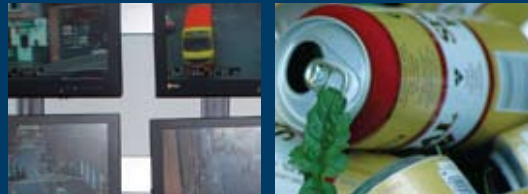




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Fewer crimes, fewer victims

Patrick Shearer Chief Constable

When I came to the force three years ago, I remarked at the time how impressed I was with the friendliness of the people and the performance of the force in general. Three years on and I find myself still being impressed. Year on year, the force has performed to a remarkable level. Once again, our figures for 2009/2010 demonstrate in hard numbers the good work being carried out every day by police officers, staff and communities alike across Dumfries and Galloway.

The drive to keep our communities safe, from the very young right through to the elderly, is clear to see. The work we do on a daily basis with our partners across the region is really positive and as I travel about meeting people, I am reminded time and again of this.

Reported crime is down by nearly 11%. But what does that mean? What it actually means is that there were 604 fewer crimes last year than the year before, which means 604 fewer victims, be that a child, an adult or an elderly person. That has to be positive.

Figures show crimes in all categories are down on last year – quite remarkable, and to me shows clear evidence that we are being successful in our efforts to tackle the crimes that really concern our communities.

Crimes we have detected still sit at a very healthy 61%, and we lead across Scotland in our detection rates. What does this figure really mean? It means that nearly two out of every three crimes reported to us are cleared up. This figure represents an extreme amount of hard work and effort from my officers and staff, the public they work with and the partners we engage with to bring those who commit crime into the justice system.

I am particularly pleased to report that public satisfaction rates, which tell us if our communities think we are providing a good, fair and efficient service, have increased again this year. These satisfaction figures are an important indicator and show us that we are delivering the service that our communities want.

Sadly, ten people were killed on our roads this year and the numbers of those injured, whether slightly or seriously, remain static. We still have work to do, with our partners, to keep our roads safe for those who use them.

I launched our new Community Promise on 1 April and just want to take a moment to thank everyone who contributed to it. I think that the Community Promise clearly sets out what it is that our communities want us to concentrate on for the next three years. We are clear on what these priorities are and will endeavour to engage with all those who can help us tackle these issues.

The challenge for us now is to maintain and, where possible, improve on the service we provide. This will not be made any easier by the proposed forthcoming financial cuts which the force, like others in the public sector, is expected to experience.

A challenge, yes, but one which I know the force is able to meet. With the assistance of our partners and our strong communities, and by working together, we can continue to keep Dumfries and Galloway a safe place in which to live.

Management Team



Patrick Shearer
Chief Constable



George Graham
Deputy Chief Constable



Brian Anderson
Chief Superintendent



Kate Thomson
Detective Superintendent



Working together **Ian Blake** Chair, Police, Fire and Rescue Committee

Another year has passed, but what a year for Dumfries and Galloway Constabulary. I reported last year that myself and the members of the Police and Fire and Rescue Committee were very proud of the performance of the force. I stand before you again this year in awe of the further remarkable achievements of the force. The service provided by the force over the past year has been nothing short of first class and the end of year figures clearly reflect this.

My role as Chair of the Police, Fire and Rescue Committee is to ensure that Dumfries and Galloway has a police service which is fit for purpose and addresses the concerns of our communities. We play an important role in supporting the chief constable in his drive to deliver an efficient and effective policing service for Dumfries and Galloway. We examine, scrutinise and explore all aspects of how that policing service is being delivered and we are grateful to the force for the close working relationships we have with it.

Our close involvement with the force saw the committee involved in bringing about the newly-launched Community Promise.

As we embark on another year, we are under no illusion that the challenge is getting harder. Proposed cuts in public spending will impact on the force and we have much to do in addressing, and re-addressing, changing priorities in this regard. My committee and I are confident however that we have the right people in the right posts to meet these challenges.



Mike Leslie
Superintendent
Corporate Services



Graeme Galloway
Superintendent
Dumfries Division



Gary Small
Superintendent
Galloway Division



Jacqui McIlwraith
Chief Inspector
Operational Support
Services

Community Promise

The force launched the new Community Promise on 1 April. The Community Promise has been constructed after a lengthy consultation process which involved a number of community consultation evenings held across the force at the end of 2009. Elected members in the region were also invited to an extended meeting of the Police, Fire and Rescue Committee where a more detailed look at the needs of the community in policing terms were examined and discussed.

The Community Promise was presented by Chief Constable Patrick Shearer to members of the Police, Fire and Rescue Committee at the end of March.

