



PERTH & KINROSS COUNCIL

Community Safety Committee

Report by Chief Superintendent Paul Anderson
(Quarter ending 30th June 2016)



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BACKGROUND TO THIS REPORT

As 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 Perth and Kinross.

Performance in relation to the identified policing priorities is monitored and reviewed internally on a weekly basis. Quarterly reports are produced to allow scrutiny by Perth and Kinross Council Community Safety Committee. This report covers the period from 1st April 2016 to 30th June 2016.

Data provided in this report is for information purposes to allow Board Members to conduct their scrutiny responsibilities.

This report will make reference to crime groupings. Groups 1-4 refer to an amalgamation of four 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; and Group 4 includes vandalism, fire-raising and malicious mischief.

Serious and Organised Crime

Tackling Serious and Organised Crime Groups (SOCGs) in Perth and Kinross remains a key priority.

Within this quarter we have continued to focus our activity on drug possession, supply, production and cultivation.

Officers from Perth Community Investigation Unit executed 19 search warrants across Perth and Kinross which led to a total of 15 reports to the Procurator Fiscal in relation to drugs offences.

On 12th April 2016, officers from the Perth Community Investigation Unit executed a drugs search warrant at an address in Blairgowrie. This led to the recovery of cannabis plants and a male is waiting trial for this incident.

On 25th April two males were stopped within his vehicle using the road network as a result of this pro-active a significant amount of controlled drugs were recovered from within the vehicle. Both individuals are waiting trial for this case.

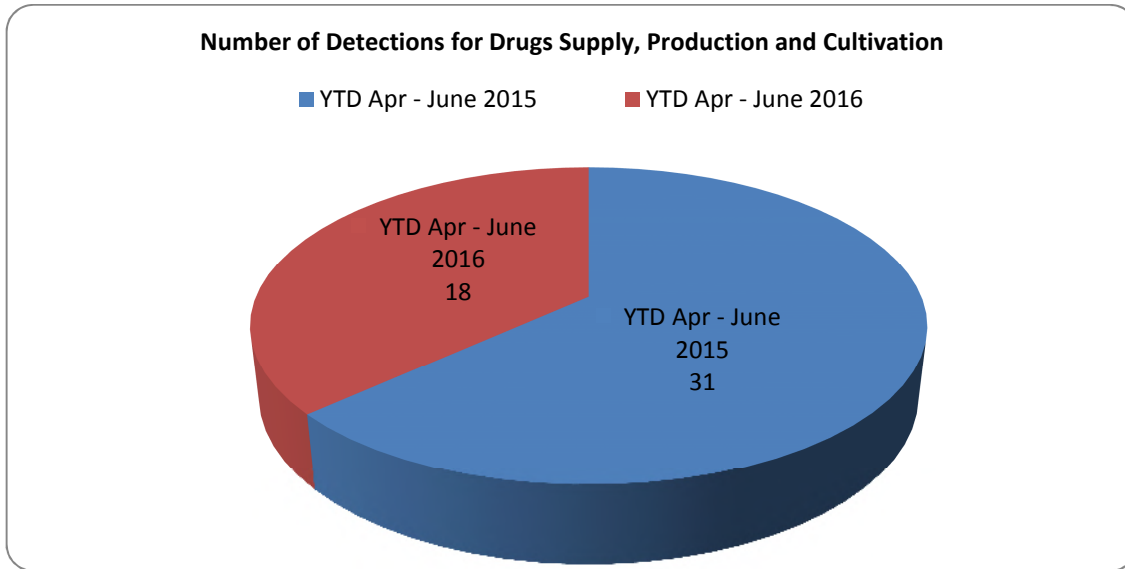
On 25th June officers from the pro-active CID stopped a vehicle using the road network which led to a further significant recovery of drugs. The male driver is currently waiting trial for this case.

Also within the last quarter Police Scotland have developed the relationship with HMP Perth and have recently appointed a new Prison Liaison Officer who splits his time between HMP Perth and working with the Community Investigation Unit (CIU). This has also led to proactive work taking place within the Prison and recovery of controlled drugs. Since his posting there has been significant drugs recoveries with the value of the recovery being nearly a six figure sum in its total.

Community Safety Inspector Kevin Chase and Sergeant Karen Harrison have attended at monthly tactical meetings at HMP Perth that has led to the sharing of information between the respective partners and joint working around emerging threats. One such threat that has been identified is the potential use of drones around the Prison estate and partnership working and learning has been shared between the two partners.

Serious and Organised Crime

		5 year average	Apr 2015- June 2015	Apr 2016- June 2016	% Change from last year
22	Number of detections for drugs supply, production, cultivation.	22.2	31	18	-41.9%



Public Protection and Safety

Keeping People Safe is a key priority for the Police Service of Scotland.

Reducing violence is a key priority for Police Scotland and as a result we continue to deploy our officers into key locations to prevent, deter and detect violent crimes.

