
Report to Audit and Scrutiny Committee

Date of Meeting: 24th October 2024

Subject: Police Performance Report for Clackmannanshire October 2023 to March 2024

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 2023 to 31st March 2024.
- 1.2. The report is aligned with the headings of the priorities [Clackmannanshire - Police Scotland](#) (i.e. **Responsive to the concerns of our communities, Enhancing our collective resilience to emerging threats, Protecting people most at risk from harm and Promoting confidence through our actions Road Safety and Road Crime**).
- 1.3. The Clackmannanshire Police Performance Report (Appendix 1) contains the current information on performance against selected performance indicators. This report provides complementary information to that in the table to present a summary of performance of policing in Clackmannanshire Council area and also identifies emerging trends, threats and issues.
- 1.4. Data for this report is sourced from Police Databases that are subject to changes as enquiries progress. They can be best regarded as Point in Time figures. 3 year average figures are not available for all measures. The information in the table should be regarded as provisional.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1. It is recommended that committee notes, comments on and will scrutinise 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/>
- 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

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

Complies with relevant Council Policies

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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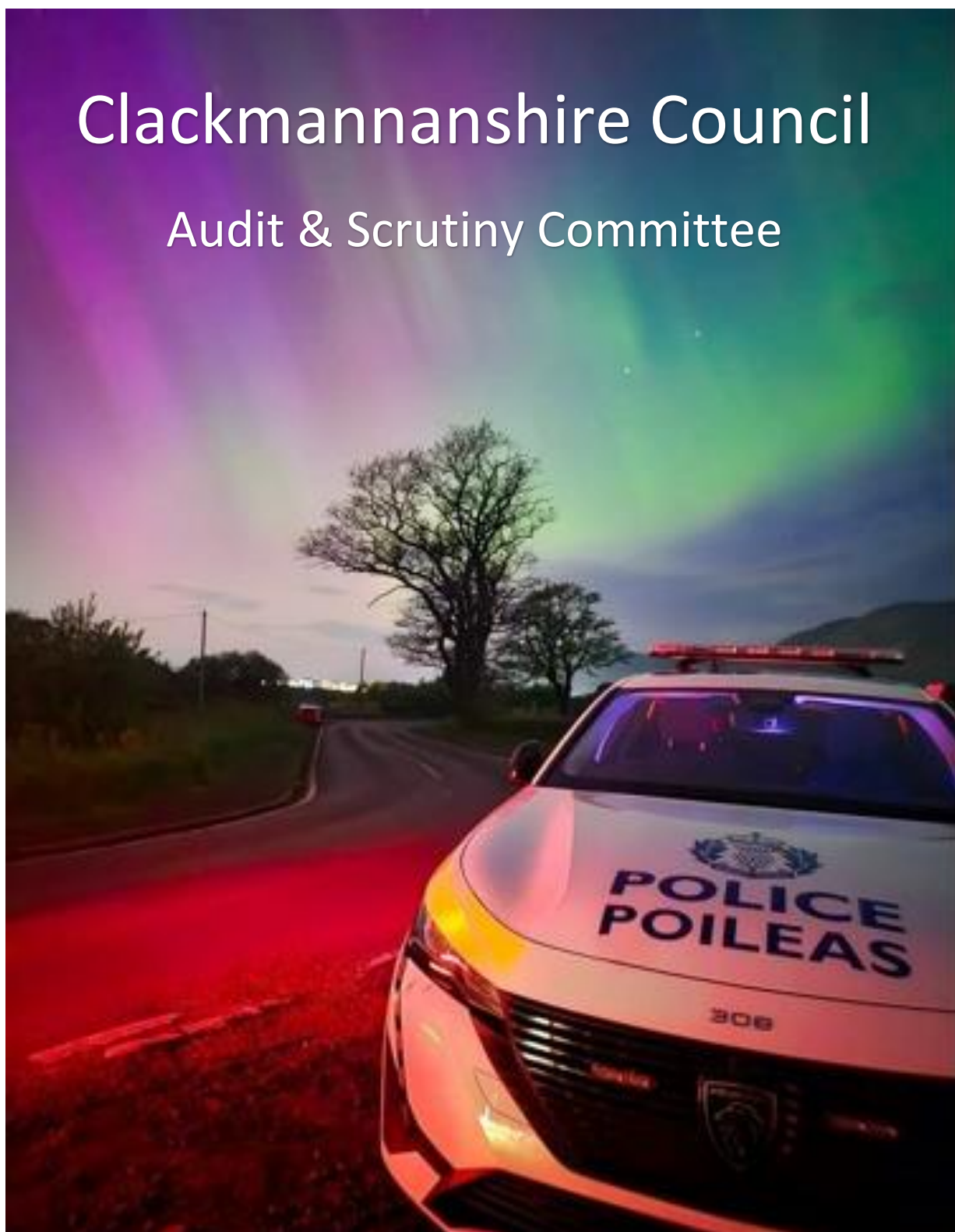
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BACKGROUND TO THIS REPORT

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 31 March 2024. 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 1 October 2023 and 31 March 2024 as well as any notable developments at a national level that have an impact on the delivery of local policing services.