The Community Promise was developed after listening to and talking with a cross-section of our communities and getting a good

Community Promise Devon and Cornwall Constabulary

OUR PROMISE
We will provide a safe and secure environment for our community

OUR AIM
We will maintain a focus on community policing and work with our partners to deliver a service that is efficient, effective and responsive to the needs of our community

OUR VALUES
To respect and protect the community
To be open, visible and approachable to all
To listen, understand and work with the community

Our Priorities

- Alcohol**
Identify and reduce alcohol-related incidents
- Anti-social Behaviour**
Tackle antisocial behaviour by working with the community and our partners
- Crime**
Work with the community and our partners to reduce crime
- Drugs**
Impact on the supply, misuse and availability of controlled drugs
- Public Protection**
Protect children and the most vulnerable members of our community
- Roads Policing**
Reduce the number of people killed or injured on our roads
- Sound Governance**
Provide a quality service which makes best use of resources and serves for continuous improvement
- Terrorism**
Disrupt activities and networks

What we will do

- Interview relevant witnesses.
- Arrange a scenes of crime examination if required.
- If relevant conduct have to interview possible suspects.
- Report those charged with a Prosecutor Fiscal or the Solo Reporter Administration, or by means of a warning or fit

Keeping you informed

- This leaflet gives you the inc number and details of the et
- You will be contacted with advise you of how your case
- You will be contacted and gi update within 28 days.
- If a person is charged with d offence you will be contacts practical.

REPORTING a CRIME or INCIDENT Information and Advice

Incident Reference Number
PDG
Enquiry Officer
Officer's Station

- If you have any information that may help the investigation
- If you want to speak to the enquiry officer
- If you want some crime prevention advice
- If you would like this information in larger print or in another language

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understanding of what it is that people want from their police service, what their concerns are and where our priorities should lie. As a result, our Community Promise for the next three years sets out our plans to tackle issues such as the misuse of drugs and alcohol, reducing casualties on our roads, preventing and detecting crime, dealing with antisocial behaviour and looking at ways to improve the service to our communities. For the first time, our Community Promise includes terrorism as a priority and work to disrupt terrorist and extremist networks will be included in all our work with communities across the region.

In presenting the Community Promise, Mr Shearer said: "The key to delivering the Community Promise will come through the close working relationships that we have with our partners."

Keeping you informed

Listening to comments from our communities, from people who said that we could do better about keeping them informed when they reported a crime or other incident, made us look closely at our processes for doing this. Last year, we said that this was to be a priority for us, to make sure that we kept our public updated and reassured about crimes and incidents reported to us.

We set ourselves standards and introduced a leaflet which would help not only the public understand what it is we are trying to do, but to be a fail-safe check for our own staff, ensuring that we are giving out the right information at the right times.

A year on and we can report positive feedback from our communities. Indications are that we are making a difference in the manner and timing of getting this information out to the public. Whilst comments are favourable at this stage, we do understand that we don't get it right every time. We do however maintain the will to try, to strive to make progress, and this is what we are doing. This is a work in progress, as they say, however early indications are encouraging.

“The next evening, PC Dawes took the time to phone and ask if we had been told the result of the court case and the bail conditions placed on the accused. He again explained to my wife the process and that officers from the domestic violence unit would visit us.”

Family protection unit

The force's Family Protection Unit has a very wide remit and acts as an umbrella for areas of policing which address issues such as child protection, sexual offences, adult support and protection, domestic violence, youth justice and public protection information sharing.



Child protection

In child protection, officers uphold the edict that every child in Dumfries and Galloway has the right to be cared for and protected from harm and to grow up in a safe environment. This means that we will work with all other agencies concerned in child protection to ensure we all get it right for our children. Joint working, through trained personnel, is at the heart of what we all do, and has been held up across the country as being good practice.

Public protection information sharing unit

Information sharing among all our partners is seen as fundamental in making sure that any decision taken in relation to a case is fully informed and that all are aware of the information that everyone holds on the subject. A clear and open information sharing policy is in place with all the partners and this allows for a speedy response when information requires to be shared. Whether details are needed about an offending child or a vulnerable adult, the processes are the same to ensure that the agency dealing with the case has all the relevant information available to take the appropriate action.

Offender management unit

The responsibility for monitoring and managing registered sex offenders (RSOs) in the community rests with the Offender Management Unit. Assessing the risk, both to the community and the RSO, is a core part of the work and is carried out through constant monitoring and management of them through the multi agency public protection arrangement (MAPPA). As the name suggests, many agencies are involved in this process, allowing for better informed decision making in what is a very sensitive area for our communities.

80

children on the child protection register in Dumfries and Galloway



104

registered sex offenders in Dumfries and Galloway



921

cases were referred to the Domestic Abuse Unit in 2009

Youth justice

The way in which we deal with our children who are under 16 years of age and who offend is another good example of our joint working practices. Youth justice concentrates on looking at the child, the circumstances surrounding the child, including their protection and welfare, and the offence they have committed. Only after all these areas have been carefully considered is a suitable disposal for the case jointly agreed. Key to the current development of youth justice issues is early and effective intervention when a child starts to misbehave.



Domestic abuse



As a force, we are committed to tackling all forms of domestic abuse. This starts with the operational response by officers who attend an initial report of a domestic abuse incident, right through to the members of the Domestic Abuse Unit who work, in partnership with many other agencies, to help provide further support, advice and practical help, such as security and safety measures for a victim and their family.

We also ran a Pathfinder initiative for three years, one of only four in Scotland, which focussed on the children in families where domestic abuse was an issue.

