



Report

Report to:	Roads Safety Forum
Date of Meeting:	13 June 2023
Report by:	Lorna Hinshelwood, Local Authority Liaison Officer Police Scotland

Subject:	Police Scotland - Lanarkshire Division Road Safety Update
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ update the Roads Safety Forum on forthcoming campaigns
- ◆ discuss ongoing national and local campaigns

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Forum is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the information set out in this report in relation road safety campaigns be noted; and
- (2) that the verbal update regarding these road safety campaigns be noted.

3. Background

3.1. In terms of the remit of the South Lanarkshire Roads Safety Forum, it has been agreed that Police Scotland will provide routine updates on national and local issues and campaigns relating to keeping people living and working in South Lanarkshire safer on our roads.

4. Local and National issues

4.1. The following campaigns have taken place:-

- ◆ national Eyesight campaign on 20 February 2023
- ◆ national Mobile Phone campaign ran in February 2023
- ◆ national Speeding campaign ran in March 2023

In March 2023, funding was received for cut-out mobile officers to assist in road safety outside primary schools across South Lanarkshire. These can be deployed/attached to infrastructure and can be utilised by staff. Mobile officers have been deployed in Chapleton and Strathaven where they have had a positive effect on driver behaviour. All Area Inspectors in South Lanarkshire have their own speeding and parking pop ups to use accordingly.

Lose the Blinkers campaign ran in April 2023 across Larkhall with mounted officers supporting the initiative. This is to raise awareness of drivers passing too close to

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horses on the road. This was well supported by community and 19 drivers were educated.

Community Policing Officers have responded to speeding complaints received from elected members and public. Speed Checks took place across Coalburn, Rigside, Strathaven, East Kilbride, Quarter, Hamilton, Carluke, Crossford and Law. Officers found the majority of motorists were complying with the speed limit, however, enforcement action was taken where necessary. We will continue to carry out regular speed checks at hot spot areas to influence driver behaviour and reduce the number of accidents on our roads.

Road Policing carry out targeted speeding complaints at various locations across South Lanarkshire using survey data from the Council. Findings are changed on monthly basis and allocated to Road Policing for additional patrols and speed checks.

Social media is used where possible to promote campaigns and raise awareness.

- 4.2. A verbal update will be provided on the statisticss for the table below. This is due to a current data embargo which is up to, and inclusive of, 9 June 2023.

Driver/rider education and encouragement has proven to have a positive, preventative impact on road safety.

Road Safety South Lanarkshire (data embargoed up to, and inclusive of, 9 June 2023)			
	April 2022 – March 2023	April 2021 – March 2022	% change
Speeding			%
Disqualified driving			%
Driving Licence			%
Insurance			%
Seat Belts			%
Mobile Phone			%

- 4.6. Lanarkshire Division is committed to ensuring the road network is safe along with partners and the Road Safety Governance Board who has oversight of reviewing all road crashes and offending to provide a proportionate response to any concerns, trends or patterns identified.

5. Employee Implications

- 5.1. There are no employee implications.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1. There are no financial implications.

7. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

- 7.1. There are no significant implications in terms of climate change, sustainability and environmental issues associated with this report.

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8. Other Implications

- 8.1. There are no implications for sustainability or risk in terms of the information contained within this report.

9. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 9.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy, therefore, no impact assessment is required.
- 9.2. There was no requirement to undertake any consultation in terms of the information contained in this report.

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24 May 2023

Previous References

- ◆ Roads Safety Forum – 31 January 2023

List of Background Papers

- ◆ None

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