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

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

Anti-Social Behaviour

In response to Antisocial Behaviour in Alloa Town Centre, the Community Policing Team carried out high visibility reassurance and preventative patrols and investigations in response to reported criminality during the reported period. Following investigation, in October 2023, it was identified local youths were congregating around one premises, of which the occupant was instigating and encouraging the youths to commit disorder. The Community Team worked closely with all partners and several problem-solving partnership discussions were held, resulting in individual being re-housed away from the town centre, for their protection and to reduce Antisocial Behaviour in the area, which appears to have had the desired effect. The individual also received ongoing support from partners as part of their move.



During October 2023, the Community Policing Team also varied their shifts to ensure they were on duty at the relevant times and patrolled identified areas, to prevent congregation and the escalation of disorder. Our officers increased foot patrols in this area, which were also maintained throughout the festive period.

In December 2023, officers were contacted by staff at Alva Academy, following receipt of information one of their pupils had been in possession of a knife whilst on the school bus the previous day. Based on the information received, the pupil was spoken to by staff and police officers and found to be in possession of a flick knife. As a result, the pupil was cautioned and charged with the offence of carrying a knife in school and reported to the Childrens Reporter.

During the reported period School Based Officers also carried out talks at Alva, Alloa and Lornshill Academies in relation to knife crime, vaping and fighting/violence.

Hate Crime

Throughout this reporting period, the Clackmannanshire School Based Police Officers and Community Officers delivered several inputs to both high school and primary school pupils, in relation to hate crime. These inputs covered hate crimes including, protected characteristics, race, religion, sexual orientation, and age discrimination. These inputs were done jointly with faculty staff to ensure all pupils are aware of the impact of such crimes and the importance of respect and caring for their fellow pupils.

Clackmannan Crime Prevention

Between January and March 2024, the Bruce Memorial Hall and attached Manse were the target of repeated acts of vandalism. Despite identification of those responsible and being reported to the Children's reporter, the incidents continued to occur causing considerable distress to the congregation.



To assist with preventing the acts of vandalism, a new hedge was planted to prevent those responsible from accessing the roof of the hall. Margaret from the Clackmannan Community Garden provided saplings which she had been caring for and support and advice was received from community partners, including Clackmannanshire Council expediting wall repairs to allow the planting of the hedge to proceed. PC's Reiter and Ritchie, Community Policing Team, attended to support the work.



On taking a short break from digging, PC's Reiter and Ritchie, said, 'This has been a great example of partnership working between the Police and community, all to prevent incidents of youth related disorder, damage to historic buildings and keeping people safe. We will also continue our high visible patrols in this area'.

Liquor and Civic Licensing

The Liquor and Civic Licensing Department based at Stirling Police Office are responsible for the oversight and administration of matters relating to Licensed Premises, Personal Licence Holders, Taxi Drivers, Private Hire Drivers, Taxi Operators and Private Hire Operators. The department has oversight for all Forth Valley Division, including Clackmannanshire Area Command.

Liquor and Civil Licensing work collaboratively with partners to maintain the licensing objectives set out in the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, as follows:

- Preventing crime and disorder
- Securing public safety
- Preventing public nuisance
- Protecting and improving public health
- Protecting children from harm

In relation to the Clackmannan Area Command, representatives from the department attend the Civic Licensing Committee and Licensing Board as well as having a place at forums relating to both licensing areas. Over the reporting period the department has made valuable contributions to the Committee, Board and Forums.

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The department has a strong working relationship with the Licensing Department at Clackmannanshire Council. Regular dialogue is undertaken with the Licensing Standards Officer and joint visits were conducted during the period. At a local level, police officers in Clackmannanshire have carried out 583 visits to licensed premises. This proactivity builds and maintains strong relationships with the licensed trade and allows officers to support licensed premises.

The festive period is always a busy time for licensed activities, and the department ensured that support and guidance was provided to partners and businesses. Once again, the 'Ask Angela' campaign was successful during the festive period where local officers assisted with distribution of posters and advice around personal safety within licensed premises.

Clackmannanshire Area Command once again supported the extended trading hours during the festive period. Due to successful planning and delivery the five licensing objectives were maintained, providing a safe and welcoming environment in the Clackmannanshire area with no adverse effect on service delivery.