Adult support and protection



Adults at risk of harm in Dumfries and Galloway are a focus for the force, the local authority, NHS and other voluntary agencies and charities in an attempt to protect and safeguard their well-being should they be assessed as at risk of harm. The process has the backing of legislation which came into force in 2008. Harm comes in all forms and can include physical or psychological abuse, neglect, sexual abuse or financial exploitation. Key to the success of reaching out and dealing with vulnerable adults is information sharing between the partners involved on a confidential, multi agency basis.



“No single agency can identify potentially vulnerable children and meet their needs alone. Partnership working with agencies, children and their families is fundamental in ensuring we achieve good outcomes for children.”

Graham Abrines

Team Manager

Social Work

Dumfries and Galloway Royal
Infirmary

“Dumfriesshire and Stewartry Women's Aid has been involved with and supported the work of the Family Protection Unit since its inception. Over the years, we have watched it grow in the level of support and protection it offers to those in need.”

Julie Chisholm

Coordinator

Dumfriesshire and Stewartry
Women's Aid

Lessons to be learned

On 21 February 2009, Danny McQueen, a 16 year old boy from Dumfries, was killed in a road crash on the A75 road on the outskirts of Dumfries. Danny was one of five young people in a car which left the road and crashed into two trees. Danny was killed and others in the car were left with serious injuries.

Almost a year later, the driver of the car, 19 year old Irving Gracie, was sentenced to 4½ years in prison for causing death by reckless driving, which included driving the car at 116mph seconds before the crash.

Danny's father, Colin McQueen, has bravely come forward and offered his help to get the message out to young drivers that speed kills. Sadly, Colin has first hand experience of this and he and the rest of Danny's family have been left devastated by the loss of a loving son and brother. Colin is determined to use the loss of his son to help get the message out to young drivers in an attempt to stop any further loss of life on our roads.

Early talks between Colin, members of our roads policing unit and the editor of the Dumfries and Galloway Standard have taken place and a number of possible initiatives are being explored in an attempt to educate and inform young drivers about the dangers that speed can pose. The use of local media has been instrumental in starting off this campaign. Colin has also developed a tribute to Danny on YouTube which also gives out a hard-hitting message about the dangers of speed.

“I urge all drivers to remember that speed kills. Do not destroy another young life and devastate another family.”

Colin McQueen

“I doubt anyone can imagine the pain that the McQueen family is going through over the loss of Danny. I applaud the bravery of Colin McQueen in coming forward to use this tragedy to warn of the dangers of speed to others.”

Inspector Neil Hewitson
Roads Policing Unit

One dead and four injured as wreckage closes road

Teen killed in A75 crash



22

young people under the age of 25 have been killed on roads in Dumfries and Galloway over the past six years.

NEWS

Tribute to a loving son

Getting the message out

Across Dumfries and Galloway, there is a lot of work going on with young people to get the message out about the high risk category that young drivers (in the 17–25 years of age range) will find themselves in, no matter how good a driver they think they are. Working in partnership, the force delivers inputs to schools in an effort to educate and influence young driver behaviour at an early stage.

Choices

Choices is offered to all fifth and sixth year pupils at all secondary schools across the region. Choices talks about concentration, hazards, over-confidence; impairment, collision, experience and speed and spells out in a no nonsense way the consequences of failing to take heed that young people are in this high risk category, and that there are many ways whereby they can reduce this risk. Some of the statistics clearly highlight what the risks are.

Those in the 17–25 year age group and who have recently passed their driving test are four times more likely to be involved in a collision than older drivers with more experience.

Young drivers in the 17–25 year age group account for 10% of all licence holders, but are involved in 29% of all collisions.

Attitude

Attitude is a programme delivered to fourth year pupils across Dumfries and Galloway and looks to challenge some of the behavioural aspects that young drivers can get involved in, and which they may have false perceptions about. Again, it is fairly hard-hitting and at times blunt. It talks about car crime, including stealing cars and joyriding, speeding and road racing and many other factors which may very well result in not just their own death, but that of others, often innocent road users.



Young drivers

Piloted in the Stewartry area, this scheme aims to encourage young drivers whose driving has brought them to the attention of the police to undertake an assessed drive under the supervision of members of the local branch of the Institute of Advanced Motorists. The results of the drive are then sent to the procurator fiscal to decide whether or not any formal prosecution is required. The scheme won a national award recently from the Scottish Government in the Public Reassurance and Community Safety Awards.



Glow training

To coincide with European Internet Safety Week, 38 police officers and staff from the force were trained in the use of GLOW, a new schools' computer system, in February of this year. The officers and staff were among the first in Scotland to receive this training. GLOW is a schools' based computer system which all pupils have access to and which school-based officers and school liaison officers can log into and use. This means that vital community safety messages on matters such as road safety, substance misuse and antisocial behaviour can be communicated to pupils online. This method will complement the usual face-to-face style presentations currently given, and has the added advantage of getting important messages out very quickly to a large number of pupils.

During the launch, which took place at the Crichton Campus in Dumfries, Chief Constable Patrick Shearer was able to go online and speak with pupils at Applegarth primary school near Lockerbie. The pupils asked the chief constable a number of questions relating to internet safety and he was able to give them advice and guidance on their use of the internet at home.