In April 2016, we investigated a significant concern report with regards to stalking by a male perpetrator. As a result of our initial investigation the victim disclosed several other concerning incidents and a male is currently remanded waiting trial for this case.

Centre Safe deployments within Perth city's centre have continued to focus on the night time economy. Officers are deployed with the latest up to date intelligence and carry out licensing checks and proactive patrols within the town centre. Engagement meetings are also being held with licensees within Perth to identify and target any issues and to aim for continuous improvement in making a night out in Perth as safe as it possibly can be.

We work closely with our partners who include street pastors and community wardens to provide support and assist vulnerable people within our community. In addition to this Police have engaged with the Taxi Marshalls who

have been operational within Perth city since the middle of December 2015. specific operations have taken place over the course of the reporting period most notably within the city centre.

On Friday 29th July a further Operation Frankie will take place in Perth where officers will conduct licensing visits. Specialist resources including our passive drugs detection dogs will be assisting.

As a result of a Government led strategy to ensure the safety of missing persons and their vulnerabilities are recorded, meetings have been held with local partners to identify individual bespoke plans for persistent missing persons. This has now been completed within Perth and Kinross which has been appointed as a pilot for this work. Work streams have been created to ensure those who are vulnerable receive support when they return home.

We shared information following concerns raised for potentially contaminated drugs within Perth. This information was passed to Substance Misuse Workers to ensure that partners who support those who may misuse controlled drugs were aware of the possible impact these drugs may have.

Community Tasking remains paramount within our problem solving approach to tackle issues within the community. This includes the sharing of information within the Community Safety HUB for vulnerable people and those involved in anti social behaviour.

Public Protection and Safety					
		5 year average	Apr 2015– June 2015	Apr 2016– June 2016	% change from last year
1	Total Number Group 1: Crimes of Violence	31.2	32	43	34.4%
2	Murder	0.6	1	1	0.0%
3	Attempted Murder	3.2	1	0	-100%
4	Culpable Homicide (common law)	-	0	0	-
5	Culpable Homicide (other)	-	0	0	-
6	Serious Assault detection rate	98.3%	95.5%	91.3%	-4.2%
7	Serious Assault	11.6	22	23	4.5%
8	Robbery detection rate	88.6%	66.7%	100%	33.3%
9	Robbery	7.0	3	3	0.0%
10	Petty (Common) Assault detection rate	83.0%	84.1%	78.3%	-5.8%
11	Petty (common) Assault	318.0	315	235	-25.4%
13	Number of Domestic Abuse incidents reported to the Police	-	339	317	-6.5%

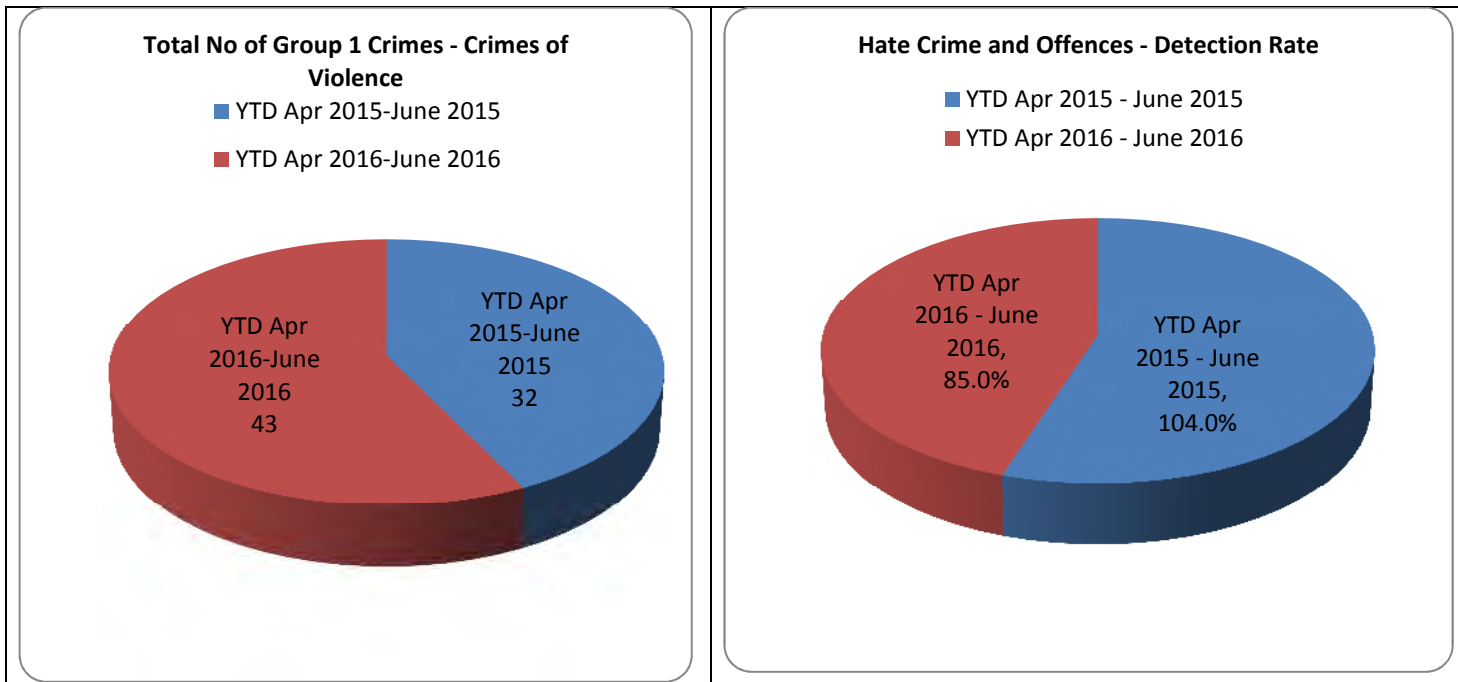
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14	Total crimes and offences in Domestic Abuse incidents	-	249	172	-30.9%
15	Percentage of Domestic incidents that result in a crime being recorded	-	53.1%	42.3%	-10.8%
16	Total crimes and offences in Domestic Abuse incidents detection rate	-	85.5%	76.2%	-9.3%
17	Total detections for Domestic Bail offences	-	20	7	-65.0%
18	95% of initial Domestic Abuse Bail Checks are conducted within 24hrs	-	-	96%	-
19	Hate crime and offences detection rate	-	104%	85.0%	-19.0%
33	Number of Group 2: Crimes of Indecency	46.8	83	79	-4.8%
34	Group 2 crimes detection rate	73.5%	81.9%	70.9%	-11.0%
35	Rape detection rate	56.9%	68.8%	22.2%	-46.6%