Clackmannanshire Area Command benefits from a clear understanding of Licensing matters and the officers work closely with the Liquor and Licensing Department and partners to ensure effective policing around licensable activities.

Operation Christmas

Throughout December 2023, Officers from Community Policing, Divisional Alcohol Violence Reduction Unit (DAVRU), Schools Based Officers and Response Policing, undertook Operation Christmas. This operation provides a dedicated police presence within the retail areas of Clackmannanshire, focussing on Alloa Town Centre and Sterling Mills Outlet Village, all to reduce the instances of shoplifting and to ensure visitors enjoy a safe and crime free visit to Clackmannanshire. This operation was also supported by partners in Transform Forth Valley, Change Grow Live, Clackmannanshire Council Licensing Department, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and Trading Standards. These patrols extended into the evenings and weekends, incorporating extensive licensed premises visits, and increased high visible patrols, around the nighttime economy areas.

Drugs Warrants

During this reporting period, a total of 11 Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 search warrants were executed by the Clackmannanshire Community Policing Team. A total value of drugs seized being £11,800 including Cannabis, Diazepam, Cocaine and Heroin, and £3,780 Cash seized.

Intelligence received by our local officers led to these warrants being craved and executed, the below examples are some of the highlights of these proactive drugs warrant operations:

In January 2024, Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 search warrants were executed at two neighbouring addresses in Tullibody. There was nothing criminal found within one of the addresses, however the second address resulted in the recovery of 43g Cannabis (£430), 4g Cocaine (£400) and £1,111.60 in cash. A male was

apprehended for being concerned in the supply of controlled drugs and a report was submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

In March 2024, a Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 search warrant was executed at a residential premises in Alva, resulting in the recovery of £140.00 in cash, 35 packets of Cannabis edibles (£350), 4 unidentified tablets, 2.5g of Cocaine (£250) 92g of Cannabis Resin (£1000), 47g of Herbal Cannabis (£500), Cannabis Vape Oil (£100), 2 Cannabis based drinks (£20). A number of the recovered items have been sent for forensic analysis and pending these results the suspect will be interviewed and reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

A number of other proactive intelligence led searches were also carried out during the reporting period, as follows:

In November 2023, information was received from members of the public indicating a male known to Police was involved in the supply of controlled drugs in the Clackmannanshire area. Police officers observed the male on foot in the company of another known male and both appeared to be under the influence of drink or drugs. Due to the recent intelligence, the male and associate were detained for the purposes of a search under Section 23 Misuse of Drugs Act 1971. As a result, £1280 cash was seized from the male along with other additional information linking the proceeds of crime to the sale and supply of controlled drugs. A report was submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

In March 2024, officers observed a vehicle believed to be used by a known male for which there had been recent intelligence relating to its potential use in the supply of controlled drugs. Officers stopped the vehicle and recovered 14g cocaine (£1400) and 10g herbal cannabis (£120) and £540 in cash. Officers from the Roads Policing Unit also attended, and the driver failed a drug wipe test for cocaine and cannabis. He was transported to Falkirk Custody where a blood sample for analysis was obtained. A report was submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

Acquisitive Crime

Theft by Housebreaking

In December 2023, a residential address in Fishcross was subject to a housebreaking. The suspect person had forced entry and thereafter stole high value gold jewellery and cash. The Forth Valley Priority Crime Team were tasked with investigating this crime and soon established that it was linked to similar housebreakings in rural Stirlingshire, Fife and Edinburgh via a vehicle which had been stolen from Dunblane as part of this crime series. The vehicle was subject to forensic examination and latterly two well-known Edinburgh nominals were identified for this housebreaking. These males have since been traced and reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

In February 2024, an address within the Dollarbeg estate was subject of housebreaking. Suspect persons forced entry and thereafter stole jewellery. The suspects were disturbed by returning neighbours and they made their escape in a vehicle. Enquiries by Forth Valley Priority Crime Team identified this vehicle and established that it had been used in similar circumstances in the Edinburgh area. Some weeks later the vehicle was found on cloned plates and established as being

stolen. Forensic and CCTV enquiries have now identified two males linked to the vehicle, who will be reported to the Procurator Fiscal in due course.