“ The pupils found it a great experience and enjoyed speaking to the chief constable.”

Teacher

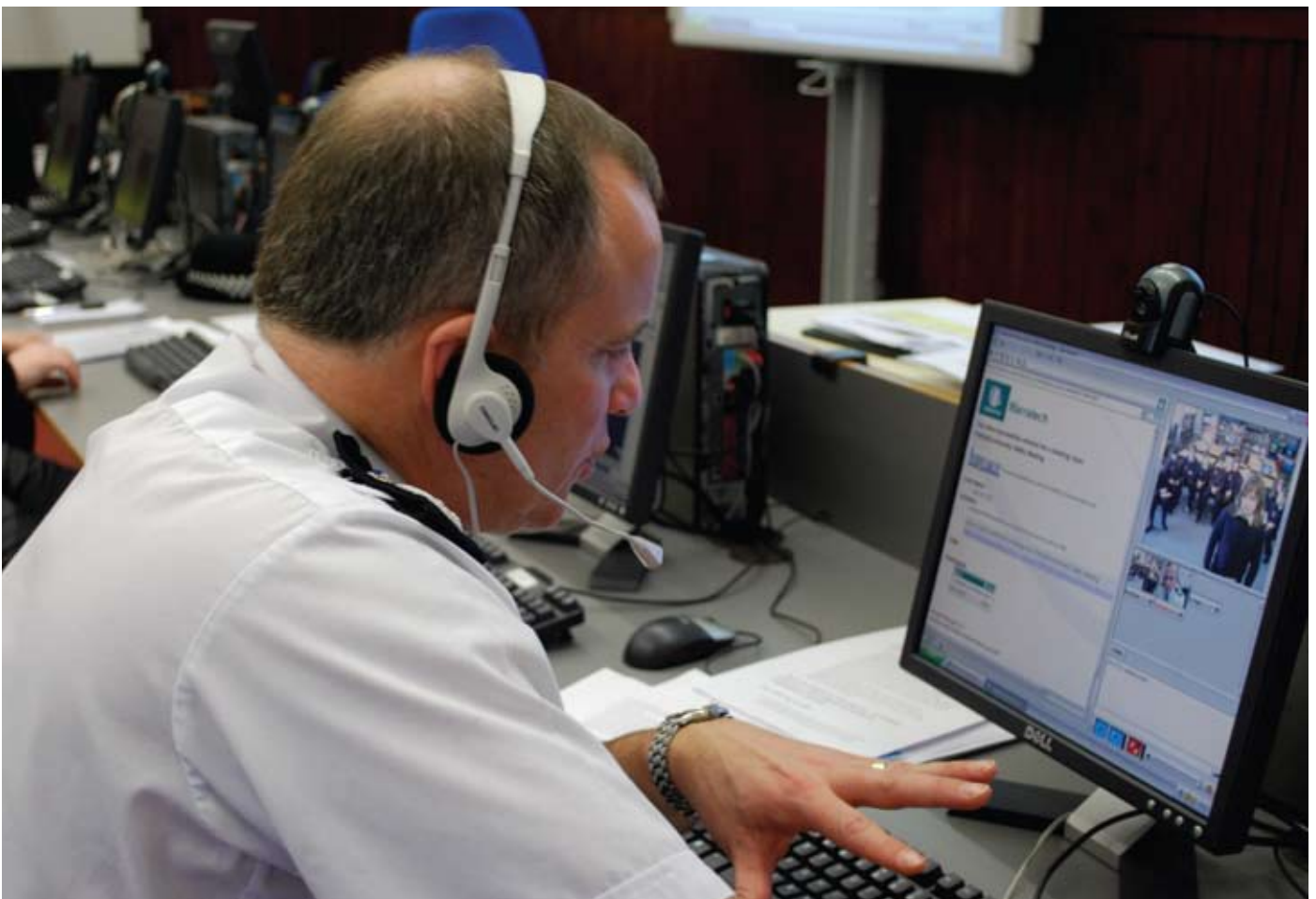
Applegarth Primary School

“ I was nervous and shaking from head to toe, but it was good fun and the chief constable did really well.”

Frazer Boyle

Pupil

Applegarth Primary School



Wildlife crime

Wildlife crime investigations in Dumfries and Galloway are dealt with in the most professional and effective way that the force can possibly deliver. There are currently thirteen wildlife crime officers (WCOs) stationed across the force, from Stranraer in the west through to Moffat in the east. These officers serve at different stations and work on different shifts. Coordinated by Constable John Jamieson, force wildlife crime coordinator, John says: “The system we operate in Dumfries and Galloway means that while we don’t have one full-time officer dedicated to the role of wildlife crime, we do have thirteen specialist WCOs spread across the region, and officers on the beat who require assistance and advice from a WCO are likely to be able to access such a service more quickly.”

Crimes against wildlife are on the increase in Scotland and Dumfries and Galloway is no different in this regard. Crimes such as the illegal trapping, shooting, snaring or poisoning of birds and animals; badger and bat persecution; the poaching of deer, game and fish; hare coursing; and the collecting of birds eggs are all crimes that have been dealt with by our WCOs over recent years.

