

## Police Scotland Update

### Youth Engagement

Our Youth Engagement Officer continues to make excellent progress with younger people in the area through engagement and education. This has included the start-up of the local Police Scotland Youth Volunteer Group in Helensburgh with 26 new youth volunteers with at least 25% being from a vulnerable background. Police Scotland, Helensburgh and Lomond Rotary, Ministry of Defence Police and Argyll and Bute Council worked together to highlight internet safety to young people across Helensburgh. All local primary received inputs and at the end of the sessions, young people were able to take part in the annual Rotary poster competition. School presentations on road safety and water safety have also been provided.

### Road Safety

The Helensburgh Drive Scot Free event has been arranged and advertised to take place on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April between 1030-1600hrs at Hermitage Academy. This event invites drivers and motorbike riders the chance to come along and further their road safety by developing safer driving techniques with a 1:1 assessor from the Institute of Advanced Motorists. The event is being kindly sponsored by Helensburgh Toyota making it possible to take place this year. No booking is required, simply turn up with your car or bike! Any sharing or promotion of this event would be most appreciated as we aim to make the roads around Helensburgh and Lomond safer. Work is currently ongoing to develop short information videos for anyone planning on towing a trailer, boat, caravan or horsebox this year following a change to driving licence requirements meaning individuals no longer have to sit a separate test for towing certain trailers. These will be launched shortly on our social media channels for watching and sharing.

**Drive or Ride Scot FREE Event**  
Hermitage Academy  
Helensburgh  
Sunday 23rd April 2023  
1030am 'til 4pm  
Last Road Session 3:15pm

- Aimed at ALL Driver and motorcycle riders
- Turn up with your car, motorcycle/scooter
- FREE Assessment ride/drive with an Institute of Advanced Motorists assessor
- Manoeuvrability session
- Increase your confidence & gain valuable advice

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## **Naloxone Roll Out**

The roll-out of Naloxone to our officers across Argyll and West Dunbartonshire is nearly complete. The intra-nasal sprays can reverse life-threatening opioid-related overdoses, and are being issued to all constables, sergeants and inspectors across Scotland to supplement their existing extensive first aid training. Nearly 450 officers now have access to these sprays carried in pouches for easy access. Officers complete an online course before receiving the first aid equipment. Since officers in Scotland started to carry Naloxone, it has been administered 128 times (correct as of 24/2/23), with positive outcomes on all but 5 of the incidents.