

ANNUAL REPORT 2024 - 2025



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*Delivering a Safer Gibraltar
through Excellence in Policing*



This report assesses how the RGP has delivered and performed against the demands outlined in the Annual Policing Plan for the year 2024-2025.

The Annual Policing Plan is produced to ensure that the RGP continues to work towards improving the service it provides to the community it serves. The last Annual Policing Plan identified six key priorities as objectives for the year in review, outlined below in no particular order:

1. A Safer Gibraltar

2. Working for Our Community

3. Safeguarding Our Vulnerable

4. Reducing the Harm Caused by Drugs

5. Reducing Financial & Acquisitive Crime

6. Transforming & Developing Our Service



It is my pleasure to present this Annual Policing Report for the year 2024-2025. This report covers the year up to March 2025, though my comments will also refer to some more recent developments. I was appointed Chair of Gibraltar Police Authority ("GPA") by His Excellency the Governor, with effect from 1st August 2024. This report, therefore, is the first report covering a year during which I have had the privilege to be Chairman for most of this period.

This last year has seen significant changes and developments. I would like to start by warmly thanking Edgar Lavarello, Julio Alcantara and Ernest Gomez for their many years of valuable service to the GPA. These dedicated members stood down in the latter part of this year, but their contribution and legacy will be long-lasting. We wish them every success and good fortune in the years ahead.

In accordance with the requirements of the Police Act, the Governor (acting on the advice of the Public Service Commission from persons approved by the Governor and the Chief Minister) appointed Nyreen Llamas, Ruth Massias Greenberg and Moe Cohen as new Authority members to hold office for three years. We warmly welcome our new members and are grateful for the enthusiasm and vigour they have brought to their role. I have no doubt that they will provide fresh impetus to the workings of the GPA.

This year witnessed the appointment of a new Commissioner of Police. For the first time in many years, we have an appointment from outside Gibraltar, following a thorough and robust selection process. Commissioner Owain Richards' background makes him exceptionally well qualified to lead the RGP and to advance the process of reform and modernisation. We formally welcome Mr Richards to Gibraltar and will continue to work with him, senior management and all ranks within the RGP to improve the service offered to our community. During this period, our former Commissioner, Richard Ullger and Assistant Commissioner, Cathal Yates retired. Each have devoted many years of committed and tireless service to the RGP and our community. On behalf of all at the Authority, I want to express our sincere appreciation to them both for many years of professionalism and shouldering of such considerable responsibilities.

The year ahead will again prove to be busy and raise significant challenges. We are gaining a clearer idea of how the new EU Treaty will impact law enforcement in Gibraltar. In particular the complete mobility of people and goods across our land frontier will very fundamentally alter how we monitor access to, and from Gibraltar, and the resources and technology we will need to keep Gibraltar safe and secure. Considerable work is being undertaken to prepare for this scenario. We are, therefore, closely collaborating with the RGP and other relevant stakeholders to argue for the required capital and other investment necessary to protect, and indeed enhance, the safety and security of our community. In seeking to discharge our statutory duties in this respect, we look forward to continuing engagement with His Excellency the Governor, the Government of Gibraltar (principally the Chief Minister and Minister of Justice), the Gibraltar Police Federation and the general public, in addition to ongoing and frequent contact with the RGP.

As publicly announced, a process has been launched (led by a Steering Group co-chaired by the Governor and Chief Minister) on Police Governance Reform. It is very clear there are aspects of the Police Act 2006 that require revision and modernisation. These arise from the reality that the Act is twenty years old, law enforcement has become increasingly complicated, and we face a truly serious challenge as a small community to operate at the highest level of best UK and international standards. Consultation on any future reform should be as wide as possible. It is important any changes should have as broad a base of support as we can possibly achieve, given the huge significance of effective law enforcement and public trust in our governance regime. Any changes should fit the preferences, priorities and traditions of our community.

From what has been placed in the public domain, it is likely the McGrail Inquiry report will be published in the near future. It seems most likely the report will have something to say on the present law enforcement and governance arrangements. The GPA will clearly take very close heed of any outcomes and recommendations which are relevant to our work and the governance reform we are embarked upon.

It would be remiss of me not to publicly thank all the other members of the GPA. As previously pointed out, each individual gives of their time on an entirely voluntary basis. Whilst I applaud them all for their individual contribution, the work of Frank Carreras and his team in the Police Complaints Board deserves a special mention, given the number of queries they deal with. We shall be looking at how police complaints are handled as part of the police governance review. We believe improvements and efficiencies can be introduced, to produce better and swifter responses to any aggrieved complainant.

Finally, I would like to thank each and every member of the Royal Gibraltar Police for their continued work and dedication over this period. Every officer helps to keep us safe, day in and day out. Collectively, they are a vital component in upholding the rule of law which we so cherish. Under the leadership of a new Commissioner (and the recently appointed Assistant Commissioner, Mark Wyan) there is scope for greater Community engagement and improving outcomes.

Peter Montegriffo KC
Chairman
Gibraltar Police Authority



Commissioner of Police

It is with great pride that I present this Annual Report for the Royal Gibraltar Police (RGP) for the year 2024–2025. This report reflects the tireless efforts of our officers and staff over the past year, and it marks the beginning of a new chapter for the RGP—one that builds on the foundations laid by my predecessor, Commissioner Richard Ullger, and embraces the evolving needs of our community. I extend my thanks to Commissioner Ullger for his leadership and dedication, and I wish him well in his retirement.

A Safer Gibraltar for All

My foremost priority as Commissioner is to ensure that Gibraltar remains a safe and secure place for everyone—whether you live here, work here, or are visiting our beautiful community. Safety is not just the absence of crime; it is the presence of trust, reassurance, and visible policing that reflects the values of the people we serve. This year's report highlights our continued focus on key areas of concern, including domestic abuse, violence against women and girls, drug-related crime, financial and cyber-enabled offences, and road safety. These are not just statistics—they represent real lives impacted by crime, and our response must be both compassionate and resolute.

We have made significant strides in safeguarding the vulnerable, bearing down on offenders who commit crime, and enhancing our response to Economic Crime. Our work with international partners, including Interpol and UK policing networks, and ongoing cross-border operational and intelligence-sharing relationships with Spanish law enforcement, has strengthened our ability to tackle transnational threats and protect Gibraltar's borders and infrastructure.

Investing in Our People

Policing is a people-centred profession, and our greatest asset is our workforce. I am committed to investing in the development, wellbeing, and leadership of our officers and staff. This year, we have expanded training opportunities, introduced new leadership programmes, and continued to recruit individuals who reflect the diversity and values of our community. From the successful passing-out parade of new recruits to the international training undertaken by our officers in Abu Dhabi, we are building a service that is skilled, resilient, and ready to meet the challenges of modern policing. Initiatives such as the Trauma Risk Management (TRiM) programme and our focus on officer wellbeing demonstrate our commitment to supporting those who serve. We are also proud of the achievements of our officers outside of traditional policing roles—from charity fundraising and community engagement to sporting excellence and international representation. These stories reflect the character and dedication of the RGP family.

Working Together with Our Community and Partners

Policing cannot be done in isolation. It requires strong partnerships, open communication, and a shared commitment to public safety. Over the past year, we have deepened our collaboration with key stakeholders, including the Gibraltar Police Authority, HM Government of Gibraltar, the Gibraltar Defence Police, the Care Agency, the Department of Education, and many others. Our efforts have focused on building trust, addressing anti-social behaviour, and engaging with residents across Gibraltar. Initiatives such as Operation Emerald, our Christmas Drink Drive Campaign, and our work with housing estates demonstrate our proactive approach to community concerns. We have also strengthened our ties with international policing bodies through twinning arrangements, participation in global conferences, and joint operations. These relationships enhance our capabilities and ensure that Gibraltar remains a respected and active contributor to global law enforcement efforts.

Transparency, Accountability, and Ethical Policing

As Commissioner, I am committed to upholding the highest standards of integrity, transparency, and accountability. Our crime recording practices, use of stop and search powers, and engagement with the public are guided by clear policies and ethical frameworks. We continue to monitor our performance, listen to feedback, and adapt our strategies to meet the needs of our community. The data presented in this report provides insight into our operational effectiveness, areas for improvement, and the impact of our work. While detection rates and enforcement outcomes are important, they must be understood in the context of our broader mission—to serve and protect with fairness, professionalism, and compassion.

Looking Ahead

The year ahead presents both opportunities and challenges. The outcome of the Gibraltar EU/UK Treaty negotiations, the Public Inquiry, evolving threat landscape, and the expectations of our community will shape our priorities and actions. We must remain agile, forward-thinking, and united in our purpose. My vision for the RGP is one of continuous improvement, innovation, and inclusivity. I want us to invest in technology, enhance our investigative capabilities, and embrace new approaches to crime prevention and community engagement. We will also work to ensure that our organisation reflects the values of equality, diversity, and respect—both within our ranks and in our interactions with the public.

A Personal Commitment

Having served in policing for nearly three decades across two forces, I bring with me a wealth of experience in safeguarding, community policing, and strategic leadership. But more importantly, I bring a personal commitment to the people of Gibraltar—to listen, to lead, and to serve. I am inspired by the dedication of our officers, the resilience of our community, and the support of our partners. Together, we will continue to build a safer, stronger Gibraltar. In closing, I extend my heartfelt thanks to every member of the Royal Gibraltar Police, our partners, and the public. Your trust, support, and collaboration are the foundation of our success. Let us move forward together—with purpose, with pride, and with a shared commitment to excellence in policing.



RGP and GDP recruits on their passing out parade awaiting inspection in the presence of local dignitaries, families and friends at their passing-out parade in March 2025.



