchased flood defence equipment. By working with the volunteers and emergency service partners, a real time exercise was carried



out to test the process and equipment. This exercise went extremely well and prepared the partners for protecting life and property in the area during any future incident.

Festive Safety Awareness

Officers from the Police Preventions and Interventions team at Stirling deployed in Clackmannanshire at both Sterling Mills and Alloa Town Centre as part of Operation Festive. This work, along with the dedicated patrols by the Clackmannanshire officers, provided engagement and reassurance to members of the public. A lot of positive engagement was had with welcome praise from the public. Crime prevention and personal safety advice was delivered by police and partners which was well received.

Thirteen members of the public were also trained in the administration of Naloxone, to help keep vulnerable people safe. Numerous partners attended also including Transform, Change Grow Live, Neil's Hugs and Text Clacks. All the security staff working in the area have also now been trained in the administration of Naloxone.



Operation Festive - December 2021

During the month of December each year, Clackmannanshire Police undertake an operation, mainly within Alloa Town Centre to target recidivist offenders from committing crime in the town centre, targeting shops and the public who will generally carry more cash with them due to the festive shopping period. This year saw the Operation continue under Operation Festive.

As a result of the proactive patrols:

9 uninsured vehicles were seized by police with 9 people reported for road traffic offences.

2 drunk drivers were arrested and reported to the court for driving whilst intoxicated.

7 drugs cases were detected for possession or supply of controlled drugs and a substantial quantity of drugs and cash was recovered, with some offenders appearing at court from custody.

3 offenders were apprehended for breaching specific bail conditions imposed on them by the court.

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120 hours of foot patrol by uniformed police officers.

64 hours of cycle patrol by uniformed police officers was also completed, keeping the



communities of Clackmannanshire safe.

Protecting Vulnerable People – Development of Training

Part of the DIVERT strand of the Scottish Government Serious and Organised Crime Strategy is to divert people from becoming involved in serious and organised crime.

During this reporting period, specialist officers from our national Serious Organised Crime Prevention team worked with the Public Protection Learning and Development Advisor for Stirling and Clackmannanshire councils to develop an e-learning module on the criminal exploitation of adults and children by organised crime groups. This training module is now available for social work, education and housing staff in the local area with work ongoing to extend this package to NHS and third sector partners for inclusion in their learning platforms.

Forth Valley Chinese Community

An information session was hosted by our Prevention and Interventions team for the Forth Valley Chinese Community. An interpreter was utilised, with information being

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provided on a variety of topics including the pandemic, scams, hate crime, anti-social behaviour, methods of reporting to police and community concerns regarding drug issues.

ENHANCING OUR COLLECTIVE RESILIENCE TO EMERGING THREATS

Substantial drugs recovery – Alloa – Disruption in organised crime and protecting the public



In October 2021, community officers uncovered a cannabis cultivation at a private address in the Alloa area. Whilst on patrol dealing with parking problems, the officers became suspicious of activity they had observed. A drugs search warrant was craved and executed at an address, resulting in a cannabis cultivation being found with controlled drugs to the value of £20,000 being recovered and a substantial quantity of cash was also seized in connection with the proceeds of crime. Two males were subsequently arrested and charged in connection with producing and being concerned in the supply of controlled drugs and were held in custody to appear at court.

This is a great example of proactive policing, where local officers were addressing local concerns regarding problem parking. Whilst dealing with these issues, their attention was drawn to suspicious activity of two males nearby, resulting in a substantial recovery of drugs and cash with 2 males being apprehended. This activity has kept drugs off our streets and prevented criminals from benefitting financially from producing controlled drugs.

Drugs Search Warrant – Proactive Policing

Intelligence was received regarding the potential for a cannabis cultivation being grown at an address in the Tullibody area. As a result, officers from the CPT craved and were granted a warrant from the Sheriff to enter and search the premises.

In February 2022, the warrant was executed and officers found an operational cannabis cultivation with 21 cannabis plants growing within. The set-up of the cultivation was sophisticated, with LED lights to reduce the heat emitted from the growing area and the value of the cultivation was estimated at around £6k.

The electric meter was bypassed causing damage to the main power supply to the address and neighbouring houses, which was made safe by Scottish Power. Further controlled drugs were found in the premises and the operation was an excellent example of disrupting criminals involved in the sale and supply of drugs.

Substantial Drugs Recovery

Officers from the CPT and our Divisional Alcohol and Violence Reduction Unit (DAVRU), craved and were granted a Sheriff search warrant to enter and search an address Tullibody. This warrant was granted on the information and intelligence gathered by local officers, indicating that the resident of a flat was involved in producing and supplying cannabis in the local area.