In March 2024 a theft by housebreaking occurred in Alva. Occupants at the address were disturbed by persons within the address who had taken their vehicle keys. The occupant's vehicle was observed leaving the street at high speed and in convoy with another vehicle. Police resources were deployed to the area and shortly thereafter the stolen vehicle and convoy vehicle were observed heading towards the motorway network. A police pursuit then ensued. The stolen vehicle was eventually stopped in the Grangemouth area and one male arrested. He has since been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

Shoplifting

Crime Series Detected

In February 2024, on commencement of his duty, the Community Police Officer for Tillicoultry, PC Miller, reviewed the crimes committed in the Tillicoultry area during his days off. PC Miller observed several reports of shopliftings at the Co-op store in Tillicoultry. He attended and reviewed CCTV, confirming all crimes were committed by the same suspect. Staff reported again that the male had been in a further two times that morning. PC Miller obtained all the details and quickly traced and apprehended the male. He was charged with five separate shopliftings along with a breach of bail due to existing bail conditions not to enter the Co-op store, due to previous shopliftings. The male was kept in custody to appear at court.

In February 2024 the community officers for Tillicoultry, PC Miller and PC Roebuck, identified a rise in shopliftings at Home Bargains, Sterling Mills, Tillicoultry. Officers conducted enquiry, gathered sufficient evidence, and identified the suspect. As a result, the suspect was traced and apprehended, being charged with four separate thefts by shopliftings.

Investigation Prevented Community Unrest:

In March 2024, a robbery was reported by a 36-year-old male stating he was robbed of his motor vehicle, whilst stationary at traffic lights. The allegation involved four youths gaining access to the vehicle whilst stopped and using threats of violence to take the vehicle from the victim. Colleagues in Community Policing, Response Policing and CID investigated the circumstances. During the enquiry, officers established through CCTV evidence and witness statements, that there had been no robbery, instead it appears the victim crashed his vehicle whilst intoxicated. He thereafter provided a false statement to Police instigating the robbery enquiry. As a result, the robbery has now been recorded as 'no crime' and the male person has been apprehended and reported for wasting police time. This quick resolution prevented an increased community unrest following the allegation of four persons robbing a victim of his car.

PROTECTING PEOPLE MOST AT RISK FROM HARM

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

Public Protection Related Demand

Between 1 October 2023 and 31 March 2024, the Forth Valley Concern Hub processed 1260 concern reports relating to incidents in the Clackmannanshire area. 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, SCRA 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 these 1260 incidents, and shared information with partners in relation to 790 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 in order 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 period for review 94 IRDs (27 adults, 67 child) took place in relation to vulnerable adults and children.

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. 43 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. 47 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 76 incidents reported to police which resulted in youth offenders being charged. Of these, 21 incidents were discussed at multi-agency meetings by partners within the forum. There were a further 12 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. 23 were given a warning (FJW / RJW / RPW). The remainder of the YO were reported to SCRA or PF 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 also allows concerned relatives and friends to ask if their loved ones 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 47 applications during this period and made 23 disclosures during this time to protect vulnerable victims from Domestic Abuse within our communities.

STRIVE

In January 2024, an adult female was referred to STRIVE after she was the victim of a domestic incident. It became clear when the Police attended that the female had numerous vulnerabilities in addition to the initial domestic abuse concerns. Her home was in extremely poor condition, and she admitted that she was unable to manage daily living tasks due to her excessive alcohol use. She informed the attending officers that she had no support currently but was open to any help that could be offered.

STRIVE were able to confirm that she had previously been known to substance misuse services. She had recently been discharged after intervention for alcohol use and referred to mental health services with whom she had failed to engage.

The female consented to a referral to Transform to assist with her alcohol use however prior to any intervention she came to Police attention again numerous times due to further domestic incidents. Despite bail conditions being in place to prevent the perpetrator approaching her, the female was allowing him back into her home.

It was assessed that this placed her at higher risk and that she was potentially unable to safeguard herself and as such this was escalated by STRIVE to adult services where it was decided that an adult support and protection investigation would take place. The adult services substance misuse team worked closely with the female during this time.

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The female continues to be supported under ASP and is working with relevant services during this time. The initial involvement from STRIVE ensured that concerns were escalated quickly which allowed supports to be put in place prior to the situation deteriorating further.

In February 2024, a 19-year-old male was referred by Police to STRIVE due to concerns about his drug misuse and mental health. At that time the male was living with and being supported by family members, but they had made it clear that this was not a long term solution as their own lives and health were becoming impacted.

STRIVE was able to confirm that the male had previously been known to mental health services and childcare social work services. As the male had previously been looked after he was entitled to support by through care services but he had failed to engage with them.

STRIVE initiated contact with the relevant services where their collated concerns were highlighted. Assistance was provided to the male through STRIVE to make a homeless application and he was allocated a housing support worker to offer short term help in managing to live independently in his own accommodation.

Through the positive influence and encouragement of the housing support worker, the male agreed to engage with the through care service which can provide longer term support.

Kinship support was also offered to the male's family who were clearly struggling with the emotional strain of the situation. Mental health services also made an appointment for the male to attend in order that he could be assessed, and appropriate supports explored. The male is now engaging with the appropriate services and is making progress towards reducing his substance misuse to allow him to work on living independently.