Owain Richards - Commissioner

Commissioner Richards' career in policing spans almost 30 years across two police forces. He began his career with Dyfed-Powys Police in Wales in 1996, serving in both uniform and detective roles within small communities up to Inspector level. In 2015, he transferred to the Metropolitan Police Service, starting his London career in Wandsworth Borough where he led the Proactive Crime Team and delivered improved multi-agency response to gangs, child sexual abuse and knife crime.

As a Detective Chief Inspector for Barnet Borough in 2016 he focused on reducing high levels of knife crime affecting young people. Mr. Richards returned to South-West London in 2018 as a Detective Superintendent and Head of Safeguarding for a four borough Basic Command Unit (BCU) and achieved recognition as chair of the Kingston-Richmond Local Safeguarding Children's Board.

In 2021 as Chief Superintendent, Mr. Richards led Central West BCU, one of the largest local policing commands in the UK covering the London Boroughs of Westminster, Hammersmith & Fulham, and Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea, with over 2000 officers and staff, focusing on improving culture, crime and criminal justice performance and stronger partnerships. In this capacity he contributed to a more effective public realm CCTV strategy in Westminster, championed a diversity mentoring exchange scheme with Westminster City Council and held Pan London functions as the community policing lead for the Afghanistan resettlement programme in London.

In February 2023 Mr. Richards joined the Met's Executive Leadership Team as a Chief Officer – Commander, with responsibility for frontline policing where he led the local policing response to community tensions and hate crime arising from the Israel/Hamas conflict, as well as spearheading the Met's response to a surge in organised smartphone crime as part of his overall responsibility for Serious and Organised Acquisitive Crime.

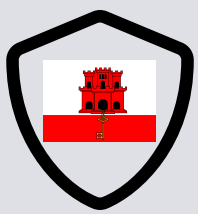
As Commissioner of the Royal Gibraltar Police his focus is on keeping Gibraltar safe for all who live, work and visit here, and working with officers, staff, and partners to achieve that goal. He is committed to strengthening community relationships, developing partnerships with other agencies, tackling crime, and ensuring the highest standards of integrity and service to the public.

Mr. Richards holds a Master's degree in Applied Criminology and Police Management from the University of Cambridge. Outside of policing, he enjoys running, cycling, supporting Welsh rugby and outdoor activities with his family.

4 Policing Priorities 24-25: Overview

The priorities that underpin the Annual Policing Plan (APP) for 2024-25, the first year of Gibraltar’s 3-year policing plan for the period 2024-2027, were set in consultation with the Royal Gibraltar Police. Together with the RGP, we assessed the various risks and threats affecting Gibraltar and considered the level of harm each presented and the likelihood and impact of these occurring. These priorities were reassessed at the end of the last policing year (31st March 2024) in conjunction with the results of our annual public consultation survey and a number of RGP threat and risk assessments, to ensure our priorities remained accurate and relevant for the coming year. The Policing Plan draws heavily on the experiences of the public and victims of crime during our engagement and consultation survey. The plan aims to put those views and interests at the heart of policing and set out the main priorities for action over the following policing year, reflecting upon what the public have told us needs to happen to increase their feelings of safety as well as reduce their fear of crime.





A Safer Gibraltar

The RGP will maintain its stance of building partnerships to both monitor and identify current and emerging security threats, whilst reinforcing community engagement.

These actions will seek to safeguard a secure and resilient Gibraltar, by delivering protection to our community, infrastructure and thus our economy.





Working For Our Community

The RGP will continue to engage with stakeholders and our community to understand their policing needs.

They will continue to build community partnerships to address concerns regarding anti-social behaviour, road safety and cyber-crime.





Safeguarding Our Vulnerable

The RGP will ensure a strategic and coordinated allocation of responsibilities with key partner agencies in identifying and supporting the most vulnerable in society.

They will strive to reduce the harm caused by Domestic Abuse (DA) and reduce violence against women and girls (VAWG) by taking positive action and working with key stakeholders to identify new ways to protect all those in vulnerable positions.





Reducing the Harm Caused by Drugs

Our community continues to have grave concerns relating to drug related crime. The RGP will continually review their strategies to combat drug related crime through enforcement, education and awareness actions in conjunction with key strategic partners.

The RGP will show determination in detecting and deterring those involved in drugs supply and misuse, as well as supporting those who misuse drugs to find support to curtail dependency. The RGP will also seek to take the profit out of drugs trafficking through the improved use of relevant legislation.





Reducing Financial & Acquisitive Crime

The RGP will continue to work towards strengthening their capability to disrupt, prevent and robustly investigate Financial and Acquisitive Crime, including cyber-enabled acquisitive crime and target those responsible for burglaries.

The RGP will use all powers available to it to identify and confiscate assets derived from crime.



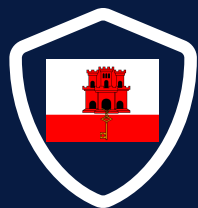


Transforming & Developing Our Service

In order to achieve the vision of 'Delivering a Safer Gibraltar through Excellence in Policing' the RGP is committed to developing its officers as leaders, both within the service and the greater community as a whole thereby improving the service from within.

They will continue to cooperate with partners and stakeholders in order to react to exterior challenges. In doing so, the RGP will endeavour to develop the police service for the public.



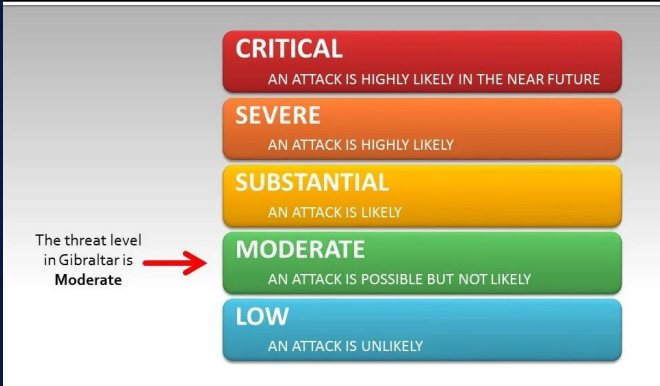


Objectives & Activities



- Supporting the HMGoG Office of Civil Contingencies to develop Gibraltar’s capability and capacity in line with the priorities of the National Risk Register (NRR) by mitigating risks through deliverable projects and operations.
- Proactive deployment of armed resources.
- Deploying Project Servator officers trained to deter, detect and disrupt terrorism as well as other criminal activity, while providing a reassuring presence for members of our community and visitors to Gibraltar.
- Improving our ongoing collaborative intelligence work with our partners within the UK Counter Terrorism Policing network, the UK Intelligence Community, local, regional and international partners, whilst outlining a framework for Overseas Assistance Requests in the event of a terrorist incident.

Terrorist Threat Level



- Working with key strategic partners in strengthening our borders, providing protective measures and solutions in securing critical national infrastructure and most importantly offering protection to the people from harm.



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Outcomes



- Operation Avalon provides 24/7 Armed Policing Patrol cover supported by armed Gibraltar Defence Police Officers across key locations across Gibraltar.
- A further cohort of officers were given specialist training this year and went on to join the Project Servator Team upon completion of the course. During the last policing year the RGP has worked alongside key partner agencies on these unpredictable deployments, which include plain clothes officers and high visibility teams. This year’s deployments also included a presence during all Public and Military events.
- During the last policing year the RGP Counter Terrorism Security Advisor (CTSA), has embarked on further training with the National Counter Terrorism Security Office (NaCTSO) qualifying in Action Counters Terrorism (ACT) presentation deliverance and skills. The CTSA also completed a See Check and Notify operational trainer’s course (SCaN) which will enable the RGP to help key businesses and organisations maximise safety and security using their existing resources.
- As part of the RGP’s objective to strengthen and secure our borders, RGP SB officers have a constant coverage of all Gibraltar entry points. This task is carried out in collaboration with our key partners mainly BCA and HM Customs and by liaising with international and regional partners by way information sharing.
- The RGP have continued to work with regional partners tackling illegal migration and serious and organised crime. Effective intelligence sharing has led to the detection and arrest of various persons including subjects wanted under Interpol notices. During the last Policing year, a total number of 54 persons deemed as non-bonafide visitors were denied entry into Gibraltar.



French Man arrested under Interpol Red Notice

As part of the RGP's objective to strengthen and secure our borders, RGP Special Branch officers have a constant coverage of all Gibraltar entry points. This task is carried out in collaboration with our key partners including BCA and HM Customs and by liaising with international and regional partners by way of information sharing.

During early 2024, a French man arose the suspicion of RGP SB officers due to irregular travel patterns in and out of Gibraltar. As a result of this, further enquiries were conducted with partner agencies to try and find out more information on the subject.

In August 2024, RGP SB noticed that National Crime Bureau Paris issued an Interpol Red Notice for his arrest as he was implicated in the possession, transportation and selling of cannabis resin. RGP SB officers kept monitoring Gibraltar entry points in an effort to detect and arrest the subject on the Interpol Red Notice.

On the 27th October 2024, RGP SB were covering the Ferry Terminal when they spotted the subject arriving to Gibraltar on board the ferry from Morocco. Officers promptly intercepted the subject and informed him of his arrest on the strength of the Interpol Red Notice. The subject was arrested as per the extradition act and put before the courts for his extradition to France.

The RGP SB, in collaboration with OCPL and other international partners, coordinated all the necessary arrangements to extradite the subject to France. In November 2024, the subject was finally handed over to the custody of French authorities.