In March 2022, officers executed this warrant where a substantial cannabis cultivation was uncovered. The male resident and producer of this controlled drug was arrested and charged with producing and selling cannabis. He was further charged with by-passing his electricity meter to operate the cultivation without having to pay the substantial energy cost involved in its production. The by-passing of his meter put all residents of the block of flats potentially in danger.

The recovery of drugs from this address exceeded £25,000, which were all destined for the streets of Clackmannanshire, to the detriment of the local community. This was an excellent example of proactive intelligence gathering and enquiry by the local officers.



Fraud

Fraud and scams remain of key concern with numerous reports being received of scams being carried out using a number of different methods which include:

- Doorstep scams;
- Impersonation fraud;
- Romance fraud;
- Bogus investment opportunities;
- Energy and environmental deals / product scams; and
- People phishing for personal data by purporting to be from a reputable company or agency.

A social media campaign has been delivered to warn people of what to look out for and how to keep themselves safe. To ensure we are able to reach those members of our communities who do not have access to social media, we placed articles within print media and organised leaflet drops in key areas to spread this information widely.

We continue to work with local banks and Trading Standards as part of the banking protocol to identify vulnerable victims who are in the process of being defrauded of funds from their bank account and intervene to prevent this from happening. Officers have visited local banks and provided advice to customers about how they can protect themselves from a range of scams.

Work has also been undertaken with local supermarkets to raise awareness amongst staff of gift card fraud. A protocol has been established to ensure attempted high value purchases are escalated to store management prior to completing the sale and police are notified where criminality is suspected.



Counter Terrorism

Centre for Protection of National Infrastructure (CPNI) presentations have been undertaken and attended by various organisations including Forth Valley Colleges. These presentations focused on security practices and specific security infrastructure which can be added to Publicly Accessible Locations (PALs) to mitigate the effect of any terrorist attacks.

Specific presentations were delivered to members of the Multi-Agency Contest Group and covered a specific case study about Involuntary Celibates (InCels) and their ideologies.

Third Party reporting training was also undertaken with Victim Support Scotland for their staff who cover all the Sheriff Courts in Forth Valley. Plans are in place to train all of their volunteers who will have meetings with families and survivors of criminal acts.

Serious Organised Crime Interventions

Serious organised crime groups can target a multitude of different areas in order to take advantage of members of the public. One such area of risk identified is the way some groups seek to exploit individuals to enable them to use their homes as a base for criminal activity.

In order to help support housing staff to identify the warning signs, Police Scotland's national serious and organised crime interventions team delivered a virtual training input to local authority housing officers across Forth Valley in February. This session was attended by over 120 housing officers.

The input sought to raise awareness of the signs of criminal activity in areas such as controlled substance production, 'county lines' drug dealing and human trafficking.

The event was well received and it is hoped the information provided will increase staff confidence to identify and report suspicious activity to police which will, in turn, help to protect vulnerable members of our communities from the harms caused by serious and organised crime groups.

High Value Frauds

Between October 2021 and March 2022 a series of high value frauds were committed across Scotland that were observed to be similar in victim selection, methodology and perpetration. This crime series involved suspects contacting elderly victims claiming to be from the fraud department of their bank and identifying irregular transactions on their account; at times suggesting that bank staff were involved with the irregular transactions and police were assisting them with their enquiries.

They thereafter coerced the victims to attend at their bank and either withdraw funds in cash or transfer money online. Suspects would then attend the victims' home address or arrange to meet them at a public place and hand over money to a person purporting to be from the police. It is estimated the organised crime group responsible has amassed £1 million with a further £500,000 in attempted transactions in this short space of time. Of that figure, in excess of £300,000 of the defrauded funds relates to victims in the Forth Valley area.

Investigation by our Priority Crime Team / CID identified a number persons of interest and, working in partnership with specialist resources, police conducted a number of "executive days of action" to mitigate further threat. This led to the arrest and charge of a number of career criminals with fraud and other associated crimes which was a fantastic result.

ROAD SAFETY AND ROAD CRIME

Proactive Parking patrols around primary schools

Following enquiries in November 2021 from our local Councillors, regarding problems caused by traffic congestion around local primary schools, the CPT increased their patrols around their local primary schools to provide a visible presence to prevent careless and inconsiderate parking around the school area. Following this work, the local community groups praised the increased police presence which created a notable improvement in the issues around the school. In addition, Clackmannanshire Council have agreed in principle to a number of improvements to the road layout and signage at Sunnyside Primary, to provide a better long term solution to some of the issues regularly raised.