The special demands of the role of the WCO are such that they are committed to working in partnership with many other agencies and bodies in the battle against wildlife crime. Both government and non-government agencies are involved with the WCOs in education, prevention and enforcement work across Dumfries and Galloway.



John Jamieson



Neil Moffat



Michael Jardine



Andrew Wheeler

“ RSPB has had a long and fruitful relationship with the force and we look forward to maintaining this to reduce the persecution of birds in the region. ”

Ian Thomson

Investigations Officer
RSPB



Grace Campbell



Alan McCornick



Iain Legget



Byron Morgan

Dogs forfeited, curfews imposed, banning orders prohibiting the keeping of dogs imposed, costs totalling £1000 imposed – all in one case of hare coursing.



Steven Ritchie



Simon Kennedy



Jim Drysdale



Euan Grierson

(Constable Neil Cawthorne is missing from the photographs)



Staff conference

On 11 March 2010, Dumfries and Galloway Constabulary held its annual staff conference in the Easterbrook Hall at the Crichton Campus in Dumfries. Over 100 police officers and staff from across the region attended the event which aimed to build on the successes of the previous ones.

The conference was designed to bring staff up to date with developments in policing and to have them explore and express their own thoughts as to how best to tackle the challenges facing the force.

Chief Constable Patrick Shearer opened the conference, highlighting the tremendous performance of the force over the last year but stressing that the challenge now was to sustain this level of performance in the face of anticipated financial pressures that lie ahead.

The launch of the newly-developed Community Promise and the need for



greater efficiency were the main themes of the day and staff responded well in workshop sessions in bringing forward many ideas and possible solutions for further development. The positive outcomes from the day will be communicated to the rest of the staff.



“...the commitment to succeed was clear. I am sure that the force is well equipped to meet its challenges in the coming years.”

Ian Blake

Chair of the Police, Fire and Rescue Committee

“I enjoyed the staff conference day. The force executive were very easy to listen to.”

A member of support staff

My Job

Who are you?

Roddy Cherrington,
Firearms Enquiry Officer

Where do you work?

Firearms and Explosives Licensing
Section at Police Headquarters.

What do you do?

Along with my three colleagues, I carry out enquiries relating to the issue of shotgun and firearms certificates to the public. My job involves checking on the suitability of those who want to possess and use firearms, and also the security arrangements for the storage of the weapons. It involves visiting the applicant at their home and finding out a bit more about them than can be put down on an application form. A visit gives a better indication of the home environment and allows us to check on security arrangements. I enjoy getting out and about in the community and playing my part in keeping our communities safe.

Do you make a difference?

I like to think that we do make a considerable difference to the force and also to the public. In years gone by, this work was all carried out by police officers and we have removed this substantial burden from the officers' workloads. We have over 6,000 people with certificates in Dumfries and Galloway and our role allows officers to get on with their main jobs.

Any successes?

I recently had an enquiry when it was obvious that the person was suffering from a medical condition requiring regular medication which affected their mood and made them slightly unstable. By speaking with them, I was able to convince them to give up their certificate and guns. We also sort out many other problems such as someone providing incorrect details of a gun they have bought.



Biggest challenge?

We have had several cases where the first signs of forgetfulness due to age have been obvious and this is of concern should they become careless with their guns. These are always quite difficult cases to resolve and it is an unfortunate process of life where people have to give up activities they have been involved in for many years.

Top team

As part of National Customer Service Week in October 2009, Dumfries and Galloway Council asked all council employees to vote for an individual and a team that they recognise delivers excellent customer service.

The Dumfries Antisocial Behaviour Team was nominated for its work in Annandale and Eskdale, and subsequently won the team award. The award was presented to the team at Annan town hall on Wednesday 17 February 2010.



The photograph shows (from the left) Donna Johnstone, Peter McAdam, Shonagh Henderson (team leader), Davy Russell and Constable Elaine Myers. Missing from the photograph is Russell Thom.

“I am thrilled that our team has been recognised for its hard work by other departments of Dumfries and Galloway Council. We strive to provide excellent customer service on every case we work on and it is good to see that our work is appreciated.”

Constable Elaine Myers

Operation Resolve

Issues surrounding young people drinking to excess, causing antisocial behaviour and putting themselves in danger were just some of the concerns which gave rise to Operation Resolve in Dumfries.

Operation Resolve was a partnership approach into tackling the issues around the safety of young people who were clearly abusing alcohol in and around the Dumfries area over the summer months of 2009. A partnership involving social services, youth justice, integrated substance services, NHS, community learning and development and the police was initiated to tackle the problem.

61

young people under 18 years were found with alcohol/drinking alcohol and taken to the Oasis Centre

As a result, a number of evenings of action were held in the town. Young people under the age of 18 who were found to be in possession of alcohol, or who had actually been drinking alcohol, were escorted to the Oasis Centre in Newall Terrace. Their parents were then contacted

to attend and a series of discussions took place involving the young person, parent(s) and associated agencies.

The aim of the operation was to highlight the dangers of drinking to excess, both to the young people themselves and to their parents, and to signpost alternatives to this type of behaviour. Staff from the Oasis Centre were able to highlight the opportunities for young people that are available at the centre.