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Fake Seafarers Arrested Attempting to Subvert Immigration Rules

In February 2025, close cooperation between the Borders & Coastguard Agency, Special Branch and the Civil Status and Registration Office uncovered an extremely well planned and organised deception to facilitate illegal migration to the UK and Europe.

5 Nigerian nationals purporting to be seafarers to join a vessel in Gibraltar travelled through the airport and took up accommodation in the centre of town.

In fact, all of these individuals had employed the services of an organised criminal network who provided a wealth of documentation to deceive immigration officials to accept them as genuine seafarers, but all of it was falsely generated to aid the deception and allow them passage into Gibraltar. Once in Gibraltar, they would either try and illegally enter the Schengen Zone or fly back to the UK and claim that their vessel wasn't yet in port and subsequently disappear. None of the individuals knew each other before their travel from Nigeria to Gibraltar.

However, down to the diligence of the BCA officer on duty at the time, who'd noticed that a seafarer exiting Gibraltar after being here for one day was out of the ordinary, raised this to Special Branch officers who made further enquiries. It was established that the letter of guarantee in their possession, a document provided by a local shipping agent who assists them with logistics and services, had been fraudulently produced.

The Nigerian national identified at the airport was subsequently arrested and his four travelling companions were quickly located in the Hostel near Casemates. Two attempted to escape with one quickly caught and the second, after hiding for 15-20 minutes, gave himself up as he realised his capture was inevitable as Response Team and Traffic Officers came to assist Special Branch in locating him.

In collaboration with the team at CSRO it was identified the extent of the deception to obtain visas for the individuals with a plethora of documents, all fabricated, to aid in the deception. The documents included health and safety certificates, oil spill management certificates, identity cards to a fake company, Seafarers' books with employment dates and conduct reports as well as many other items. The fake company, A and S Maritime & Tours even had a professional looking website which was quickly taken down once the 5 were arrested.

In addition, it was confirmed that there were 12 names in total on the letter of guarantee and that two more were boarding a flight from London Heathrow to Gibraltar whilst the five were being arrested and processed. These two were met on their arrival to Gibraltar, refused entry and returned to the UK for the authorities to deal with. A further five were stopped by the UK authorities prior to boarding a flight to Gibraltar after being informed of the situation.





RGP Officer at Interpol Conference

In November 2024 an RGP officer participated in the largest gathering of senior law enforcement officials in the world – Interpol’s 92nd General Assembly in Glasgow.

Detective Sergeant Stuart Manfred, who works in Gibraltar’s Interpol Branch, joined 1,000 attendees from 190 countries for the four-day international event in Scotland.

The event was opened by UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer, who highlighted the need for international police cooperation to combat organised crime.

The General Assembly is the governing body of Interpol. It meets annually with representatives from each country to discuss international policing.



Those attending included criminology experts, police chiefs and senior ministry officials, who aim to reduce criminal activity worldwide.

Some of the topics discussed were biometric frontline capabilities and being able to identify criminals and terrorists to stop them from crossing international borders.

Attendees also discussed artificial intelligence and its potential in doing administrative tasks for police forces.

DS Manfred, who also spent a day discussing working practices with British Overseas Territories including Anguilla, Bermuda, Turks & Caicos, Montserrat and the British Virgin Islands, said: “Whilst being a small jurisdiction, Gibraltar has to remain vigilant and be constantly aware of the risk of transnational criminality. Global crimes such as drug and human trafficking, cybercrime and money laundering have a significant impact on people's lives and events such as this give law enforcement partners the opportunity to collaborate and build working relationships.

“Only in the last month was a suspect arrested in Gibraltar after Interpol systems flagged that they were wanted in France, proving that the system works. Gibraltar will never be a safe haven for criminality and it is essential that we remain a cog in the global fight against crime and terrorism.”



Gibraltar Steps up Fight against International Crime

Gibraltar has joined a new Interpol scheme to help trace and recover criminal assets from international crime groups.

The “Silver Notice” was launched in January 2025 and will help countries share alerts and worldwide requests for information.

This tool will also allow Gibraltar to identify criminal assets held in other countries and identify locally held assets on the Rock linked to criminality in other jurisdictions.

Gibraltar’s Interpol Sub Bureau joined 51 other countries and territories in the pilot scheme, which runs until November this year.

The Rock’s Interpol office is based within the Gibraltar Co-ordinating Centre for Criminal Intelligence and Drugs (GCID), for which the RGP has overall responsibility.

The RGP will now be able to request information on assets linked to a person’s criminal activities such as fraud, corruption, drug trafficking, environmental crime and other serious offences. It can help us locate, identify and obtain information about laundered assets including properties, vehicles, financial accounts and businesses. We are proud to have joined this scheme and play a part in combatting international crime and making the world a safer place.”





Project Servator Officers from London & North Yorkshire team up with RGP

The officers, who are from the team responsible for leading Project Servator across the UK and Gibraltar, were on the Rock in October 2024 to deliver specialist tactical training to 12 Royal Gibraltar Police officers.

Project Servator is a policing tactic used to disrupt a wide range of criminal activity, including terrorism, while providing a reassuring presence for the public. First introduced into British policing in 2014, it has since been adopted by 27 UK police forces, including the RGP in June 2018.

Project Servator officers are specially-trained to spot tell-tale signs that someone may be carrying out hostile reconnaissance – information gathering that may help them plan or prepare to commit a crime. Working together, teams pop up in areas on highly visible and unpredictable deployments to disrupt criminal behaviour, identify criminal intent and reassure the public.

Although Project Servator deployments are different to normal police operations, if you see one, there's nothing to worry about. They are designed to be unpredictable and can happen anywhere at any time.

All twelve RGP officers passed the intensive week-long course, which included written and practical assessments, as well as high-visibility patrols each day.

This latest training is being delivered by Police Sergeant Dan Tulloch and Police Constable Steve Davis from the National Project Servator Team, and PC Andy Thompson from North Yorkshire Police.

PS Tulloch said: "Project Servator is really important in a place like Gibraltar. It's essential that officers here are upskilled and keep up to date with UK policing tactics. It's all about being proactive, not reactive, using a range of police resources to disrupt those with criminal intent.

"Project Servator officers are trained to spot the tell-tale signs of criminality. It's about training officers to be vigilant and encouraging members of the community to report suspicious behaviour to us."

Superintendent Paul Chipolina, who coordinates Project Servator activity in the RGP, said: "Our officers continue to receive specialist training throughout the year, enabling the RGP to continue with intelligence-led and unpredictable police deployments to disrupt criminality and terrorism.

"Each of us has a part to play in keeping Gibraltar safe, by being alert not alarmed, trusting our instincts and reporting anything that doesn't feel right to security staff or a police officer, whether in person, online or by calling 999 in an emergency."

You have a vital role to play in helping RGP by reporting anything that doesn't feel right, for example an unattended item or someone acting suspiciously. Report suspicious activity immediately to police on 200 72500 or 999 in an emergency.

For more information on this policing tactic visit: <http://www.police.gi/information/counter-terrorism/project-servator>





Objectives & Activities



Anti-Social Behaviour

- Enhance effective neighbourhood policing capabilities.
- Engaging with community groups and partners to identify and address ASB concerns of individuals and groups.
- Tackling anti-social behaviour with a zero tolerance stance. Providing a visible policing presence in key areas and at key times.

Roads Safety

- Proactively targeting persistent offenders who cause danger to themselves and other road users, by pursuing a zero-tolerance approach to all traffic offences, but particularly speeding, dangerous driving and driving whilst under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Conducting awareness campaigns, including campaigns within schools focusing on Year 12 students, about the dangers and responsibility of using the road network, in order to educate both current and future road users. Working closely with the DVLD to ensure that vehicles are road worthy and safe for use on the road network.

Cyber Safety

Working closely with partner agencies and stakeholders, including schools, to educate people on the dangers and consequences of cyber enabled or related crimes.



Outcomes

Anti-Social Behaviour

- To strengthen neighbourhood policing, the Roads Policing Unit has been combined with the Community Policing Team, with officer numbers increased and plans to expand further next year. This restructuring has enabled the formation of two teams working extended shifts, providing seven-day coverage. This enhanced structure ensures a stronger, more consistent presence across neighbourhoods and quicker responses to emerging anti-social behaviour.
- Each housing estate now has a designated officer acting as a single point of contact, improving communication between residents, partner agencies, and the police. Reports of anti-social behaviour are fed into the Response Teams to be assessed and actioned, ensuring that local concerns are prioritised. RGP supervisors are also conducting estate visits to meet residents, discuss issues first-hand, and strengthen community relationships.
- Through an intelligence-led approach, officers target problem areas and times where anti-social behaviour is most prevalent. The increased number of officers and extended coverage allows for a consistent, visible policing presence, reinforcing the zero-tolerance stance and reassuring communities that anti-social behaviour will be addressed promptly and effectively.

Roads Safety

- The RGP has maintained a zero-tolerance stance towards road traffic offences, focusing on speeding, dangerous driving, and driving under the influence. The Roads Policing Unit recorded 319 speeding offences, 18 drink/drug driving cases, and 24 dangerous driving prosecutions, supported by 24/7 response teams. The introduction of the Driving Licence Penalty Points system and stronger support from the Magistrates Court have reinforced accountability, with persistent offenders now facing disqualifications and stricter penalties.
- In line with the objective to educate current and future road users, the RGP has conducted awareness campaigns — including the annual Christmas Drink Driving Campaign with HMGoG — and strengthened collaboration with the DVLD. This partnership has enabled shared legislative updates, ad-hoc MOT checks, and improvements to PSV driver processes. While serious injury collisions have risen, the RGP continues to prioritise education initiatives, particularly in schools, to promote safer driving and reinforce personal responsibility on Gibraltar's busy road network.

