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ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22

SCSN is proud to host



CHAIR PERSON'S REMARKS



As the world recovers and evolves after the COVID-19 pandemic, so does the Scottish Community Safety Network and in 2021-22 I'm proud once again to have been on the SCSN Board – this year for the first time as Chair.

This report sets out a year of impressive success by SCSN, who continue to push the agenda on community safety in Scotland, delivering practical improvement in the sector as well as challenging thinking and influencing the community safety agenda at a national and even international level.

In our 25th anniversary year, Lorraine and the team have been a credit to the organisation, its members and the broader sector and I can confidently say that SCSN is in a stronger position than ever before to make a positive impact to community safety in Scotland.

I commend this report and hope you enjoy reading about all the fantastic work the organisation has done this year!

John Wood
SCSN Chair Person



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SOME WORDS FROM THE SCSN CHIEF OFFICER



I say it every year, and this year is no exception, the SCSN punches well above its weight! With a small staff team and national remit, we continue to see our reach and influence grow.

Of note in this report is the work we are leading with the Scottish Government on a new approach to Anti-Social Behaviour; our contribution to the development of new legislation on Fireworks and Pyrotechnics; our work to support the new measures on Dangerous Dogs. Of note also are our highly successful online sessions on issues including Hate Crime, participation, the climate crisis and ASB.

Our membership continues to grow and we have many new friends and contacts.

We took practical steps. We now work a 4 day week, with no loss of salary or benefits and we have evidence to show that has increased our wellbeing without detriment to our outcomes. We are leading the way on this and have influenced other organisations to consider doing the same. All of us are now using memberships of co-working spaces and can work from anywhere across Europe! Useful as we continue our influence internationally!

As usual, I must pay tribute to my colleagues and the SCSN board. They are outstanding! Thanks to our funders, members and supporters. I'm truly grateful.

Lorraine Gillies
SCSN Chief Officer



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ANNUAL REPORT VIDEO

We like to do our Annual Reports a little bit differently, so once again we've produced an Annual Report video for Youtube and Social Media!



The video communicates the big stuff of what we've been doing over this past year, with this accompanying document going into a bit more detail.

You can view the video on Youtube [here](#).

Please share far and wide on social media!

COMMUNICATIONS



11 Safety NETWORKS Newsletters published



10 Community Safety Media Monitors published

SCSN WEBSITE

33% increase in users
31% increase in page views

SOCIAL MEDIA



15% increase in followers & 33% increase in average weekly Reach



10% increase in page 'Likes'
21% increase in Reach



140% increase in followers



25 videos published, including numerous 'SCSN Conversations with...' interviews

1,600 video views worth 85 hours of viewing time



2021/22 HIGHLIGHTS

INFORMING



- We completed the final Measuring What Matters learning session with Evaluation Support Scotland & published case studies on our website
- We launched our 'Experiences & Perceptions of Community Safety' animation & published our final 'Experiences & Perceptions of Community Safety' research
- We held our AGM focussing on two themes, economic exploitation of under 18s and climate change & community safety
- We delivered presentations on community safety issues to students at the Universities of Strathclyde & West of Scotland

BRIEFING PAPERS

Vision for Justice
Hate Crime in Scotland: Current Context
Programme for Government 2021
Unintentional Harm and injury in the home
Economic Exploitation of Under 18s
What Works to Prevent Youth Violence



EVENTS

Policy Memos
Understanding Hate Crime in Scotland
Partnership working Pandemic Lessons, with Evaluation Support Scotland
Thinking about Climate Change and Community Safety
Causation Factors of unintentional harm in the Home: research launch



CHAMPIONING



- We submitted an abstract to the European Safety Conference on our 'Causation Factors of Unintentional Harm' research
- We published 'SCSN Conversations With' interviews with guests from across the community safety sector, including Aberlour Childrens Trust, the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA), professor Fergus McNeill of the Scottish Crime & Justice Research Centre & more
- We worked with Water Safety Scotland to gather 4 practice exemplars on water safety, shared on the BSC Online Hub
- We published a practice exemplar on Operation Moonbeam in North Ayrshire
- We regularly continued to share campaigns and work by partner organisations across our communications channels

