

Report

Report to:	Roads Safety Forum
Date of Meeting:	30 November 2021
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. With the lifting of pandemic restrictions and traffic levels returning to pre-COVID-19 level, focus remains on driver engagement through education and where necessary enforcement.
- 4.2. The summer Motorcycle Safety campaign continued to run until the end of September with weekends of action focused on rural routes well known for motorcycle use.
- 4.3. Operation Snaith commenced at the start of August for two weeks, it was a multi-agency campaign with the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency, Home Office and Immigration, Trading Standards and the Scottish Environment Protection Agency. It focused on enforcement of road traffic offences and intelligence gathering on the priority routes throughout Lanarkshire.

- 4.4. A Summer Drink Drive Campaign, a National Speeding Campaign and a Drug Drive Campaign were also run during the reporting period. These campaigns resulted in positive engagement, education, the issuing of fixed penalties, vehicle seizures and a number of drivers were reported to the Procurator Fiscal.
- 4.5. Two vulnerable road user campaigns were run in the reporting period for Pedestrians and Cyclists and the second for driver behaviour on roads in the immediate vicinity of schools.
- 4.6. A campaign for speed enforcement on the A73 was run, this focused on driver behaviour in rural villages which were located on the A73 trunk road.
- 4.7. A Taxi and Private Hire action plan ran in September focusing on education and enforcement surrounding vehicle documents, road worthiness of the vehicle and the driver's fitness to drive.
- 4.8. South Lanarkshire Road Safety YTD figures cannot be truly reflected against the previous years due to the pandemic, the initial reduction of traffic on roads and volume of people working from home or opting to use public transport. The table below is a synopsis of 2020 and 2021 stats.

Road Safety South Lanarkshire			
	April 2021 to Sept 2021	April 2020 to Sept 2020	% change
Speeding	473	460	+2.8%
Disqualified driving	37	45	-17.8%
Driving Licence	167	199	-16.1%
Insurance	380	504	-24.6%
Seat Belts	33	28	+17.9%
Mobile Phone	40	36	+11.1

- 4.9. Lanarkshire Division are 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. New Driver Early Intervention Scheme

- 5.1. The new joint online training input is up and running allowing Lanarkshire Division and Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) to continue with presentations on virtual platforms ensuring Road Safety messages are still being delivered to new and nearly new drivers age 16 to 25. Social media will continue to be used to publicise the scheme. Campus Officers have been trained to deliver the input and we hope to deliver more inputs in the New Year, to date 15 inputs have been delivered.

6. Cycle Safe Agility

- 6.1. Through funding secured from the Community Safety Partnership (CSP), Lanarkshire Division delivered cycle safety inputs to 126 young people across Lanarkshire at Bike Marking Events during July and August 2021.

7. Employee Implications

7.1. There are no employee implications.

8. Financial Implications

8.1. There are no financial implications.

9. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

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

10. Other Implications

10.1. There are no implications for risk in terms of the information contained within this report.

11. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

11.1. 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.

11.2. There was not requirement to undertake any consultation in terms of the information contained in this report.

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Previous References

♦ Roads Safety Forum – 22 June 2021

List of Background Papers

♦ None

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