Cyber Safety

- Cybercrime remains a concern for the public, thus the RGP continues engaging with school children and the wider community to provide education on the issues of cyber-bullying and other types of cybercrime. This forms part of a wider cyber awareness programme aimed at business community and the general public, in association with the UK's Get Safer Online.





Christmas Drink Drive Campaign Launch

In December 2024, officers from the RGP's Roads Policing Unit launched the Christmas Drink Drive Campaign.

The initiative saw an increased number of officers on the roads during the festive season, targeting those who get behind the wheel under the influence of alcohol and drugs.

The aim of the campaign was to help keep the Rock's roads safer during the festive period.

Officers carried out extra patrols along with proactive operations and roadside checks at different times, including early morning operations, when drivers could still be impaired from celebrations the night before.

Inspector (Ag) Daniel Ruffle, of the Roads Policing Unit, said: "In the run up to Christmas, Gibraltar traditionally sees an increase in drink driving offences. So our officers were out in force over the festive season, looking out for the tell-tale signs of drink-driving, to make sure everyone makes it home for Christmas.

It was not our intention to stop people from having fun, but to keep our community and roads safer throughout December to ensure everyone got home safely to enjoy the festive season with family and friends.

Although many people are responsible on our roads, there are still some who insist on getting behind the wheel after drinking alcohol or taking drugs.

Rush Hour Speeding Vehicles

In February 2025, officers from the RGP's Roads Policing Unit targeted rush hour traffic both at night and the morning and reported 15 motorists for speeding.

Officers stationed themselves at both ends of Kingsway Tunnel between 5pm and 7am.

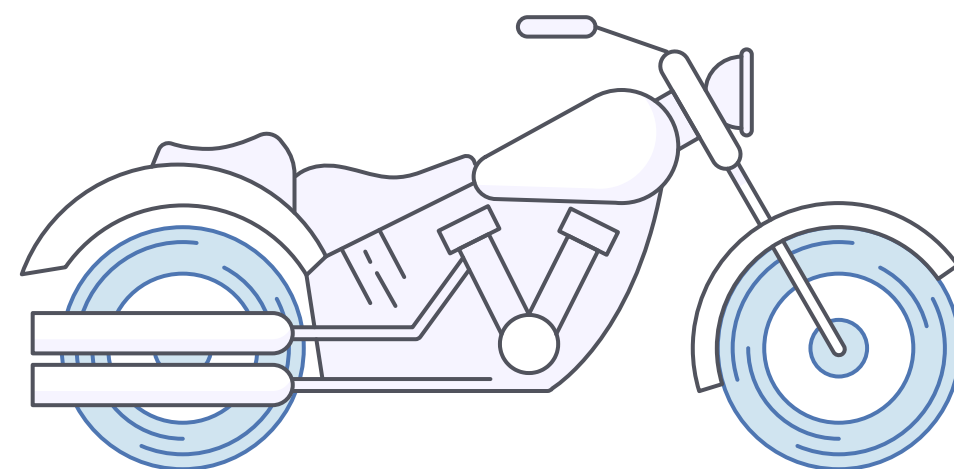
The motorists were all caught speeding between 70 and 85kph – well above the 50kph limit.

Each motorist was fined £300 and received three points on their licence.

During another morning, later the same week, officers also identified twelve motorcyclists who rode their vehicles through the pedestrian walkway of Kingsway Tunnel, in order to avoid the traffic caused by the fire at the old Coviran on Devil's Tower Road.

Five of those motorcyclists were fined £300 and received two points on their licence for the offence of Contravention of Traffic Sign.

Officers still have seven more motorcyclists to locate for this offence.





Operation Emerald



In June 2024 Royal Gibraltar Police officers arrested seven people on the strength of over 50 outstanding warrants from the Magistrates' Court during a planned operation.

Operation Emerald saw officers from multiple departments team up to deal with everything from anti-social behaviour and traffic offences, to arresting wanted individuals and conducting high visibility foot patrols.

The outstanding warrants totalled over £3,000 in unpaid fines.

Officers also focussed on traffic hotspots – with 13 motorists issued Fixed Penalty Notices for offences including mobile phones, seat belts, speeding and contravening traffic signs. One car was also seized after officers found it to be unroadworthy.

Teams of officers then deployed to estates including Varyl Begg for reassurance foot patrols during school lunch break, due to increased concerns of antisocial behaviour around these times.

Inspector Phil Ackerley, who is behind Operation Emerald, said: "We ask for the public to come and talk to us when they see us walking around their estates. We are here to talk to the community and to address any concerns they have."

"Our plan is to disrupt criminality through intelligence-led policing activity and our robust approach will continue as we help to keep Gibraltar safe."



What is antisocial behaviour?

Antisocial behaviour is defined as "behaviour by a person which causes, or is likely to cause, harassment, alarm or distress to one or more persons not of the same household as the person". But what does this mean? Find out more about how the RGP classify antisocial behaviour and the many activities that it covers.

<https://www.police.gi/report-information/anti-social-behaviour>

In April 2024 Royal Gibraltar Police officers were out in force during a planned operation to tackle crime across the Rock.

This occasion saw an early morning tasking to locate and detain a local male wanted for an offence of attempted wounding. When arrested, he was also found in possession of drugs.

Officers also focused on traffic hotspots – issuing around 20 Fixed Penalty Notices for offences including mobile phones, seat belts, speeding, contravening traffic signs, defective exhausts and learner motorcyclists carrying pillion passengers.

Teams of officers then deployed to Glacis and Chilton Estates for reassurance foot patrols.

An RGP spokesman said: "We will continue to target anti-social behaviour in areas such as Glacis Estate."

"We are also liaising with the relevant tenants' associations to reassure residents and address their concerns."

"Our robust approach with offenders will continue as we work for our community"





Domestic Abuse Act 2023

Controlling or Coercive Behaviour in an Intimate or Family Relationship



Safeguarding Our Vulnerable

**DOMESTIC
ABUSE
DESTROYS
LIVES**



BREAK THE CYCLE
SEE SOMETHING - SAY SOMETHING - DO SOMETHING
CALL RGP 20072500 CARE AGENCY 20078528
OR 199 IN AN EMERGENCY

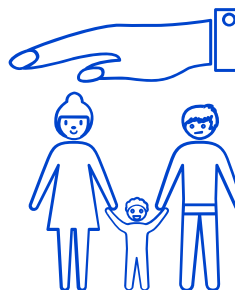
Objectives & Activities

Domestic Abuse

- Continuing to police incidents of domestic violence and abuse in accordance with HM Government of Gibraltar's strategy.
- Continuing to train and develop frontline professionals to recognise the signs of domestic abuse, how to respond, and where to obtain further assistance.
- Bringing those who cause physical, emotional or psychological harm to justice.
- Improving approaches to tackling domestic abuse through interventions aimed at changing behaviour and reducing repeat victimisation.
- Working with strategic partners to raise public awareness regarding DA and VAWG issues and available support services.

Protecting the Vulnerable

- Engaging with the Department of Education, the Youth Service and parents to promote awareness of the risks and dangers of online child sexual exploitation.
- Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA) to reduce the risk of re-offending by violent and sexual offenders.
- Targeted enforcement activities to reduce the selling of alcohol to minors.
- Maintain specialist officer competency and resilience by providing training in offender management and appropriate wellbeing support for those dealing with traumatic incidents and investigations.



Domestic Abuse

- During the reporting period, the RGP received 631 reports related to domestic incidents, of which 361 reports disclosed criminal offences that led to 110 individuals being arrested. With an average of 3 repeat victims each month. Response Teams along with the assistance of the Domestic Abuse Team offered help and referred individuals to our partner agencies for specialised support. The RGP's detection rate for all types of domestic abuse related offences in the last policing year is 17.4%. During the year there were a total of 224 Op Encompass referrals to schools in Gibraltar. These referrals bridge the gap between the police and education ensuring that children receive the care and support they need to cope with the trauma of domestic abuse.
- The RGP are continuing to police incidents of domestic violence and abuse in accordance with HMGOG Strategy with a view to the creation of multi-agency safeguarding hubs (MASH) – The RGP Domestic Abuse Team continues to investigate high-risk cases and offers specialist support to frontline Response Teams as best they can. It is hoped that the MASH will be established soon, with the support of partner agencies.
- By continuing to train and develop frontline responders and specialist officers to recognise the signs of domestic abuse, how to respond, and where to obtain further assistance, the RGP hope to further increase their ability to tackle Domestic Abuse. This year has seen a revamp of domestic abuse champions network with training completed in November 2024 and more recently March 2025. Reinforcing awareness of other agencies to assist, such as the Citizens Advice Bureau.

Protecting the Vulnerable

- The Public Protection Unit along with support from the Response Team officers continue their multi-agency approach to protecting the most vulnerable in society, making regular referrals to the Care Agency, Citizen's Advice Bureau and the Department of Education. Sharing information and providing a combined support service is the best way to effectively support people.
- As part of the ongoing commitment to protecting children and the most vulnerable in our community, a dedicated Online Child Abuse Investigation Team (OCAIT) has now been established. This new capability enhances our ability to investigate and respond to online threats and harmful content, ensuring swift action is taken against those who seek to exploit children through digital platforms.
- This team is supported by a strong working relationship with Devon and Cornwall Police, through a twinning arrangement that provides valuable mentorship, training, and operational guidance. Officers benefit from knowledge-sharing and the opportunity to build on best practices with an experienced UK force, enhancing local capability.



Safeguarding Our Vulnerable

RGP Attends Conference on Gender Violence

In June 2024 Detective Sergeant Helena Cunningham was in the U.K attending a Conference that aims to tackle Violence Against Women and Girls.