			April 2016 – June 2016	April 2016 – June 2016 (Positive)	
20	Number of Stop and Searches conducted (total)		138	57	
21	Number of Statutory Stop and Searches conducted		134	56	
22	Number of Consensual Stop and Searches conducted		4	1	
23	Number of Consensual Stop and Searches refused		0	-	
24	Number of seizures made		22	-	

An enhanced version of the National Stop and Search Database commenced on 1 June 2015. The enhanced database brought significant changes in the process of data capture and the methodology for recording data items. No previous year to date figures are provided as it has been recognised this data is not 100% accurate, therefore comparisons will provide misleading results or invalid conclusions. Management information and data in respect of stop and search can be found on the Police Scotland website via <http://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/police-scotland/stop-and-search-data-publication>

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Road Safety

The strategic priority for road safety is keeping people safe on the roads of Perth and Kinross.

Tragically there have been four fatalities over the reporting period, one pedestrian, one motorcyclist and two drivers all of which were separate incidents across the county.

Crieff Primary, St Dominic's Primary and Crieff High Schools all took part in a 'Crieff Day of Action' on 25th May 2016 to promote safe travel methods to school. The schools teamed up with representatives from Police Scotland and Perth & Kinross Council (PKC) to in a bid to come together to share information on road safety and promote safe active travel to school. The day was a great success with the children developing a road safety manifesto, radio advert, posters and watching a road safety magic show. The day is one of several responses from the Broich Road Safety Action Group Chaired by Police Scotland and attended by Perth and Kinross Council Roads Department, Education Services and local elected members to address safety concerns raised by the local community. The group has worked closely for several months to maximise the safety of Broich Road for users and pedestrians, particularly children walking to and from school along Broich Road. Work to improve road safety in the area is on going and this event no doubt will have gone a long way towards educating young people, in a relaxed and fun environment, on how to keep themselves safe when crossing roads and making their way to school.

Initial meetings have taken place between Perth and Kinross Council and Divisional Roads Policing Unit to review the strategic work being carried out across the county to ensure safety on our roads. This work will be developed over the forthcoming year.

Our Divisional Violence Reduction Unit have also been tasked to assist with road safety and to deny criminals the use of the roads. Between 24th and 25th June road speed checks and ANPR operations resulted in one vehicle being seized and one male being reported for no insurance. In addition one male was given a conditional offer for a speeding offence and 11 warnings were issued.

Following meetings held between Community Safety Inspector Chase, Sergeant Karen Harrison and Inspector Raymond Cuthill, community tasking regards to speeding and inconsiderate driving has targeted areas in Blairgowrie, Glendevon and Crieff. This initiative will monitor action and driver behaviour for the forthcoming periods and respond to emerging concerns from the community.

Agricultural vehicles, anti-social misuse of vehicles have been targeted in Blairgowrie across the reporting period in direct response from community concerns. As a result of these actions calls from the community have reduced.