Local initiatives by each school have been supported by the local police such as park and stride, walking buses and Junior Road Safety Officers, all of which have encouraged more children and parents to walk to school. The feedback and support received from the schools and road safety officers from the council has shown that improvements are being made and the local communities appreciate the time and attention provided by the local police and council.

School Parking – Issues addressed through joint partnership working and funding secured

The CPT have regularly patrolled local primary schools at the start and conclusion of the school day, all in an effort to tackle the ongoing complaint of inconsiderate parking around the school gates, causing a danger to the children entering and leaving the school grounds.

As a result, some of the local schools, particularly Strathdevon Primary School in Dollar, have worked closely with the local police to take personal ownership of the issue, raise awareness and tackle the problem utilising their own school pupils in order to get the message across.



Police funding was secured for the necessary safety equipment for the schools appointed pupil Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSO) who were selected by the staff as being role models, respected and trusted to patrol and lead by example.



Safety equipment has been purchased to allow the pupils to operate a walking bus which is a way of parents parking out with the area of the school and being led in a line (bus) from the parking area to the school with the assistance of staff and the JRSO. This eases the congestion around the school and keeps the area of the school as a safe zone for pupils to enter and exit. Additionally the pupils patrol at the relevant times, with staff and provide education to drivers parking in the above manner. This

conveys the safety message clearly and from the group most at risk, rather than by adult staff or Police.

Operation Close Pass – Road Safety

In October 2021, local Community Police officers and colleagues from the Roads Policing Unit, conducted a joint operation in the Clackmannanshire, Operation Close Pass. This is a national operation designed to increase the safety of vulnerable groups utilising the road networks throughout Scotland. This Operation was conducted on the road networks within Clackmannanshire, designed to tackle the issue of drivers passing too close to cyclist, causing danger to life.

The Community Police Officers deployed on cycles with the support of a Roads Policing vehicle and any drivers passing too close would be stopped, education provided where appropriate and enforcement conducted when required.

This operation found no vehicles breaching any of the Road Traffic Laws which was refreshing to see in the Clackmannanshire area, meaning the message from previous operations and initiatives has been getting across, thus increasing the safety of persons utilising our roads network.

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



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In March 2022, the CPT and colleagues from the Roads Policing Unit, continued with their joint operation – Close Pass.

This operation found only one vehicle travelling too close whilst passing the cyclists. The driver was stopped and afforded further education in relation to his driving manner.

A total of 493 vehicle passed the cyclists with only one travelling too close, which is good evidence that the safety message is getting through to the public and is being taken on board by the vast majority of motorists travelling through Clackmannanshire.

Disqualified Driver

In November 2021, community officers were on patrol, whilst covering response policing due to COP26 abstractions. Despite being sent to numerous calls, they maintained vigilant in their community ward areas and observed a vehicle being driven by a known disqualified driver.

On seeing the police the male made off from his vehicle. Using legislation available, the male's vehicle (valued at £60,000) was seized by police due to it not being insured. The male was then reported for warrant for the offences. This disruption led to a vehicle being taken off the roads, which had been used regularly by the male, without insurance.

Festive Road Safety Campaign – Drunk Driver

Response officers were carrying out additional proactive patrols in December 2021 during the Festive Road Safety Campaign, when their attention was drawn to a vehicle within a supermarket car park in Alloa. The officers detected a strong smell of cannabis from the vehicle and as a result the driver was searched under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 where a personal amount of cocaine was recovered along with trace amounts of cannabis.

Road Policing Unit colleagues joined the response crew and the driver provided a positive drugs wipe for cannabis, resulting in his arrest for driving whilst under the influence of drink/drugs. This was a good display of proactive work in line with the national campaign, dealing with one of the Fatal Five, and kept an intoxicated driver off the roads, thus protecting the public from potential harm.

Town Centre Parking Enforcement

Illegal parking in Alloa town centre is an important ongoing community concern, in particular double yellow line parking and parking within disabled bays with no badge displayed. CPT and officers on



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duty for court have increased patrols in this area as much as possible. .

The feedback from the community has been extremely positive as they are feeling that their concerns are being addressed and are robust when necessary.

The CPT continue to provide education where appropriate and otherwise robust enforcement. Three days of action took place during the reporting period, with 64 Fixed Penalty Notices issued during those days for contraventions of parking regulations. This is an ongoing area of focus on a daily basis by the two Alloa community officers and further days of action will be held in future.