Protecting vulnerable individuals

In January 2024 an officer was proactively seeking to trace a known recidivist shoplifter who was wanted for five shopliftings locally. After some rigorous investigation the officer established that the male was residing with a partner with whom he had a Non-Harassment Order against and which he was in breach of. The male was apprehended for the domestic breach of NHO he was committing, along with the outstanding five shopliftings and was held in Police custody to appear at court on the next working day.

In March 2024, a female was within her home address in the company of a male, who had committed previous domestic offences against her. After consuming alcohol, the male became aggressive and abusive and the female persuaded the accused to go to the shop and when he left, she contacted the Police. Due to the quick response by Police, they traced the accused as he was re-entering the female's home, where he was quickly arrested for breaching a Non-Harassment Order in place, along with specific bail conditions, all preventing him from approaching or contacting the victim or entering her home. The victim has received additional security measures to protect her.

Forth Valley Safer Communities Department

During February 2024, Police Scotland delivered a County Lines Intensification week. Officers from Forth Valley Safer Communities Department held an input at the Ben Cleuch Centre, Tillicoultry. This input was to local carers and social workers for Clackmannanshire on County Lines and risks their young people and communities may face. As part of this campaign, officers also worked with Transform Forth Valley in Dollar and Menstrie delivering leaflets raising awareness of County Lines and Cuckooing and other crime prevention advice.

School Based Police Officer – Intervention / Education:

Alloa, Lornshill and Alva Academies all have dedicated School Based Officers (SBOs). During this reporting period, the SBO's have presented inputs to all high school year groups, covering a variety of subjects to keep them safe, both in the community and online. These inputs include:

All S1s – input/assemblies re social media including sextortion, vaping, fighting/assault including One Punch and hate crime offences.

All S2s – inputs/assemblies regarding solvent misuse/abuse, social media including sextortion, vaping, fighting/assaults including One Punch and hate crime offences.

All S3s – inputs regarding drugs and knife crime.

All S4s and S5s – inputs regarding drugs and knife crime.

In all the Clackmannanshire Academies, during PSE classes, the faculty staff incorporate a 5-week input on Violence Against Women whereby external speakers and partner agencies, including Women's Aid, attended at each school and delivered inputs. This provides advice and support, not only to keep the children and young people safe, but also provide support for the families of our children and young people experiencing such abuse.

PROMOTING CONFIDENCE THROUGH OUR ACTIONS

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

Anti-Bullying Week – 13 to 17 November 2023

In support of Anti-Bully week Clackmannanshire Community Policing Team gave inputs into different types of bullying over the course of the week. This included inputs and discussions on cyber related bullying when playing online games or use of social media as well as bullying in the real world. These inputs were delivered to all the local primary schools and Academies, along with youth groups in Sauchie, Tillicoultry, Tullibody and Clackmannan.

Community Engagement

In February 2024, children from Christines Childcare attended Alloa Police Office to meet their local Police Officers.

PC Stowe and PC Bunning from Clackmannanshire Community Policing and Response Policing met them and spent the morning with them.

The children were given inputs on what the Police do to keep them safe, along with safety advice to keep themselves safe. The highlight was playing in the Police vehicles and putting PC Stowe in the prisoner cage. The children had an excellent morning and were thrilled at meeting their local Police Officers.

Events like these are fundamental in breaking down the barriers and engaging early with our community.



Following a successful pilot in Dundee, the Digital Evidence Sharing Capability (DESC) programme has now been scheduled for a phased roll out across Police Scotland over the next year, with Forth Valley Division now in receipt of the programme.

DESC is a collaboration between Police Scotland and our criminal justice sector partners, the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS), Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service (SCTS), and the defence community, supported by the Scottish Government.

It has been designed to deliver an end-to-end service which will collect, manage and share digital evidence throughout the criminal justice process. Ultimately DESC will allow members of the public and businesses to submit digital evidence online quickly and easily, which can be reviewed immediately on receipt by officers and can thereafter be shared with our criminal justice partners - in one digital solution.

The benefits the introduction of DESC will bring have already been realised across the Tayside area, they include:

- The reduction of our carbon footprint collecting physical productions.

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- The prosecution has quicker access to evidence, which has provided the opportunity for cases to be resolved without the need for a trial.
- More efficient court processes has reduced the amount of time of officers attending court, reducing abstractions from frontline policing.

The DESC solution will also support the delivery of our Body Worn Video Project that we have recently agreed a national contract for it to be delivered to over 10,000 frontline officers and staff across Scotland over the next three years.