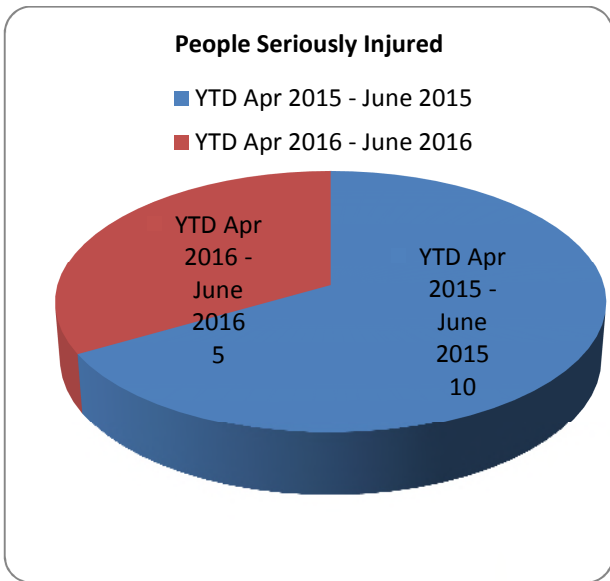
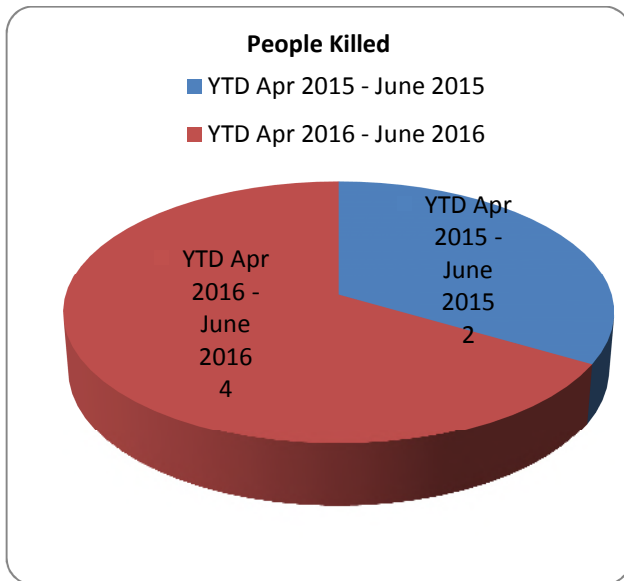
We have continued to support national campaigns for the period under review. There have been three Operation Zeniths run over weekends during the reporting period. This is an operation that has targeted motorcycle safety across the county looking at responsible motorcycling and driver behaviour with regards to motorcyclists. In April, 54 offences have been detected for Perth and Kinross in relation driver behaviour and road safety. A further operation was conducted between in May which also saw 59 similar offences uncovered.

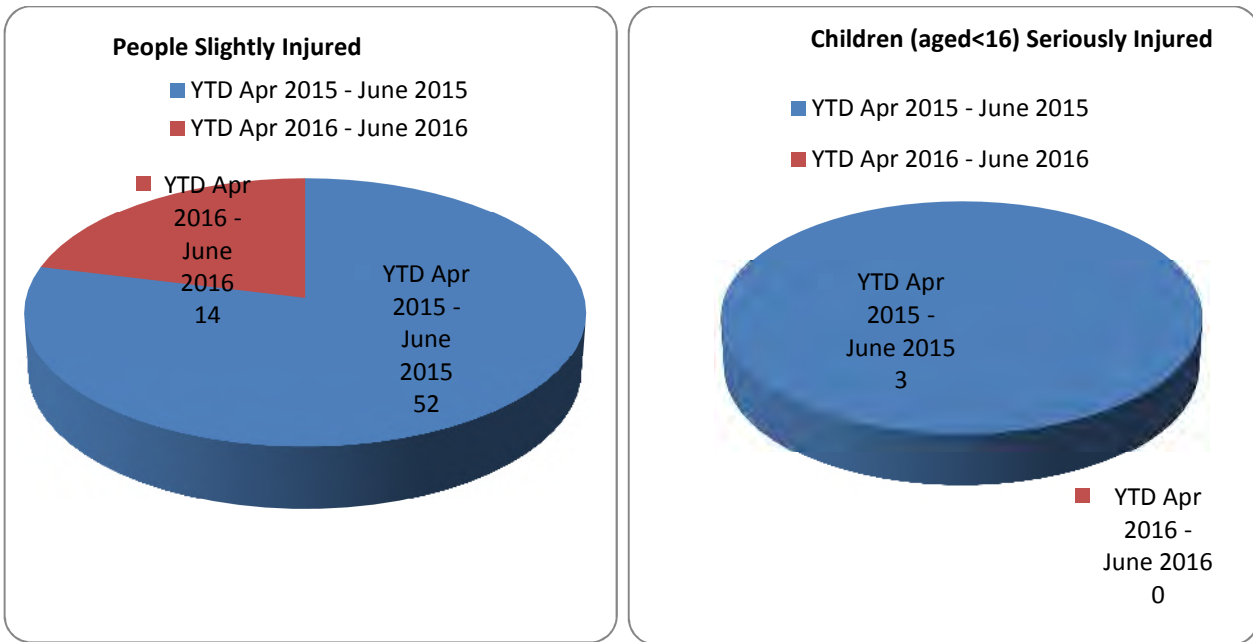
Operation Mermaid also targets the safety of coaches and buses on our roads and it is pleased to note that there were no significant concerns for the vehicles targeted or prohibitions issued during the operation.