“Working in partnership has made a big difference to the team effort in tackling the underage drinking problem in the area.”

Mark Molloy
Community Learning and Development

“This joint operation allowed us to tackle the problem of underage drinking in a number of ways. We were able to highlight alternatives to drinking, such as the Oasis Centre, and also to raise the issue of parental responsibility in the problem.”

Rory Caldwell
Community Policing Sergeant

Changing of the guard

Changes have taken place in the Lockerbie section with Inspector Graham Kerr (left) taking over from Inspector Alan Cook. Alan, a local man, has spent over four years as area commander in the Lockerbie section and he moves to a post in community policing in Dumfries. He is succeeded by Graham who moves to Lockerbie from CMS in Dumfries.

The role of area commander is pivotal in ensuring that front line services in policing are delivered in an efficient and effective manner. Officers who hold these positions are responsible for all policing matters across their sections and it is important to get the right officer in the right post to make this happen.



“I have thoroughly enjoyed my time in the Lockerbie section. The people in the community are very supportive of what we are trying to do and that makes a difference.”

Inspector Alan Cook

Crime in the countryside

Crime in the countryside saw an increase across the force in 2009 and in particular, Annandale and Eskdale was the target for many thefts. Quad bikes, trailers, chain-saws and many other items of equipment used and kept in the countryside were stolen. At one stage, equipment worth some £75,000 was recorded as stolen.

Police investigations were commenced in tandem with a drive to make it harder for thieves to actually get their hands on and steal the equipment. Crime reduction officers went to work across Annandale and Eskdale to get the message out to farmers and others who live and work in the countryside that they were being targeted for thefts. Simple crime prevention measures were explained which although inexpensive, could stop a theft.

Farm Watch and Horse Watch schemes were promoted and the idea about country folk looking after each other and all things in the country seemed to be well-received by the rural community. The Farm Watch scheme is now up and running and the Horse Watch scheme is gathering momentum and is linked to the national Horse Watch system.

Arrests have since been made and property recovered, however vigilance is now the watchword in the countryside.



6%

amount reported crime is down

8%

amount detection rate is up

35%

amount violent crimes are down

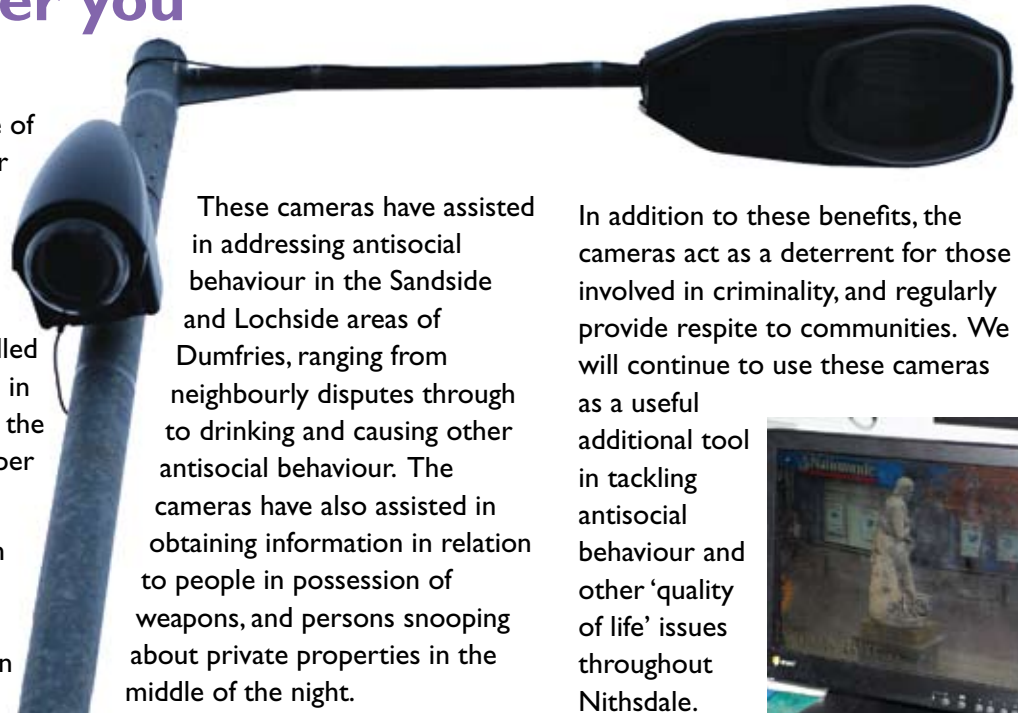
13%

amount vandalism is down

Watching over you

In April 2009, Nithsdale area committee funded the purchase of two wireless CCTV cameras for use throughout Nithsdale to assist in tackling antisocial behaviour. The cameras have been in constant use since September 2009 with one installed at antisocial behaviour hotspots in Dumfries and Locharbriggs, and the other at similar locations in Upper Nithsdale.

The cameras can be installed on any suitably-powered lighting column and are monitored at Loreburn Street police station in Dumfries.