Intoxicated driver apprehended

In January 2022, DAVRU and community officers, PC Law and PC Reid, were proactively patrolling Clackmannanshire roadways when they were alerted to a report of a vehicle with the driver potentially intoxicated, posing a risk to the public.

Due to the officers already being on their beat patrolling, they observed the vehicle quickly and signalled for it to stop. The male driver failed to do so and a short pursuit ensued before the driver stopped his vehicle and ran from police.

Officers gave chase and the driver was quickly traced and apprehended after he resisted arrest. The driver was intoxicated, refused to provide any samples for analysis and was found in possession of controlled drugs. He was later conveyed to hospital for a welfare examination and was also reported for touching himself in an inappropriate manner within the hospital, in front of police and nursing staff.

Due to the patrols carried out and police being ready for any call and highly visible, the officers apprehended an intoxicated driver along with detecting a multitude of other offences. They ensured the public was kept safe and the vehicle used by the driver was seized, preventing further like incidents.

Protecting vulnerable road users

In February 2022, a serious Road Traffic Collision occurred on the A91 between Menstrie and Alva. The circumstances were a 45 year old male was cycling from Menstrie to Alva, it was dark, snowing and no street lighting was present. The cyclist was wearing a high-visibility tabard but with a backpack over same, due to the circumstances the cyclist was not clearly visible. A male was driving a works van in the same direction and failed to observe the cyclist, striking him from the rear, causing him to traverse over a 6ft hedge into a neighbouring field. Police were contacted immediately and arrived within seconds of the call. It was clearly obvious to the attending officers the male was seriously injured and likely to prove fatal. The male was on the other side of a high and thick well-formed hedge and they could not get access to the male to provide lifesaving treatment. The Fire Service arrived seconds after the Police and both the Police and Fire service were able to quickly cut an opening into the hedge and get to the injured party, stabilising him and keeping his airway open until paramedics took over.

The male was escorted to Edinburgh Royal due to the serious injury sustained. The officers in attendance thereafter secured the driver of the van which struck the cyclist, securing all evidence and ensuring his wellbeing also as he was clearly in shock. Due to the quick actions of the emergency services the cyclist survived.

Speed Detection - Tackling the Fatal 5

Roads Policing officers, PC Towler and PC Steel carried out speed detection on the A91 at Alva (one of our priority routes) at peak morning travelling time. The officers detected 7 vehicles speeding in the 30mph and 20mph zones; 5 were dealt with by Conditional Offer of Fixed Penalty (COFP), 1 by report to the Procurator Fiscal and 1 by a warning.

Road Safety Operation – Clackmannanshire

Protecting our communities and vulnerable road users is always a priority in the Clackmannanshire area. Due to the layout of our County, which borders the two other areas within C Division, along with P Division and D Division, our roadways are vulnerable to travelling criminals. We have two main trunk roads passing through our county which require patrolling to prevent and deter both antisocial driving and reckless behaviour on our roads, endangering other road users.



Our CPT are tasked with patrolling our road networks regularly to prevent and deter criminality on our roads, ultimately making our road networks a safer place to be.

During the last week in March 2022 our community police officers planned and executed a Road Safety Operation. PC Lawson led the operation which was designed to tackle, non-roadworthy vehicles, document offences and educate road users on the dangers of speeding. This operation was policed specifically by our CPT. During the four day operation, our officers stopped and checked a total of

1,591 vehicles on the Clackmannanshire road network. Three drivers were found not to have insurance and were reported for this offence and their vehicles were seized by police. Two drivers were found to be driving without a driving licence and were reported for these offences and the vehicles seized by police. One driver was issued a fixed penalty ticket for speeding. Two vehicles were found driven without an MOT test certificate and each driver received a ticket for this offence. Speed detection patrols were carried out on all Clackmannanshire roads to tackle local complaints of speeding vehicles, with a total of thirteen hours of dedicated speed patrols completed.

This Operation was in direct response to local concerns over road safety and was designed to provide education and enforcement, when required, in relation to all aspects of road safety, to make the roads safer for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians.