Operation Trivium targets national offenders who target the roads in Perth and Kinross Council between the 16th and 20th May. As a result a disqualified driver was arrested for using his vehicle and subsequent checks revealed a significant drugs recovery from the vehicle.

Road Traffic Statistics

		5 year Average	Apr 2015– June 2015	Apr 2016– June 2016	% Change from last year
N/A	People Killed	-	2	4	100%
N/A	People Seriously Injured	-	10	5	-50.0%
N/A	People Slightly Injured	-	52	14	-73.1%
N/A	Children (aged<16) Killed	-	0	0	-
N/A	Children (aged<16) Seriously Injured	-	3	0	-100%
36	Dangerous driving	18.8	32	15	-53.1%
37	Speeding	512.2	530	366	-30.9%
38	Disqualified driving	8.2	18	22	22.2%
39	Driving Licence	53.0	74	63	-14.9%
40	Insurance	105.4	182	167	-8.2%
41	Seat Belts	50.8	37	9	-75.7%
42	Mobile Phone	96.0	120	75	-37.5%





Antisocial Behaviour

Anti social behaviour and its impact on communities remains a priority for Police Scotland. Working closely with our council and housing partners at the hub we continue to make early interventions where householders are identified as being involved in anti-social behaviour and have a range of measures in place to stop it and improve the quality of life for those previously affected. This has been evidenced with a recent ASBO application for a female resident within Letham who would not engage with partners to curb her behaviour.

Feedback received from partners in relation to anti social behaviour and risk taking behaviour by young people at South Inch and Moncrieffe Island. This has led to additional patrols by both the Community Team and also support from our Divisional Violence Reduction Unit.

As highlighted in the previous report, focussed activity has continued over this quarter in the the Kirkgate and Talla Park area of Kinross-shire regarding youth anti-social behaviour. This activity has been carried out by local officers and Perth and Kinross Community Wardens at weekends in particular on Friday evenings. On 22nd June local residents were visited and feedback was positive on the joint approach to date, residents appear reassured and the number of incidents reported has been of a low volume in recent weeks. This issue will continue to be monitored over the school summer holidays and the working group Chaired by Police Scotland and attended by Perth and Kinross Council Community Safety Department, Youth Services, Kinross High School and local elected members will reconvene after the

summer period to look at a proactive approach for Halloween, which saw several incidents of anti-social behaviour during Halloween in 2015.

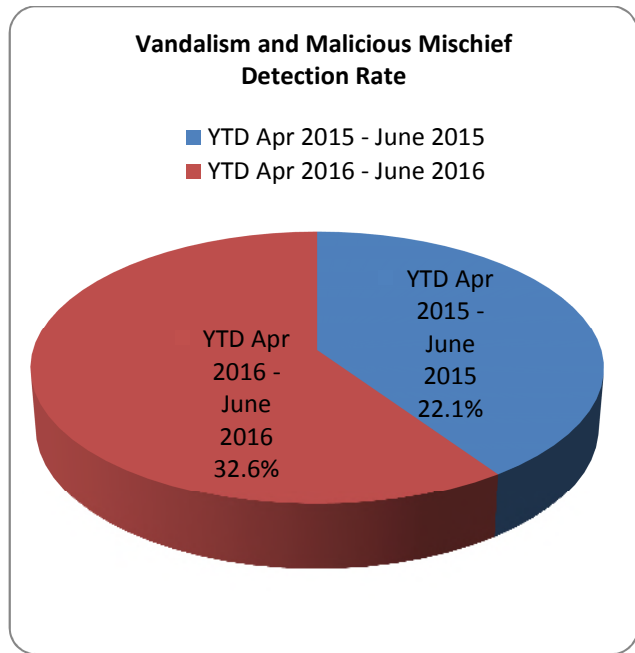
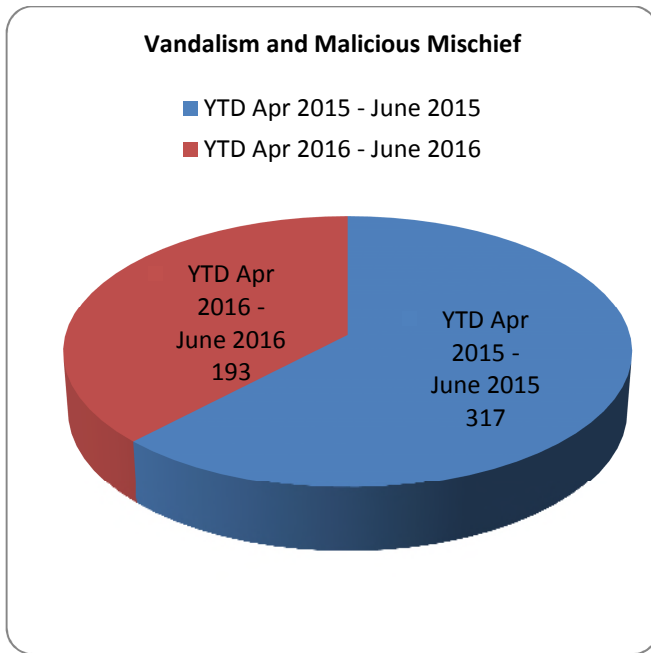
In June a partnership meeting was held concerning increased ASB at St Catherine’s Square in Perth including concerns over possible drug dealing and other concerns with regards to the residents. As a result plans are in place to provide a site for partners to work from accommodation within the Square and contact has been made with colleagues in the private sector to ensure work will be completed for the accommodation to be open for the residents.