These cameras have assisted in addressing antisocial behaviour in the Sandside and Lochside areas of Dumfries, ranging from neighbourly disputes through to drinking and causing other antisocial behaviour. The cameras have also assisted in obtaining information in relation to people in possession of weapons, and persons snooping about private properties in the middle of the night.

In addition to these benefits, the cameras act as a deterrent for those involved in criminality, and regularly provide respite to communities. We will continue to use these cameras as a useful additional tool in tackling antisocial behaviour and other 'quality of life' issues throughout Nithsdale.



Tackling drugs

Galloway divisional staff were heavily involved in the force's Operation Lariat which ran at the end of 2009. Operation Lariat was designed to tackle and disrupt the supply of drugs across Dumfries and Galloway. Galloway is no stranger to the problems that go hand in hand with the abuse of drugs and the community was able to play its part in tackling the issue.

Information and intelligence received about who was taking drugs and who was dealing in drugs in the area was coming in on a daily basis from all corners of this part of the region. Communities were clearly standing up and giving out a strong message that drugs would not be tolerated in their streets, homes, pubs and clubs and schools.

During the operation, staff from across the division were involved in the enforcement part of the operation. Houses were searched, cars were searched and people were searched – all as a consequence of the information and intelligence given to the police about who was involved.

The operation was a partnership and through working with partners in the alcohol and drugs service, information and guidance was given out to those caught up in the operation who had issues with drugs or alcohol.

Information packs which guided people to services and facilities in Dumfries and Galloway were also handed out.

23%

amount reported crime is down



2%

amount detection rate is up



5%

amount violent crimes are down



17%

amount vandalism is down

Changing of the guard



Some important changes in the format of front line police management took place recently. On 1 April, two new area commanders took up their posts in the Stewartry and Lockerbie sections of the force.

Inspector Chris Hope (right) is now the area commander for the Stewartry. Chris is a 'weel kent face' in the Stewartry having lived and worked there in years gone by. Chris takes over from Inspector John Thomson who moves to a post in community and criminal justice at Police Headquarters. John was area commander for four years in the Stewartry.



“We were always pleased to see Inspector Thomson at our meetings and his professionalism and ‘can do’ approach were much appreciated. He truly made a difference to the lives of people in the Stewartry.”

Councillor Patsy Gilroy

Convener, Dumfries and Galloway Council

Doing the right thing

A number of all-day events were held at Stranraer Academy and Douglas Ewart High School at Newton Stewart for all third year pupils which challenged the choices they could make in their lives, encouraging them to 'do the right thing'.

The topics on the day included alcohol and drugs, sexual health and antisocial behaviour, including knife crime. The day started with a quiz which was designed to test the knowledge of the pupils about these topics. 'A Night To Remember', a drama given by fifth year pupils based on the dangers of underage drinking, was next. This was then followed by workshops relevant to the subject and included personal safety, sexual health and alcohol.

The afternoon was given over to another drama, this time given by fourth year pupils, called 'It's a Dog's Life'. The focus this time was on drugs, antisocial behaviour and knife crime. Again, workshops followed the presentation and an ex-drug addict gave a hard-hitting, personal input into the dangers of drug abuse. Further workshops on antisocial behaviour and knife crime followed.

The day was organised and presented by pupils and staff from the schools, the NHS, the antisocial behaviour team, the procurator fiscal service and the police.

“The messages conveyed to the pupils were powerful, demonstrating the importance of being responsible citizens.”

Helen-Marie Bradley
Deputy Head Teacher
Stranraer Academy

“It's important to give the young people the information about local services before they need to use them.”

Justine McCuaig
Health Protection Nurse

“You must run it again next year as I found the day so interesting.”

14 year old pupil
Douglas Ewart High School

“I liked the drugs input the best, especially the lady who told us of her life which revolved around drugs. It was very emotional.”

14 year old pupil
Douglas Ewart High School



Awards Evening 2009



Pictured with their awards presented at the Chief Constable's Awards Evening in November are: 1. Constable Audrey Johnstone, Superintendents' Endeavour Award 2. Sandy Mann, Special Constable of the Year 3. Constable Gemma Wyatt, Probationer of the Year 4. Constable Wayne Carnochan, Chief Constable's Commendation 5. Sergeant Susan Prentice, Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

Ports Unit

The Special Branch Department at the Ports Unit in Stranraer has seen significant changes in response to worldwide terrorist events in recent years. Issues such as international terrorism, organised crime, illegal immigration, people trafficking and travelling criminals are areas that come under the remit of the unit. Officers in the unit are the vanguard in the fight against terrorism in their role as examining officers under the Terrorism Act 2000 at not only the main ports of Stranraer and Cairnryan but also across the 100 or so other small ports across Dumfries and Galloway.

Back door route

The route between Northern Ireland and the ports at Stranraer and Cairnryan present a unique challenge in terms of policing. The common travel area (CTA) allows travel by United Kingdom and Irish citizens between the two countries without a passport.

The vulnerabilities presented by no immigration control have been recognised and a police team funded by the United Kingdom Border Agency has been in place for nearly four years now. The team works in partnership with others across Scotland in all aspects of immigration offences.