Events and Emergency Planning

During the reporting period, policing was provided at eight events in the Clackmannanshire area. This included a variety of events such as football matches, festive events including the Alloa Christmas Lights Switch-on and the Dollar Winter Festival, running events and parades. November 2023 also saw the annual firework displays in Dollar and Alloa. These events attracted crowds of several thousand people and provide a focal point for the local communities to gather and enjoy a safe yet spectacular show on Bonfire Night. Police assisted at the events with crowd control and road safety and were involved throughout the planning stages. As always, the Safety Advisory Group process was key to allow organisers, Local Authority and partner agencies to come together and discuss any potential issues well in advance of the event and make sure all are happy with the event plans.

Football

January and February 2024 saw Alloa Football Club host Scottish Football League One fixtures against local rivals Falkirk and Stirling Albion respectively. With youth disorder having been prevalent in several local derby matches throughout the course of the season, police met with the club safety officer in advance of the fixtures to agree an appropriate level of policing to ensure the safety of the fans and players and minimise any disruption to local residents and businesses. Over the course of the matches police dealt with several incidents involving pyrotechnics, and dispersed groups of fans who were attempting to engage in disorder. This meant the matches passed without issue, and the fans were able to enjoy the action on the pitch.

Alloa Half Marathon

The annual Alloa Half Marathon took place on 17th March 2024. Over 2000 runners took part in the event, which started and finished at Lornshill Academy. Prior to the event, Police and Clackmannanshire Council, met several times with the event organiser and other partner agencies, including the Scottish Ambulance Service and Scottish Fire and Rescue Service to ensure a safe event and minimise disruption to the community. Detailed partnership planning is vital to ensure emergency services can still reach anywhere they are required in the event of an emergency. This is a fantastic event and allows people in the local area to enjoy a challenging, fun event with all the associated health benefits of taking part, with many participants raising money through sponsorship for a variety of good causes.

Police Scotland Youth Volunteers



Alloa PSYV Adult Volunteers attended training in No Knives Better Lives and in turn trained the youths in the 'imagine a man' program which concentrates around positive masculinity. The Youths also completed the Nae Danger and No Knives Better Lives programme, which involved an interactive game where they learned about knife crime.

The group were lucky enough to attend and find out more information on what it takes to become part of Mountain Rescue and how they work closely with the police but more importantly what you should do in an emergency on the hills.

The youth volunteers continue to help at community events throughout the winter months and were present at the Christmas light switch on, Fireworks events, Alloa Half marathon where they helped provide assistance to the organiser by handing out medals, water, t-shirts and helping competitors or members of the public at the event stay safe.

The group were represented at Alva academy remembrance evening by two of our students.

The Youths have also received a Young Hero divisional award in relation to charity work they had carried out on behalf of Connect Alloa.



ENHANCING OUR COLLECTIVE RESILIENCE TO EMERGING THREATS

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

Sextortion (Sexual Extortion)

Sextortion is recognised as being committed when threats are made to the victim of having sexual information including photos or videos shared unless a demand is met (usually financial).

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The crime is perpetrated across the internet using various platforms including Social Media/Dating Apps/Web Cams. It is increasing across Scotland with males aged 16 – 20 forming the largest number of victims. We have seen tragic outcomes following Sextortion offences where victims have taken their own life.

The threat to our communities has been recognised by Police Scotland as well as the National Crime Agency, there is ongoing work across schools/education establishments to explain what Sextortion is and how young people in particular can protect themselves or spot an attempt to engage with them. In Forth Valley we are also delivering inputs to the Adult Protection and Child Protection Committees to highlight the increasing risk and raise awareness.

Counter Terrorism

The Forth Valley Counter Terrorism Liaison Officer continues to drive the UK government's counter terrorism strategy (CONTEST). The strategy aims to reduce the risks from terrorism, so that people can go about their lives freely and with confidence. CONTEST has four strands: Prevent, Pursue, Protect, and Prepare.



We continue to provide support and guidance to our statutory partners, further education establishments and elected members. This can take the form of awareness training sessions or signposting to online E-Learning and guidance.

More information can be found at www.gov.uk/crime-justice-and-law/counter-terrorism.

ROAD SAFETY AND ROAD CRIME

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

Priority Routes, General Focus

There is one Priority Route in the Clackmannanshire area, namely, the A91 road. This remains unchanged from previous years.

Officers patrol this road daily 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

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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.

In the reporting period, Road Policing Officers took part in several National Operations including Drink Drug Drive, Vulnerable Road Users, Speeding and Mobile Telephone Campaigns.

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.

