



# Report

Report to:	<b>Roads Safety Forum</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>1 November 2022</b>
Report by:	<b>Lorna Hinshelwood, Local Authority Liaison Officer Police Scotland</b>

Subject:	<b>Police Scotland - Lanarkshire Division Road Safety Update</b>
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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. National Motorcycle campaign ran from April to October 2022. All motorcycles stopped and educated and, enforcement used where necessary.

Lanarkshire Road Policing Officers routinely target roads across the South Lanarkshire Council area which are frequently used by motorbikes. During the campaign period, 90 motorcycles stopped across Lanarkshire where officers highlighted the risks, educated drivers and offered positive reinforcement through road checks. Where offences were detected, enforcement action was taken.

Community policing officers have responded to speeding complaints received from elected members and the public. Driving in excess of the speed limits is one of the most common contributory factors resulting in a road traffic collision. Speed Checks took place across East Kilbride, Hamilton, Rutherglen, Cambuslang and Clydesdale. Officers found 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.

4.2. The following campaigns have taken place or are ongoing:-

- ◆ 31 May to 13 June 2022 – Seatbelt campaign with 10 detections
- ◆ 5 July to 11 July 2022 - Drug Driving campaign with 5 detections
- ◆ 7 July to 14 July 2022 - Commercial Vehicle campaign
- ◆ Lose the Blinkers campaign during July 2022 in Rutherglen and September 2022 in Carluke. This is to raise awareness of drivers passing too close to horses on the road. Well supported by the community
- ◆ Close Pass campaign currently ongoing. The purpose is to promote safe and responsible shared space interaction between motor vehicles and cyclists and to reduce the number of cyclists killed or injured on our roads. Funding secured through the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) for kit. Camera, memory card and Close Pass mat purchased. Cameras used to record examples of close passes, the mat is used to show drivers the safe distance that should be left around a cyclist on the road

Social Media used where possible to promote campaigns and raise awareness.

4.3. Community policing officers to be trained in speed detection device. More dates to be arranged.

4.4. Synopsis of stats below:-

The decrease in most offences is linked to both the pandemic, with less vehicles making use of the road network, and enhanced police patrols through which vehicle stop engagements increased. Driver/rider education and encouragement has proven to have a positive, preventative impact on road safety.

<b>Road Safety South Lanarkshire</b>			
	April 2022 – Sept 2022	April 2021 – Sept 2022	% change
Speeding	227	406	-44.1%
Disqualified driving	24	31	-22.6%
Driving Licence	102	158	-35.4%
Insurance	292	335	-12.8%
Seat Belts	16	31	- 48.4%
Mobile Phone	35	36	-2.8%

4.5. 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.

**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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12 October 2022

**Previous References**

◆ Roads Safety Forum – 1 March 2022

**List of Background Papers**

◆ None

**Contact for Further Information**

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