Organised by Thames Valley Police (TVP), over 600 police officers and partner agencies attended the one-day event in Reading, which is now in its third year.

A number of high-profile prosecutors, doctors, police officers, academics and campaigners spoke at the conference, who were on hand to share their experiences and best practice in the public protection areas of policing.

This year's event focussed on social media and online crime.

DS Cunningham, who heads the RGP's Domestic Abuse Team, said: "It's was a valuable day networking with people from a variety of professional backgrounds.

"What stands out for me is the need to develop our Policing in line with the everchanging technological landscape and the use of tools such as Artificial Intelligence, which perpetrators are using in order to control and abuse their victims."



Domestic Abuse Training for RGP - DA Champions

In November 2024 RGP officers completed a one-day course featuring several domestic abuse experts from the UK which aimed to identify, tackle and prevent domestic abuse.

Twenty specially trained RGP Domestic Abuse Champions took the online course, which focussed on violence against women and girls – who are statistically the most at risk of domestic abuse in both the UK and Gibraltar.

Officers received guidance on the nuances of coercive and controlling behaviour, how to spot subtle warning signs of abuse in both victims and perpetrators and signs of economic abuse. The course also focussed on reducing the risk of individuals committing further offences, building a robust prosecution and supporting victims of economic abuse.



RGP Officers Raise Awareness of Domestic Abuse

In March 2025 a number of Royal Gibraltar Police officers received specialist training to help identify, tackle and prevent domestic abuse on the Rock. Twenty-five officers, who are already specially trained Domestic Abuse Champions, received further training on topics including the nuances of coercive and controlling behaviour, how to spot subtle warning signs of abuse in both victims and perpetrators and strangulation. The course was organised and delivered by the RGP's Domestic Abuse Team and held at the force's Training Department. The Domestic Abuse Champions will now share their expertise with colleagues across the force.

Detective Sergeant Helena Cunningham, who heads the Domestic Abuse team, said: "We are working extremely hard to tackle domestic abuse on the Rock.

"People are now much more confident in reporting domestic abuse to us and I think that's reflected in the increased number of reports we are receiving. For example, between January and February last year we had a total of 59 reports of domestic abuse. This year so far we have had 73 reports." Helena added that following the introduction of the Domestic Abuse Act in July 2023, a large part of what they are dealing with is new offences such as coercive and controlling behaviour, which includes emotional and financial abuse.



If you are the victim of domestic abuse or know someone who is, there are several ways you can report it to the Royal Gibraltar Police, call or report online 20072500 - **999 (in Emergency) police.gi/report-online**



Objectives & Activities

Drug Trafficking

- The RGP continues to target those involved in the supply of drugs and those with intent to cause harm to our society.
- Working closely with Law Enforcement Agencies and other key stakeholders, forming part of the HMGoG Drug Strategy to better deal with the social blight associated with the supply of illicit drugs.
- Targeting the profits of drug trafficking through the enhanced use of confiscation and civil recovery powers to remove the assets from those involved with these activities.



Drug Misuse

- Continuing to liaise with partner agencies and stakeholders to support His Majesty's Government of Gibraltar's drive to address issues related to drug misuse.
- Having a co-ordinated approach to drug misuse with key stakeholders, including educational programs to educate and deter drug misuse.
- Proactively targeting those engaged in drug-related crime



Outcomes

Drug Trafficking

- The policing year April 2023 - March 2024 saw the RGP seizing a total of **156g** of Class A Drugs, over **2.7kg** of Class B drugs, and a minor amount of Class C Drugs with a total combined street value over **£22,000**.
- The year saw two street level drug dealers given custodial prison sentences for the supply of Class A drugs.
- The RGP Economic Crime Unit are dedicated more resources to conduct investigations into money laundering offences committed by those concerned in the supply of illegal drugs. With a focus on confiscation and asset recovery, the action aims to disrupt the supply of drugs in and around Gibraltar.

Drug Misuse

- The **212** drug misuse offences recorded in the past year is a **32%** increase on the year before. these reports resulted in **181** arrests. The outcomes at court of which, ranged from £140 fine for possession of 5.67g of Cannabis Resin up to a 5 year prison sentence for possession with intent to supply 87g of cocaine.



Proceeds of Crime Act 2015





Objectives & Activities

Financial Crime

- Proactively investigate all types of financial crime including fraud, money laundering and terrorist financing, through the increase in professional competence of specialised officers and the integration of expert human and technological resources.
- Proactively use Proceeds of Crime Act legislation to seize and confiscate criminal assets to effectively impact the unlawful benefit of crime.
- Maintain international cooperation in financial crime matters thus meeting international obligations and MoneyVal requirements.
- Work in partnership with the private sector to reduce fraud losses and improve mechanisms to recover stolen funds

Domestic Burglary

- Combatting acquisitive crime, with a focus on targeting those responsible for committing Domestic Burglaries.
- Continuing to provide support for victims of burglary, particularly those who are vulnerable, and prevent them being re-targeted and becoming repeat victims.

Cyber-enabled Acquisitive Crime

- Enhancing understanding of complex, new and changing crime types, including cyber-enabled acquisitive crime and the use of cryptocurrency in criminal activity.



Outcomes

Financial Crime

- Over the past year, the RGP Economic Crime Unit has invested significant time and resources into training to ensure they remain well-equipped to address all forms of financial and acquisitive crime. One example of this commitment is the completion of a two-week intensive Financial & Money Laundering Investigation course by 12 officers. Upon finishing the course and completing their professional development plans, these officers will be accredited as financial investigators. This will enhance their ability to effectively handle these types of crimes, improving their efficiency in the future.
- The ECU has also recently established an Asset Recovery Team focused on exploring new and innovative methods for restraining and confiscating the proceeds of crime. This addition to the department has been further strengthened by the incorporation of Civilian Financial Investigators, who bring with them a wealth of experience in the field. Their expertise has greatly supported the team's efforts, enhancing our ability to tackle asset recovery effectively.

Domestic Burglary

- With a dedicated victim support team within the RGP, repeat victims are able to be given the appropriate safety and crime prevention advice. This also allows the most vulnerable in our community to be given an enhanced victim support service specific to their needs.
- After seeing a significant increase in commercial burglaries last year, this area remained a priority for the RGP to tackle. As a result, there has been no increase in commercial burglaries, and a reassuring drop in the number of residential burglaries, to almost half that from last year.

Cyber-enabled Acquisitive Crime

- The Royal Gibraltar Police is dedicated to understanding complex, emerging, and evolving crime types, particularly in the areas of acquisitive and financial crime. As part of their ongoing efforts, officers in the Economic Crime Unit (ECU) recently underwent specialized training in cryptocurrency investigations. This training is designed to enhance their ability to effectively handle future crime reports involving digital currencies, equipping them with the skills needed to address this growing area of concern.
- ECU run a number of Operations which aim to raise awareness as to financial crime, acquisitive crimes and crime prevention. These include - OP STRATUS- Proactive media and visible campaign to advice commercial businesses of the dangers of fraud in different forms;
- .Project Providence- Newly created. Aimed to raise awareness of all Police staff of the importance of tackling financial crime and recovering the proceeds of crime. This campaign also aims to educate and keep officers informed of changes in legislation and procedures.
- Presentations to Banks- ECU have delivered presentations to local financial entities including banks raising awareness of fraud and fraud typologies.



Officers Sharpen Financial Investigation Skills

Officers from the RGP's Economic Crime Unit (ECU) and HM Customs Financial Investigations Team strengthened their expertise in combatting economic crime during a two-week intensive course in Gibraltar.

Together with their Crown Counsel, the "Investigating Economic Crime and Money Laundering" programme was held at Bleak House from the 24th of February to the 7th of March 2025.

This initiative was designed to enhance officers' expertise in tackling money laundering, financial fraud and other economic crimes.

Delivered by leading financial crime specialists, the course provided participants with advanced investigative techniques, case study analysis and best practices aligned with international anti-money laundering standards.

In addition, officers also received additional training on cryptocurrency investigations and all aspects of domestic and international money laundering.



Detective Inspector Luis Miguel Garcia White, who heads the RGP's Economic Crime Unit, said: "Economic crime poses a significant threat to Gibraltar's financial integrity. This training programme underscores our commitment to equipping our officers with the skills and knowledge necessary to detect, investigate, and disrupt illicit financial activities."

The Minister for Justice, Trade and Industry, the Hon Nigel Feetham KC MP, added: "I am pleased to see continued commitment of our law enforcement agencies to their professional development. The collaboration between RGP's ECU and HM Customs Financial Investigations Team highlights the inter-agency approach in combatting financial crime. A key priority for my Ministry is fostering cross-agency cooperation and intelligence sharing."

Funding for this training came from the Gibraltar Recovered Assets Fund, a special fund established under the Public Finance Act.



Objectives & Activities

- Continuously examine current working practices in order to identify further areas for improvement
- Develop a supportive leadership culture for its current and future leaders
- Developing a learning culture appropriate for a modern police service, which balances discipline and accountability with a willingness to learn from mistakes in order to improve.
- Recruiting diverse, able individuals who promote differences, training them to the best available approved standards and retaining their skills and expertise for a career in public service through forward thinking leadership.
- Building and developing operational co-operation in the new post BREXIT environment. Working in partnership with key stakeholders to develop support networks, allowing for greater resilience in the face of emerging and developing threats.
- Improving IT functions within the RGP, through better management processes.
- Further develop wellbeing processes to look after the workforce.
- Understanding how the RGP can reduce its impact on the environment and take measures to reduce its carbon footprint.