Operation Ironworks is a dedicated national operation targeting anti social behaviour across lochs within the National Park. The operation has dedicated patrols on the South Loch Earn side of the loch and will continue to run during dedicated dates across the summer. For the period under review there has been no significant anti social behaviour to report for Perth and Kinross.

Local residents are encouraged to report any incidents at the time to Police Scotland via 101 or if in an emergency 999. Correspondence can also be sent to taysidekinross-shirecpt@scotland.pnn.police.uk. Perth and Kinross Council Safer Communities Team can also be contacted on 01738 476173.

Antisocial Behaviour

		5 year average	Apr 2015 – June 2015	Apr 2016 – June 2016	% Change from last year
12	Number of complaints regarding disorder	-	979	1214	24.0%
30	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief detection rate	32.9%	22.1%	32.6%	10.5%
31	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief	239.2	317	193	-39.1%
32	Number of detections for Consuming Alcohol in a designated place (where appropriate byelaws exist)	-	8	6	-25.0%



Major Events and Planning

We planned for major events within the county and provided advice in relation to T in The Park. The advice provided included the transportation route for the creation of the site and also for revellers who were attending.

Perth and Kinross Local Policing Area in conjunction with the National Farmers Union (NFU) held a multi-agency Rural Crime Event at the Huntingtower Hotel, Perth on Wednesday 11th May 2016. The event targeted the farming and agricultural community offering a full day of presentations and workshops from a variety of subjects including, livestock worrying, farm security, agricultural vehicle legislation, cable theft, farm related cybercrime and wildlife crime. Over 50 people attended the event with significant media coverage both locally and nationally with the BBC programme Landward filming the event. Extremely positive feedback was received from the attendees with the potential for another event to be held early in 2107.

We supported the Safe Taysiders event which took place at Perth Racecourse between Monday 16th and Wednesday 25th May. This event focused on safety for youngsters who are making the transition between Primary and Secondary education and led by our colleagues in the Fire and Rescue Service. Our inputs also included cyber crimes, stranger danger and other crime prevention advice for the children in attendance.

Blair Atholl horse trials takes place on the 25th August and we are planning our response for this event to ensure we engage with this community for this event. Likewise for the forthcoming Braemar Day on Saturday 3rd September.

Whilst TITP has now finished the community policing mailbox for the event remains open and enquiries can be sent to titpcommunityliaison@scotland.pnn.police.uk.

Theft, Housebreaking and Scams

Theft, housebreakings and scams continue to be a divisional priority and as such officers are tasked on a daily basis with deterrence patrols based on the latest intelligence. Three petrol stations were targeted across the first quarter and were the subject of housebreakings. As a result of the investigation three males have been reported to the Procurator Fiscal in relation to these crimes.

Our Community Investigation Unit led an examination of a crime series targeting retail premises within Perth. As a result of their work shoplifting to the value of £3,000 have been detected with several persons being reported to the Fiscal.

A small increase in crimes of theft in North Perthshire led to the Community Investigation Unit undertaking an investigation. As a result one male was reported for 8 crimes including sneak in thefts.