Campaigns operating during this reporting period are as follows:

October 2023	National Speed Campaign, Get Ready for Winter/Vulnerable Road Users (pedestrians)
November 2023	Operation Drive Insured
December 2023	Festive Drink Drive Campaign
January 2024	Seatbelt Campaign
February 2024	National mobile phone campaign
March 2024	Vulnerable Road Users and national speeding campaign

Road Safety Week – 20 to 24 November 2023

Road Safety week took place with officers attending in the vicinity of Clackmannanshire schools to educate and enforce (where necessary) on parking and driver behaviour. PC Smith also carried out a bike safety session at Sauchie Nursery.

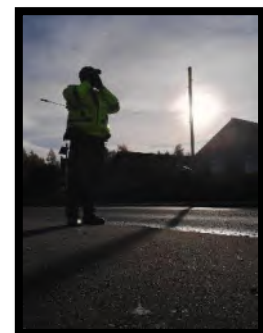
Officers assisted Sunnyside Primary in highlighting the issue of inconsiderate and illegal parking around their school grounds.



The pupils were tasked with designing a banner to show the dangers to those persons dropping off and picking up. Here are the pupils who designed the banner, which is proudly displayed.

Speed Patrols

During each month of this reporting period, PC Barry Ritchie and PC Barry Reiter, the Community Police Officers for Clackmannan, conducted speed patrols on Alloa Road, Clackmannan. These patrols were a result of complaints from residents. No drivers were recorded speeding however the



visible Police presence worked to reduce speed and protect the public.

Drink Drive Campaign

In December 2023, McDonalds restaurant and drive-thru reported a possible drink driver who had gone through the drive-thru with what appeared to be spilled drink down his clothes, slurring their speech and admitting to having been drinking as well as falling asleep in the drive-thru. Officers traced the male in control of a vehicle, relevant procedures were carried out and the male provided a positive breath specimen and was arrested for drink driving. A report was submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

In December 2023, a staff member at Asda was informed by his colleagues that there was an intoxicated male walking around the store making a nuisance of himself with the staff. On leaving he was seen to enter the driver's seat of a parked vehicle and Police were contacted immediately and attended. Police carried out the relevant road traffic requirements and obtained a specimen of breath, which the male failed. He was arrested and placed within the rear of the cell van and kept in custody to appear at court the next day.

In February 2024, a disqualified driver known to be involved in drug supply, was observed driving in Sauchie. When stopped by Police the driver provided false details and maintained this even when challenged on his identity. He was searched under Section 23 of the Misuse of drugs Act 1972 and a quantity of cannabis was recovered from the vehicle as well as the handle from a large tool and a box cutter knife. The male was arrested for the possession of the offensive weapons, Road Traffic offences and attempting to pervert the course of justice. Upon being presented at the custody charge bar and being searched the male was found to be in possession of five bags of cocaine (£500). A report was submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

In February 2024, on witnessing a vehicle well documented for use in the supply of controlled drugs, being driven on Tullibody Road, Alloa, officers followed the vehicle and signalled for it to come to a safe stop. Officers engaged with the driver, during which time it became apparent that she was intoxicated through drink or drugs. Road Traffic procedures were carried out and the female passed the roadside breathalyser test. Road Policing officers were asked to attend and assist whereby they carried out a roadside drug wipe on the female driver. This tested positive for cocaine. The female was arrested and taken to Falkirk custody centre where a blood specimen was taken to be sent for further analysis. A report was submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

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Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour						
		Apr 2022 - March 2023	Apr 2023 - March 2024	Victims	% Change	3-year average
1	Total No Group1: Crimes of Violence	110	106	4 less	-3.6%	-13.1%
2	Murder	2	-	2 less	-100%	-100%
3	Attempted Murder	4	3	1 less	-25.0%	-18.2%
4	Culpable Homicide (common law)	-	-	-	-	-
5	Culpable Homicide (other)	-	-	-	-	-100.0%
6	Serious Assault detection rate	82.9%	82.8%		-0.2%	1.1%
7	Serious Assault	41	29	12 less	-29.3%	-36.0%
8	Robbery & assault with intent detection rate	63.6%	66.7%		3.0%	-10.4%
9	Robbery & assault with intent	22	15	7 less	-31.8%	-26.2%
10	Common assault detection rate	73.6%	72.8%		0.8%	-1.7%
11	Common assault	522	514	8 less	-1.5%	-0.1%