**LOCAL AUTHORITY SCRUTINY BOARD STATISTICS – Clackmannanshire
April 2021 – March 2022**

Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour						
		April 2020- March 2021	April 2021- March 2022	Victim s	% Change	3 year average 2019- 2021
1	Total No Group1: Crimes of Violence	140	118	22 less	-15.7%	121.0
2	Murder	1	0	1 less	-100%	0.3
3	Attempted Murder	5	2	3 less	-60%	3.7
4	Culpable Homicide (common law)	0	0	0	0	0
5	Culpable Homicide (other)	1	0	1 less	-100	0.3
6	Serious Assault detection rate	77.6%	82.1%		4.5	80.7%
7	Serious Assault	58	39	19 less	-32.8%	53.7%
8	Robbery detection rate	82.8%	90.9%		8.2%	77.4%
9	Robbery	29	11	18 less	-62.1%	28.0
10	Common assault detection rate	78.0%	72.8%		-5.2%	73.0%
11	Common assault	492	523	31 more	6.3%	563.7
12	Number of complaints regarding disorder	3534	2437	1097 less	-31.0%	X

**LOCAL AUTHORITY SCRUTINY BOARD - Clackmannanshire
April 2021- March 2022**

Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour (continued)						
		Apr 2020 – March 2021	Apr 2021 - March 2022	Victims	% Change	3 year average 2019-2021
13	Number of Domestic Abuse Incidents Reported to the Police	787	740		-6.0%	757.3
14	Total Crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents	357	286		-19.9%	338.3
15	Percentage of Domestic Incidents that result in a crime being recorded	45.4%	38.6%		-6.7%	44.7%
16	Total crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents detection rate	78.5%	78.8%		0.3%	76.3%
17	Total Detections for Domestic Bail Offences	49	37		-24.5%	45.7
18	Ensure 95% of domestic abuse initial bail checks are conducted within a prescribed timeframe (24hrs)*	91.2%	96.1%		5.3%	X
* No data available for 2019						
19	Hate Crime and offences detection rate	89.0%	78.9%		-10.1%	85.1%
Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour - Stop and Searches						
		Apr 2020 – March 2021	Apr 2021 - March 2022 Positive	Victims	% Change	3 year average
20	Number of stop and searches conducted (total)	188	136			
On the 11th May 2017 Police Scotland adopted a new code of practice on the use of stop and search. At this time the use of non-statutory (Consensual) search ceased. Further information on Police Scotland's use of stop and search and on the code of practice is available on the Police Scotland Website.						

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Additional Identified Local Priorities						
		Apr 2020 - March 2021	Apr 2021 – March 2022	Victims	% Change	3 year average 2019- 2022
21	Number of detections for drugs supply, drugs productions, drugs cultivation	55	52		-5.5%	55.0
22	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts) detection rate	50.0%	26.2%		-23.8%	35.3%
23	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts)	86	61	25	-29.1%	89.7
24	Theft by shoplifting detection rate	81.3%	77.7%		-3.6%	79.9%
25	Theft by shoplifting	160	188	28 more	17.5	226.0
26	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief detection rate	37.3%	39.6%		2.3%	35.6%
27	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief	501	424	77 less	-15.4%	494.0
28	Number of detections for Consuming Alcohol in a designated place (where appropriate byelaws exist)	8	10		25.0%	7.7%
Public Protection						
		Apr 2020 – March 2021	Apr 2021 – March 2022	Victims	% Change	3 year average 2019- 2021
29	Number of Sexual Crimes	118	150	32 more	27.1%	131.3
30	Sexual Crimes detection rate	55.9%	59.3%		3.4%	54.6%
31	Rape detection rate	50.0%	33.3%		-16.7%	48.0%

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Road Safety & Road Crime - Detected						
		Apr 2020 – March 2021	Apr 2021 - March 2022	Victims	% Change	3 year average 2020-2022
32	Dangerous driving	24	27		12.5%	24.7
33	Speeding	96	79		-17.7	106.3
34	Disqualified driving	16	12		-25.0%	16.0
35	Driving Licence	60	79		31.7%	45.3
36	Insurance	154	183		18.8%	114.3
37	Seat Belts	9	12		33.3%	13.3
38	Mobile Phone	6	4		-33.3%	7.3

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Road Traffic Casualty Statistics					
	Apr 2020 – March 2021	Apr 2021 – March 2022	Victims	% Change	3 year average financial years - 2019/2020 2020/2021 2021/2022
People Killed	1	0	1 less	-100%	2.3
People Seriously injured	5	15	10 more	200.0%	9
People Slightly Injured	11	9	2 less	-18.2%	14
Children (aged<16) Killed	0	0	-	-	-
Children (aged<16) Seriously Injured	0	0	-	-	0.3

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Public Confidence					
		Apr 2021 – March 2022			
		Number of Complaints about the Police	Number of Complaints per 10,000 Police Incidents		
39	Complaints received about the Police	34	25.9		
		On Duty Allegations	Off Duty Allegations	Quality of Service Allegations	Total Number of Allegations
40	Total Allegations Recorded	47	0	8	55

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).