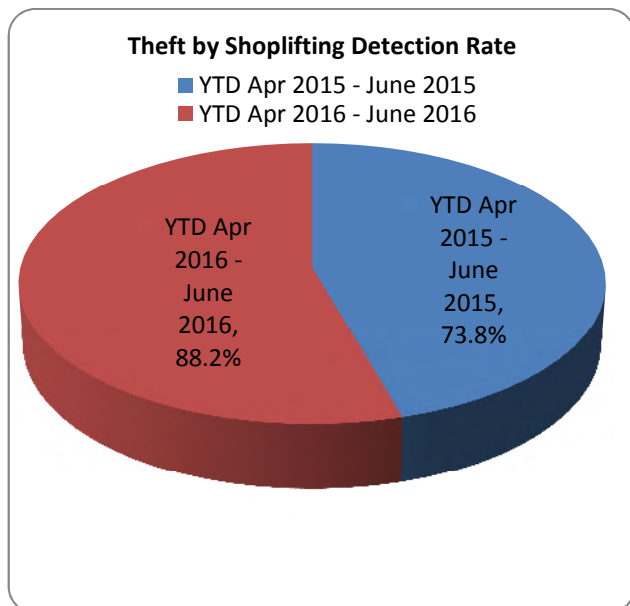
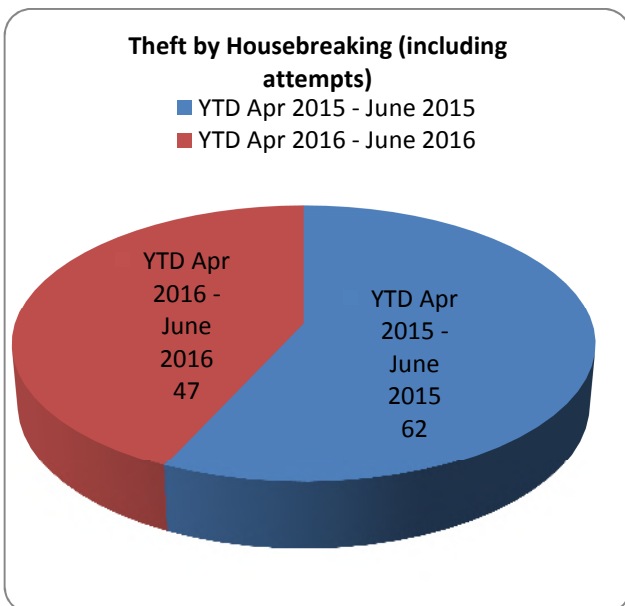
Bogus crimes continue to be a priority for Perth and Kinross LPA. In May a dedicated operation, Operation Monarda, took place across Tayside division to tackle these crimes and provide reassurance to victims. Crime prevention advice was provided from supermarkets across the county to ensure that residents were aware of the different type of scams currently being adopted by the criminal fraternity. The same operation also led to the arrest of a male who was responsible for 6 crimes within Perth and Kinross and 50 across Tayside division.

Operation Tigerclaw is D Division's response to a rural crime series in Perth and Kinross Local Policing Area and encompasses the prevention, intelligence and enforcement measures taken. It aims to identify and apprehend any persons

involved in the theft of trailers, quad bikes and other agricultural equipment within Perth and Kinross, particularly the hot spot area of Kinross-shire. It has also been used to identify possible associates or places used for the purposes of disposal of said trailers or other Plant and report any such persons to the Procurator Fiscal as well as for any other subsequently identified crimes they may be responsible for including road traffic offences and housebreakings. The theft of quad bikes and other agricultural equipment remains low.

The Perth and Kinross Local Policing Area supported financially by Safer Communities, Perth and Kinross Council have purchased a supply of SelectaDNA Rural Forensic Marking Kits for selling to local residents at a reduced cost price. This product will be available from Perth Police Station and is an excellent tool to be used on agricultural vehicles and tools particularly in isolated areas to help protect against theft. Each kit marks approximately 50 items with a unique synthetic DNA and uses warning labels to warn criminals that a property is protected. For further information please contact Community Co-ordinator Amanda Nicolson.

Housebreaking and Theft by Shoplifting					
		5 year average	Apr 2015– June 2015	Apr 2016– June 2016	% Change from last year
26	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts) detection rate	37.0%	38.7%	14.9%	-23.8%
27	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts)	75.6	62	47	-24.2%
28	Theft by shoplifting detection rate	84.4%	73.8%	88.2%	14.4%
29	Theft by shoplifting	130.4	122	135	10.7%



Community Engagement

All secondary schools in Perth as well as Perth College now have a dedicated community constable as a point of contact. This is a valuable resource as it means any issues identified by the school can be quickly identified and passed to a community officer who will provide help and support. Recent issues with regards to cybercrime targeting pupils led to partnership work between Police Scotland and Education Services to pass safety messages to all pupils across the schools.

We continue to support partnership working with the Syrian community who are resident within the county. This is leading to further work identified and a booklet focusing on "Scot's law" being produced for future residents as well as those who are currently residing in the county.

In May, the Police Scotland Youth Volunteers were launched in Perth and Kinross. The young people nominated will assist with community engagement at significant events including TITP and other local events once they have completed their training.