Outcomes

- The RGP established a programme of performance and change management using a similar format to the identified Areas for Improvement previously highlighted by His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS). The Force designated a number of Self Identified Areas for Improvement (SI-AFI). These areas are allocated to a senior manager to be responsible for and to direct work to be completed. The progress of which is overseen by the Assistant Commissioner with monthly check ins. This allows evidence to be recorded and actions to be completed towards achieving organisational priorities and improving.
- In June 2024 the RGP held a Leadership Seminar, designed to improve the leadership skills of officers and Police Staff, at the University of Gibraltar. Speakers included former Commissioner of Police, Richard Ullger, Major John Pitto MBE, Kevin Jones, CEO of Bassadone Automotive, CEO of GibSams Brenda Cuby, and Janet Brear, former Assistant Chief Officer for Yorkshire & Humberside Police. This is the second year that the seminar has been held for all leaders from Sergeant and above, and their Police Staff colleagues. Presentations addressed the Force's Financial Position, Ethics, Disciplinary Matters, Wellbeing, Burnout, Women in Leadership and Challenges within the organisation.
- The RGP are a key stakeholder involved with planning for the outcome of the UK/EU Treaty negotiations. Regular meetings are held with all other government departments with to plan for each eventuality. This ranges from traffic and pedestrian management at the frontier, to civil unrest and responding to new and emerging threats owing to a new political landscape.
- The RGP continue to recruit Police Officers and most recently Police Staff employees, to free up Officers for higher risk areas. Identifying those with the correct values, encouraging diverse sectors of the community to apply, and training them professionally to be valued members of the Force.
- In the previous policing year, the RGP have taken further steps to improve their understanding and awareness with regards to officer wellbeing. Through formalised processes of support in various forms, the organisation is now better equipped to identify issues early on and provide a consistent approach to providing the most suitable support in a timely manner. With the adoption of the Trauma Risk Management (TRiM) programme, trained officers are able to identify early signs of trauma and signpost to the appropriate pathway.
- The RGP are taking strides towards reducing their carbon footprint, primarily by reducing paper processes, and utilising more digital systems. They have also recently invested in hybrid vehicles to reduce carbon emissions.





Transforming & Developing Our Service

Officers pass Disaster Victim Identification training

In May 2024 a team of Royal Gibraltar Police and Gibraltar Defence Police officers passed a Disaster Victim Identification (DVI) course on the Rock this week.

The training, which is approved by the College of Policing, teaches police officers to respond effectively to a mass fatality incident, such as an aircraft disaster.

The four-day course was held at Devil's Tower Camp and saw 13 RGP and 4 GDP officers pass several assessments.

All the officers had volunteered to undertake this training, which is organised by the UKDVI team and funded by the Home Office.

Lynzi Lefort, the UKDVI Deputy National Coordinator, delivered the course in Gibraltar alongside Andy Woodward.

She said: "We never want such an event to happen, but by providing and receiving the training we ensure that we, as a team, respond and deliver for our communities and that families receive the level of service they expect and deserve."

"It's always an honour and privilege to work with such committed officers and with the excellent support from our colleagues at the College of Policing. Many thanks to the Commissioner of the RGP Richard Ullger and Chief of the GDP Robert Allen."



RGP Leadership Seminar

In June 2024, the University of Gibraltar hosted a seminar aimed at strengthening the leadership abilities of officers and civilian employees within the Royal Gibraltar Police.

The event brought together over 50 participants and showcased a wide range of guest speakers, both from within the RGP and the wider community.

Among those addressing the audience were former Commissioner of Police Richard Ullger, senior members of the RGP, Major John Pitto MBE – Deputy Commander of the Royal Gibraltar Regiment, Kevin Jones – CEO of Bassadone Automotive Group, Brenda Cuby – CEO of Gib Samaritans, and Janet Brear, who previously served as Assistant Chief Officer with the Yorkshire and Humberside Police Forces.

Coordinated for the second consecutive year by Chief Inspectors Alex Enriles and Dylan Quigley, the seminar covered a diverse set of topics. Presentations explored areas such as the organisation's financial outlook, ethical standards, disciplinary processes, staff wellbeing, burnout, women in leadership roles, and the broader challenges facing the force.

Officers Pass Leadership Course

In May 2024 a number of Royal Gibraltar Police officers successfully passed a leadership and well-being course.

The programme is spread out over three months and is designed to make the officers better leaders in their respective teams across the force.

The six officers, who were all in their probationary periods after recently being promoted to the ranks of Sergeant and Inspector, had to pass specific objectives relevant to their departments in order to pass the course.



Police Passing Out Parade

In March 2025 Royal Gibraltar Police and Gibraltar Defence Police officers marked the end of their Training Schools with a Passing Out Parade at Central Hall.

On parade were 19 RGP and two GDP officers who were inspected by His Excellency the Governor, Lieutenant-General Sir Benjamin Bathurst, KCVO, CBE, and then Minister for Justice The Hon Nigel Feetham KC, MP. Also attended by RGP senior officers, GDP Chief of Police John McVea, local dignitaries, friends and family.

The new officers come from a wide variety of backgrounds including the military, the Gibraltar Health Authority, the fire service, the financial industry and the hospitality sector.

During the ceremony, Police Constables Tony Brown and Kevin McGuigan received the awards for Best All Round Recruits and PCs Samantha Farnden and Shane Vassallo won the awards for Best Academic Recruits. There were two winners of each award this year – as the Passing Out ceremony included recruits from two recruit schools.

In his address, former Police Commissioner Richard Ullger, said: “There has never been a more exciting time to be an officer in the RGP than now and I am confident that together with our learning and teaching and our new “Servant Leadership Style” approach for our leaders, the recruits will be part of the change programme that sees the RGP continue to rebuild itself and deliver a service to the people of Gibraltar.

“The RGP has undergone a transformational change over the past five years, and it is only because of the officers and staff of the RGP that we find ourselves in this position. We have been successful in implementing many of the changes demanded of us by the inspection undertaken by His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabularies and Fire and Rescue Services, and we have been robust in fighting crime and improving the services we deliver. Notwithstanding this, we cannot forget that we are a learning organisation and that we learn not only from our mistakes, but with everything we do.

“In your first few months, you will not doubt experience some distasteful and abhorrent crimes. You will see incidents that affect the most vulnerable of our communities, and you will witness scenes that not many will ever experience in their lifetime. Together we shall deal with these events and support you in that journey. The Royal Gibraltar Police is an organisation that has embraced mental health, and we devote time and resources to be better at supporting our people.



Overtime Expenditure

2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
£868,842.74	£1,055,281.86	£1,410,726.23	£1,595,062.49

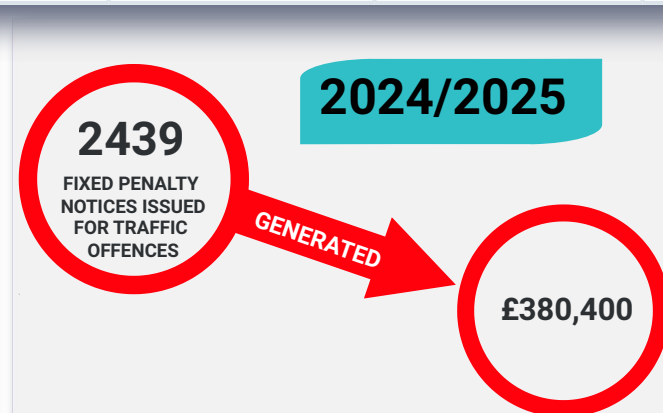
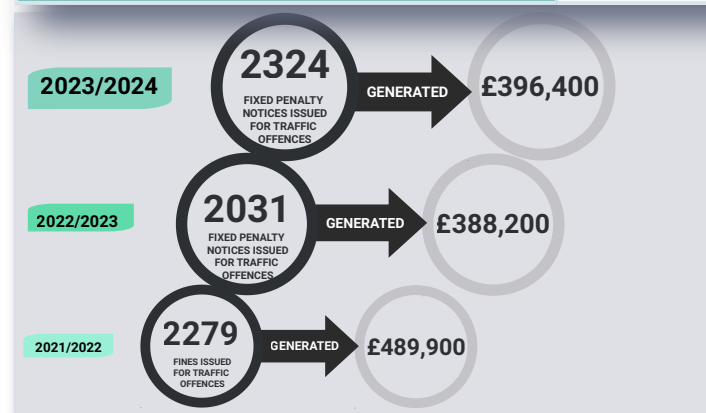
	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025
Pension Contributions	£960,516.64	£1,001,306.86	£1,053,999.85	£1,024,834.78
Investigation Expenses	£358,986.20	£288,637.07	£644,454.53	£334,595.81
Telecommunications	£236,784.46	£242,829.74	£236,341.05	£225,437.81
Marine Boats & Fuel	£209,120.05	£126,559.23	£144,674.52	£143,892.36
Equipment & Uniform	£174,877.76	£193,867.12	£165,577.85	£165,897.06
Training & Conferences	£145,997.76	£151,554.17	£153,483.03	£300,260.04
Transport Services	£73,891.11	£87,901.23	£89,001.86	£124,020.94
CCTV	£3,961.53	£21,512.95	£20,627.32	£16,033.62
Computer & Office Equipment	£22,576.36	£12,218.59	£9,928.72	£10,147.31
Printing & Stationery	£22,115.96	£63,357.52	£65,020.22	£88,135.52
Other Expenses	£65,118.38	£69,999.39	£65,522.26	£331,328.12

RGP Finance

The RGP generates some income for services provided outside of ordinary policing responsibilities. This includes fees paid for providing police traffic escorts for dangerous loads or large vehicles if road closures are required, as well as for the policing of planned events such as football matches organised by the Gibraltar Football Association or individual clubs (These are classified as "Special Policing Services" and flexibility to respond to changing or emerging demands. The total income generated also includes areas like Vetting Applications or Firearms Licences. The RGP have seen a return to public events and building works which have traditionally seen extra demand on police services. However, the RGP streamlined its commitments based on Strategic Demands Assessments to ensure its assets are used in the most efficient and effective areas which carry the most risk.