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12	Number of complaints regarding disorder	2150	2128	22 less	-1.0%	x
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Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour (continued)						
		Apr 2022 - March 2023	Apr 2023 - March 2024	Victims	% Change	3-year average
13	Number of Domestic Abuse Incidents Reported to the Police	656	730		11.3%	0.3%
14	Total Crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents	265	279		5.3%	-7.8%
15	Percentage of Domestic Incidents that result in a crime being recorded	40.4%	38.2%		-2.2%	-3.4%
16	Total crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents detection rate	69.6%	76.9%		7.4%	x
17	Total Detections for Domestic Bail Offences	29	25		-13.8%	-34.8%
18	Ensure 95% of domestic abuse initial bail checks are conducted within a prescribed timeframe (24hrs)*	94.0%	94.2%		0.2%	x
19	Hate Crime and offences detection rate	76.9	66.9%		-10.0	-15.0
Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour - Stop and Searches						
		Apr 2022 - March 2023	Apr 2023 - March 2024 (Positive)	Victims	% Change	3 year average
20	Number of stop and searches conducted (total)	130	127 (51)			
<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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Additional Identified Local Priorities						
		Apr 2022 - March 2023	Apr 2023 - March 2024	Victims	% Change	3-year average
21	Number of detections for supply of drugs (incl. possession with intent)	36	49		36.1	26.7
22	Number of detections for drugs production, manufacture or drugs cultivation	3	5		66.7	-11.8
23	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts) detection rate	14.9%	45.8%		30.8%	13.5%
Context: Includes dwelling house, non-dwelling and other premises.						
24	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts)	67	59	8 less	-11.9%	-17.3%
Context: Includes dwelling house, non-dwelling and other premises.						
25	Theft by shoplifting detection rate	63.6	62.6%		-1.0%	-9.1%
26	Theft by shoplifting	335	489	154 more	46.0%	115.1%
27	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief detection rate	33.1%	37.4%		4.3%	0.7%
28	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief	387	417	30 more	7.8%	-4.9%
29	Number of detections for Consuming Alcohol in a designated place (where appropriate byelaws exist)	3	2		-33.3%	-71.4%
Public Protection						
		Apr 2022 - March 2023	Apr 2023 - March 2024	Victims	% Change	3-year average
30	Number of Sexual Crimes	117	132	15 more	12.8%	1.3%
31	Sexual Crimes detection rate	56.4%	50.0%		-6.4%	-7.3%
32	Rape detection rate	46.2%	54.2%		8.0%	12.1%

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Road Traffic Casualty Statistics					
	Apr 2022 - March 2023	Apr 2023 - March 2024	Victims	% Change	3-year average
People Killed	2	2	-	0.0%	x
People Seriously injured	12	12	-	0.0%	x
People Slightly Injured	18	16	2 less	-11.1%	x
Children (aged<16) Killed	0	0	-	0.0%	x
Children (aged<16) Seriously Injured	3	1	2 less	-66.7%	x

Road Safety & Road Crime - Detected					
	Apr 2022 - March 2023	Apr 2023 - March 2024	Victims	% Change	3-year average
33	Dangerous driving	22	8	-63.6%%	-67.1%%
34	Speeding	54	49	-9.3%	-35.2%
35	Disqualified driving	16	10	-37.5%	31.8%
36	Driving Licence	53	37	-30.2%	-41.9%
37	Insurance	153	104	-32.0%	-36.1%
38	Seat Belts	13	6	-53.8%	-47.1%
39	Mobile Phone	7	8	14.3%	41.2%

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Public Confidence					
Apr 2023 - March 2024					
		Number of Complaints about the Police		Complaint rates per 10,000 Police Incidents	
40	Complaints received about the Police	64		12.4	
		On Duty Allegations	Off Duty Allegations	Quality of Service Allegations	Total Number of Allegations
41	Total Allegations Recorded	66	-	34	100

Conventions:

– means null or zero

x = not calculated

Crime Analysis Summary

The overall number of Group 1 crimes (crimes of violence) recorded has decreased by 3.6% compared to the same period last year. This includes crimes of Murder (down from 2 to zero), Attempt Murder (down from 4 to 3), Serious Assault (down from 41 to 29), Robbery (down from 22 to 15) and Common Assault (down from 522 to 514).

There has been a 11.3 % increase in the number of Domestic Abuse Incidents compared to the same period last year which has led to a small increase (5%) in recorded domestic related crimes/offences. That said, the detection rate for domestic related crimes has risen from 69.6% to 76.9%.

The number of detected offences related to supply of drug charges has increased by 36.1% (from 36 to 49). This can be attributed to the focus on intelligence led proactivity and disruption in relation to drug supply which saw 11 x MDA warrants executed over the reporting period.

Reported Housebreaking and Attempt Housebreaking fell by 11.9% compared to the same period last year with the detection rate increasing from 14.9% to 45.8%.

This reporting period saw a significant increase in reported shoplifting, rising from 335 to 489 incidents (46% increase). Despite this increase in recorded shoplifting, the detection rate has maintained at a similar level compared to last reporting period (62.6%). The increase in this acquisitive crime type is replicated across the country and is likely to be directly linked to the cost-of-living.

Complaints about the Police

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).

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