National ports review

A national ports review of all ports across Scotland was undertaken in 2009, looking at the levels of staff employed in port security. The subsequent recommendations brought about a reduction and realignment of duties, however also brought into sharp focus the additional challenges now presented to officers in the common travel area.

These challenges were seen at first hand by the parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Identity, Meg Hillier, who visited the port at Stranraer in 2009.

Loch Ryan port

February 2010 brought the announcement by Stena Line and the Scottish Government confirming the relocation of Stena operations from Stranraer to the new Loch Ryan port, 10 km north of Stranraer. This will provide an opportunity for Special Branch to also relocate their operations to the new port.



“I was pleased to meet local police who are working at the port, providing a vital role in protecting the public, not just in Dumfries and Galloway but right across the UK.”

Meg Hillier
Under Secretary of State
for Identity



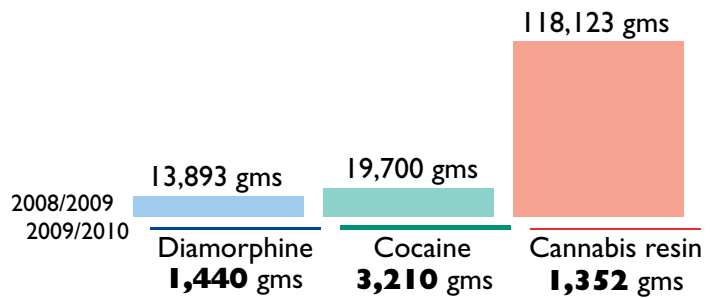
Road Casualties

10 deaths

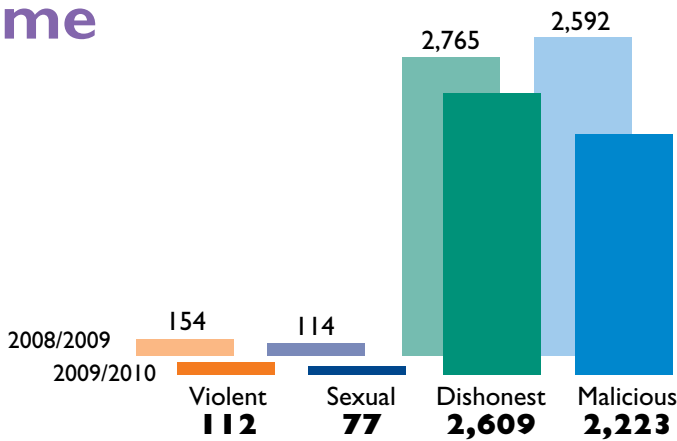
109 seriously injured

397 slightly injured

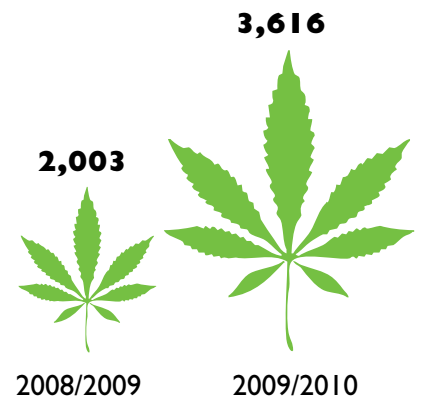
Drug Seizures



Crime

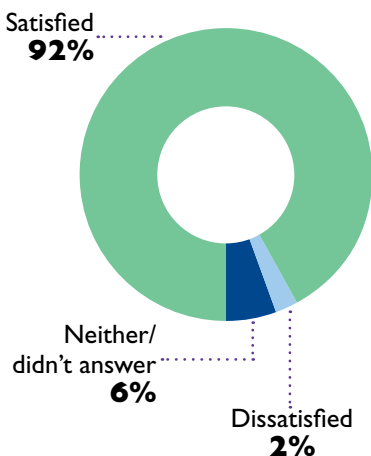


Cannabis plants seized

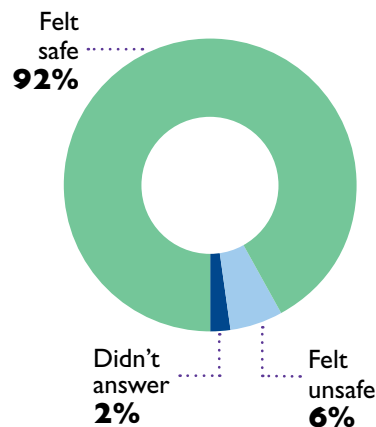


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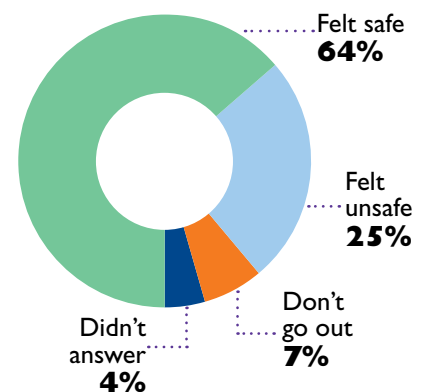
Contact with the police



Feeling safe in daylight



Feeling safe in darkness



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