Unlike UK forces, the RGP does not have a devolved budget, therefore, any funds received by the RGP for policing services are credited back to the HM Government of Gibraltar's central fund. Whilst the RGP derive no direct benefit from providing these additional policing services, requests for additional funding are submitted to HMGoG for consideration as required. In line with the HMICFRS recommendations published in 2020, the GPA and RGP are open to more modern funding arrangements, in line with UK practice, whereby a proportion of savings and revenue generated can be linked back to the RGP's funding mechanism, to promote better financial responsibility.

No benefit is accrued by the RGP for issuing fines. Fixed Penalty Notices are paid directly to Gibraltar Car Parks and fines imposed by the courts are paid directly to the Gibraltar Courts Service.



Total Income Generated in 2024/25:

£29,775.81

Total Income Generated in 2023/24:

25,506.67

Total Income Generated in 2022/23:

£848,177.90

Total Income Generated in 2021/22:

£1,994,703.52



ALL CRIME		
2023/24	2024/25	% CHANGE
3440	3395	1.3%
DETECTED	DETECTED	DETECTION RATE
870	686	20%

Not every case where the police know, or think they know, who committed a crime can be recorded as "detected," and some crimes are counted as "detected" when the victim might view the case as far from resolved. For any crime to be counted as "detected," sufficient evidence must be available for police to claim that:

- a) a recordable crime was committed and recorded,
- b) a suspect was identified and made aware that they will be recorded as being responsible for committing that crime; and
- c) the offender was either charged, summonsed, cautioned, warned or received a penalty notice.

Some of the crimes displayed below as "not detected" will still be under investigation at the time of compiling this report.

All offence categories below include attempt offences. E.g. Attempted Murder will appear in the Murder/Manslaughter category.

BURGLARY (RESIDENTIAL)	BURGLARY (NON-RESIDENTIAL)	ALL OTHER THEFT OFFENCES	CRIMINAL DAMAGE	ARSON	DRUG POSSESSION	DRUG SUPPLY	ROBBERY
2023/24	2023/24	2023/24	2023/24	2023/24	2023/24	2023/24	2023/24
48	72	507	271	7	156	14	4
2024/25	2024/25	2024/25	2024/25	2024/25	2024/25	2024/25	2024/25
28	72	490	298	7	169	22	9
DETECTED	DETECTED	DETECTED	DETECTED	DETECTED	DETECTED	DETECTED	DETECTED
7%	28%	21%	2%	7%	57%	19%	5%

The 25% detection rate illustrated above in red is a snapshot in time, namely, at the point the data represented in this report was collated. This rate is likely to increase by a further 2%-3%, as a number of live investigations that extended beyond the end of the policing year are completed.

MURDER/ MANSLAUGHTER	ALL SEXUAL OFFENCES	POSSESSION OF WEAPONS	ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR	CAUSING NOISE OFFENCES	PUBLIC ORDER OFFENCES	STALKING & HARRASSMENT	FIREARMS OFFENCES
2023/24	2023/24	2023/24	2023/24	2023/24	2023/24	2023/24	2023/24
2	151	31	138	79	321	101	5
2024/25	2024/25	2024/25	2024/25	2024/25	2024/25	2024/25	2024/25
2	149	41	111	76	276	103	16
DETECTED	DETECTED	DETECTED	DETECTED	DETECTED	DETECTED	DETECTED	DETECTED
50%	14%	27%	36%	13%	9%	14%	31%



The RGP’s Crime Recording Standards promote a victim focused approach to crime recording. They direct the RGP to ensure that all victim-based crimes are recorded, on the balance of probability, and remain recorded until such time they can be investigated and an outcome assigned.

There is a presumption that the reporting person will be believed, and the crime recorded based on what is disclosed. On occasions, following investigation, it may be determined a reported crime has not been committed. This will be based on evidence obtained. It may be necessary to cancel the crime or reclassify it after careful consideration of appropriate offences. The RGP records every crime reported regardless of whether the victim wishes further police action to be taken. This has provided a truer picture of crime being committed in Gibraltar and has inevitably raised the crime rate from previous years, having an impact on detections.

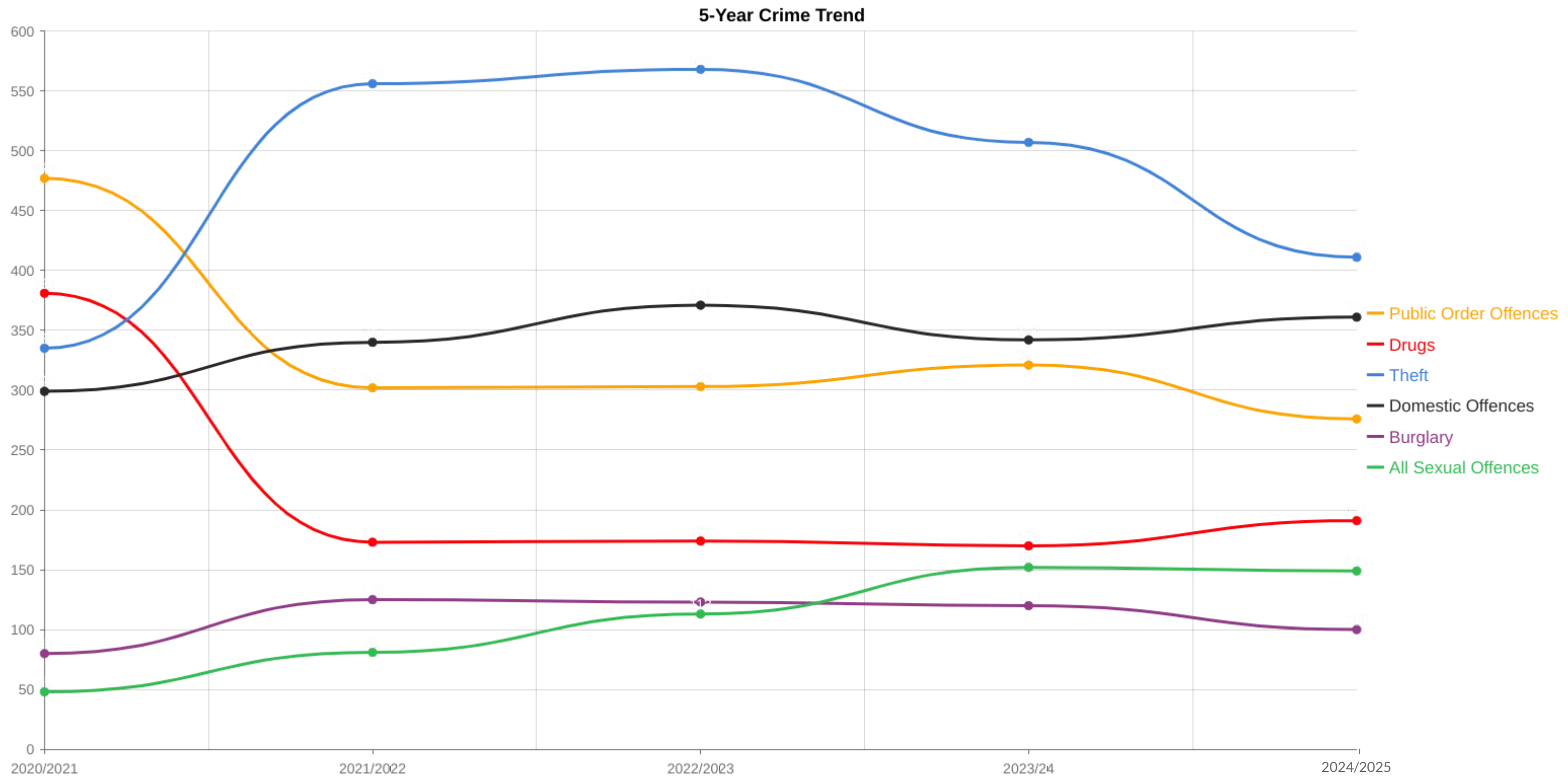
Some offences will appear in multiple categories, this allows us to give total figures and breakdown the type of offences which the public regularly want to know about. These are aligned to the priorities highlighted as a result of the GPA public survey in tandem with any topical issues which have emerged in any given year. For example an offence of Assault which occurred between an intimate couple would appear both in the Assaults category and the Domestic Related Offences category.

Good quality statistical data gives us a higher confidence when making decisions about priorities for the RGP. This ensures that the resources available are allocated to the highest risk areas and that the RGP are aware of the demands which are placed on it.