In early June, Inspector Chase and Sergeant Harrison attended a community engagement event in Aberfeldy with our colleagues in the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service. The event was held by local representatives and discussions were held with regards to the Local Policing Plan and a question and answer session was held whereby attendees posed questions to both Inspector Chase and Sergeant Harrison. The event also raised awareness of the Police Scotland community feedback tool for "Your View Counts".

In early June Sgt Ferguson and Constable Bell attended at the WRVS in Perth and gave a talk on internet safety/scams/cold callers to the assembled audience which was warmly received. Advice leaflets and helpline details were given out to those attending.

In June Sgt Ferguson attended the Communities Equalities Advisory Group (CEAG) where valuable inputs and insight were given by groups including Autism Initiative and also the PKAVS Mental Wellbeing HUB.

Closer links have also been forged between Balnacraig School and Police Scotland through a dedicated SPOC (Constable Steve McEwen) and regular visits by Community Safety Sergeants and Inspector Chase.

We are delighted that Perth and Kinross Community Watch has been shortlisted to receive a national Scottish Communities Award for Strengthening Community Engagement and Resilience. A lot of hard work has gone into creating this community messaging service, which has fostered a real partnership approach and showcases the collaborative approach Perth and Kinross takes to community service delivery. Over 1000 people have signed up already and that number continues to

grow. The award is a People's Choice Award and members of the public can vote at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PeoplesChoice16> in support of the project.

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	Almond and Earn			Blairgowrie and Glens			Carse of Gowrie			Highland		
	Rec	Det	%	Rec	Det	%	Rec	Det	%	Rec	Det	%
Groups 1-5	26	14	53.8%	75	27	36.0%	47	21	44.7%	62	14	22.6%
Overall Violent Crime	6	4	66.7%	11	7	63.6%	11	8	72.7%	13	6	46.2%
All Group 1	2	-	0.0	2	1	50.0%	2	2	100%	-	-	-
Murder/Attempt Murder	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Serious Assault	1	-	0.0	1	1	100%	1	1	100%	-	-	-
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Common Assault	5	4	80.0%	10	6	60.0%	10	7	70.0%	13	6	46.2%
Knives/Offensive Weapons	-	-	-	1	1	100%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Drugs Supply/Production	-	-	-	1	1	100%	2	1	50.0%	-	-	-
All Group 2	2	1	50.0%	2	-	0.0	5	4	80.0%	8	2	25.0%
Housebreaking	2	1	50.0%	2	-	0.0	3	1	33.3%	2	-	0.0
Shoplifting	5	4	80.0%	13	12	92.3%	2	-	0.0	2	-	0.0
	Kinross-shire			Perth City Centre			Perth City North			Perth City South		
	Rec	Det	%	Rec	Det	%	Rec	Det	%	Rec	Det	%
Groups 1-5	42	16	38.1%	354	249	70.3%	193	118	61.1%	79	41	51.9%
Overall Violent Crime	5	4	80.0%	92	76	82.6%	42	40	95.2%	13	11	84.6%
All Group 1	1	-	0.0	17	16	94.1%	4	5	125%	1	1	100%
Murder/Attempt Murder	-	-	-	1	1	100%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Serious Assault	-	-	-	13	12	92.3%	1	1	100%	1	1	100%
Robbery	-	-	-	1	1	100%	1	1	100%	-	-	-
Common Assault	5	4	80.0%	77	62	80.5%	40	38	95.0%	12	10	83.3%
Knives/Offensive Weapons	-	-	-	4	4	100%	1	1	100%	1	1	100%
Drugs Supply/Production	-	-	-	20	9	45.0%	4	4	100%	1	1	100%
All Group 2	1	-	0.0	18	14	77.8%	9	10	111.1%	3	3	100%
Housebreaking	4	1	25.0%	8	-	0.0	7	1	14.3%	3	-	0.0
Shoplifting	5	5	100%	63	65	103.2%	24	19	79.2%	12	8	66.7%
	Strathallan			Strathearn			Strathmore			Strathtay		
	Rec	Det	%	Rec	Det	%	Rec	Det	%	Rec	Det	%
Groups 1-5	43	10	23.3%	71	34	47.9%	70	24	34.3%	31	16	51.6%
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Murder/Attempt Murder	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Serious Assault	1	1	100%	2	2	100%	2	2	100%	-	-	-
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	100%	-	-	-
Common Assault	10	7	70.0%	14	9	64.3%	21	17	81.0%	14	10	71.4%
Knives/Offensive Weapons	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Drugs Supply/Production	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	100%	-	-	-
All Group 2	5	2	40.0%	17	15	88.2%	5	2	40.0%	2	1	50.0%
Housebreaking	3	-	0.0	3	-	0.0	7	-	0.0	2	3	150%
Shoplifting	-	-	-	4	1	25.0%	3	3	100%	1	1	100%

Contact Details

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