ENGAGING



- We attended & contributed to BSC partner meetings, sharing work, best practice & information with our close partners & collaborators
- Chaired monthly CSP meetings for the leads in each local authority
- We continued to facilitate quarterly meetings of our Home Safety Scotland forum, helping to keep home safety on the agenda
- We supported the Community Wardens Network to re-establish its activities
- Regularly attended monthly Violence Against Women Network meetings
- We worked with SSPCA on their annual fireworks campaign as well as contributing to the work of the Fireworks Review Group
- We attended gold & silver meetings for Operation Moonbeam to discuss operational policing around bonfire night
- We partnered with Fearless to launch a successful campaign on anti social behaviour and young people
- We became official partners of Climate Scotland, supporting awareness raising around COP26 in Glasgow
- We re-initiated a UK wide community safety partnership meeting which now meets quarterly
- Met regularly with partners at Wheatley Group to exchange ideas - especially around anti social behaviour
- We remained active members of the Scottish Partnership Against Rural Crime (SPARC)
- We began work with partners at Community Justice Scotland on research exploring joint working arrangements between community safety & community justice
- Regularly attended the cross party group on accident prevention

INFLUENCING



- We brought together the community safety sector in Scotland to think about how the climate crisis will impact on community safety & develop solutions/resources
- We participated in the independent advisory group on technology in policing
- We supported and contributed to developing consultations, protocols and a new database on dangerous dogs
- We submitted and published 7 consultation responses - including on Covid recovery, the national strategy for community justice, police & victim support, the SFRS long term vision, police body worn cameras and the use & sale of fireworks in Scotland
- We published a public response to the UK Governments' contentious 'Beating Crime' plan
- We published several blogs on topics including Covid recovery, cyber security, climate anxiety & a 4 day work week
- We worked with a masters student at the University of Glasgow to publish a policy memo on community safety partnerships in Scotland
- We published our 'Manifesto for Safer Communities and Covid Recovery' for the Scottish local elections

A YEAR IN PICTURES

WELCOMES & FOND FAREWELLS

FOUR DAY WEEK

SCSN was already a forward thinking employer when it came to flexible working.

However, the Covid pandemic forced all of us to rethink and adjust to new ways of working in very quick time.

There was a lot of talk during the worst days of the pandemic about us rethinking not just how we work, but how we live, and what impact our work life has on our wellbeing - and on our environment.

In late 2021 SCSN began a 6 month pilot of a four day working week for our staff. We completed regular staff surveys throughout the pilot, with our senior national development officer writing a three part blog series.

The pilot ended in March 2022 and following appraisal of staff feedback, taking feedback from stakeholders, & discussion with our board, we officially became a four day week employer!

We believe that this will benefit our staff, our organisation and contribute to a positive impact on the environment.

You can find out more about our four day week pilot and research on our website at:

<https://www.safercommunitiesscotland.org/four-day-week-learning/>



In 2021/22 we said hello and goodbye to a number of faces. Ian Hanley stepped down as chair of the SCSN board in 2021, with John Wood stepping in to replace him. We also welcomed Stewart Prodger & Rebecca Evans to the board. We said goodbye to long serving board members Liz Lumsden & Patricia Spacey, as well as Karen Moir & Linda Jones.

We appointed Sandra Black as the full time Business Support Officer, and Dave Shea as our Senior National Development Officer.

THANK YOU



Thank you to the SCSN board for their ongoing guidance and support, and to our membership and partners and stakeholders across Scotland for their interest and collaboration.

We'd also like to thank the SCSN staff team for another year of fantastic work helping to inform, engage, champion and influence across the community safety sector.



SCSN ACCOUNTS 2021/22

The Scottish Community Safety Network

Statement of Financial Activities

(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account) for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

		Unrestricted	Restricted	2022	2021
		funds	funds	Total	Total
	Notes	£	£	£	£
		funds	funds	funds	funds
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	10,500	244,462	254,962	260,125
Investment income	3	-	6	6	31
Other income	4	-	4,000	4,000	4,000
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Total		10,500	248,468	258,968	264,156
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	5				
Development, promotion and education of Community Safety practice		2,098	259,006	261,104	245,610
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		8,402	(10,538)	(2,136)	18,546
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		97,794	10,538	108,332	89,786
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TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>106,196</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>106,196</u>	<u>108,332</u>



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