ASSAULTS	POLICE RELATED OFFENCES	CRUELTY TO YOUNG PERSONS	PROCEEDS OF CRIME OFFENCES	IMMIGRATION OFFENCES	TOBACCO OFFENCES	DRIVING WHILST DISQUALIFIED	Non-Gibraltarian Found in Gibraltar
2023/24	2023/24	2023/24	2023/24	2023/24	2023/24	2023/24	2023/24
626	90	2	6	18	4	3	3
2024/25	2024/25	2024/25	2024/25	2024/25	2024/25	2024/25	2024/25
557	80	10	5	34	2	3	22
DETECTED	DETECTED	DETECTED	DETECTED	DETECTED	DETECTED	DETECTED	DETECTED
16%	26%	0%	20%	88%	0%	100%	100%

VEHICLE INTERFERENCE	TAKING A CONVEYANCE	ACQUISITIVE CYBERCRIME	FRAUD OFFENCES	THEFT FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE	THEFT OF A MOTOR VEHICLE	DOMESTIC INCIDENTS (NO OFFENCE DISCLOSED)	DOMESTIC RELATED OFFENCES
2023/24	2023/24	2023/24	2023/24	2023/24	2023/24	2023/24	2023/24
33	27	85	124	83	36	281	342
2024/25	2024/25	2024/25	2024/25	2024/25	2024/25	2024/25	2024/25
11	23	144	189	57	62	270	361
DETECTED	DETECTED	DETECTED	DETECTED	DETECTED	DETECTED	DETECTED	DETECTED
18%	16%	0%	5%	2%	8%	N/A	10%







His Majesty's Government of Gibraltar, with the support of the Royal Gibraltar Police (RGP), introduced the Penalty Points system and increased fines for road traffic offences. Alongside the RGP, we are hopeful that new proposals will be advanced for greater vehicle seizure powers and stricter legislation targeting unlicensed and uninsured drivers. These measures aim to reduce poor driving habits and make Gibraltar's roads safer.

This year has seen a pleasing decrease in the number of reports of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, largely due to greater public awareness and robust enforcement. The number of fines issued to E-Scooter riders has increased due to the popularity and prevalence of the electronic transporters. The RGP response to offence enforcement has also increased in this area.

In the RGP's ongoing efforts for a safer Gibraltar, and working for our community, enforcing traffic laws alongside awareness and education initiatives with local partners remains a key focus. There has been a noticeable increase, however, in reports of Dangerous Driving, which will be addressed by the RGP going forward.



*Below figures are specific to PLET's

Offence	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Not wearing protective headgear	28	38	51
Exceeding Speed Limit of 25km/h	0	1	18
Operating a PLET other than on a road	6	7	17
PLET carrying a passenger	0	4	2
Travelling on a PLET against the flow	0	3	16
Other PLET Offences	2	4	1
TOTAL	36	57	105

TOTAL	2024/25
NUMBER OF POINTS ALLOCATED	1033
POINTS ALLOCATED THROUGH <u>COURT CONVICTIONS</u>	339
NUMBER OF PEOPLE POINTS ALLOCATED TO	329
NUMBER OF PEOPLE ALLOCATED POINTS THROUGH <u>COURT CONVICTION</u>	55
NUMBER OF PEOPLE DISQUALIFIED THROUGH <u>POINTS SYSTEM</u>	5
NUMBER OF PEOPLE DISQUALIFIED THROUGH <u>COURT CONVICTION</u>	6

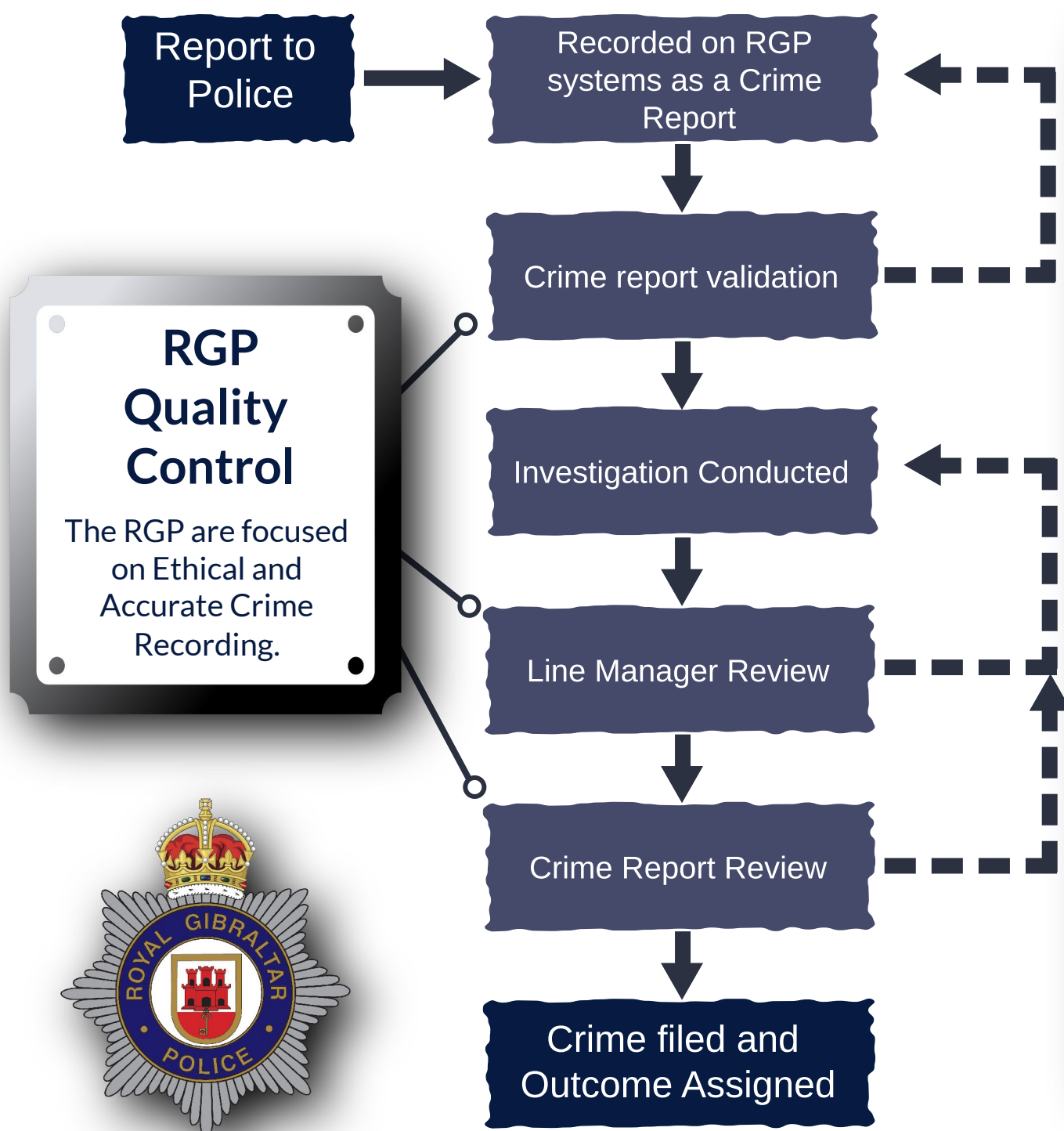
HM Government's introduction of the penalty points system has been implemented and solely administered by DVLD who supply RGP with all the relevant figures.

16 TFPN issued to Cyclists committing Road Traffic Offences

TYPE OF COLLISION	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
FATAL	1	1	0
SERIOUS INJURY	12	5	10
MINOR INJURY	52	44	47
EXTENSIVE DAMAGE	51	22	40
MINOR DAMAGE	160	136	148

Offence	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
DUI & Other Drink Driving Offences	94	132	105
Careless Driving/Riding	9	21	20
Dangerous Driving/Riding	49	74	90
Speeding	676	630	907
Using Mobile Phone Whilst Driving	306	269	406
Not Wearing Seatbelt While Driving	91	46	56
Other Traffic Offences	1254	523	638
TOTAL	2479	1684	2222





Crime Recording Information

The RGP assign outcomes to crime reports at the point of filing & once the relevant investigation is over. The Outcomes we assign are in line with UK Forces. RGP follow Home Office guidance where applicable to Gibraltar. There are currently 22 possible investigative outcomes.

- Outcome Type 1:-** A person has been charged or summonsed for the crime (irrespective of any subsequent discontinuation or acquittal at court).
- Outcome Type 1A:-** A person has been charged or summonsed for the crime, but the charge/summons relates to an alternate offence to that recorded (irrespective of any subsequent acquittal at court).
- Outcome Type 2:-** A youth offender has been cautioned by the police.
- Outcome Type 2A:-** A youth offender has been cautioned by the police, but the caution relates to an alternate offence to that recorded.
- Outcome Type 3:-** An adult offender has been cautioned by the police.
- Outcome Type 3A:-** An adult offender has been cautioned by the police, but the caution relates to an alternate offence to that recorded.
- Outcome Type 4:-** The offender admits the crime by way of a Criminal Procedure and Evidence Act 2011 compliant interview and asks for it to be taken into consideration by the court.
- Outcome Type 5:-** The offender has died – all offences.
- Outcome Type 6:-** A penalty notice for disorder (or other relevant notifiable offence) has been lawfully issued
- Outcome Type 9:-** (Prosecution not in the public interest - OCPL decision).
- Outcome Type 10:-** (Formal action against the offender is not in the public interest - police decision).
- Outcome Type 11:-** (Prosecution prevented – named suspect identified but is below the age of criminal responsibility).
- Outcome Type 12:-** (Prosecution prevented – named suspect identified but is too ill (physical or mental health) to prosecute or is confirmed to have died either before the crime was reported to police or before enough evidence to charge could be obtained).
- Outcome Type 13:-** (Prosecution prevented – named suspect identified but victim or key witness is dead or too ill to give evidence).
- Outcome Type 14:-** (Evidential difficulties victim based – suspect not identified – The crime is confirmed but the victim declines or is unable to support further police action to identify the offender).
- Outcome Type 15:-** (Evidential difficulties named suspect identified). The crime is confirmed and the victim supports police action (or the points to prove to evidence the offence in respect of state based matters have been made out) but evidential difficulties prevent further action.
- Outcome Type 16:-** (Evidential difficulties victim based – named suspect identified – The victim does not support (or has withdrawn support for) police action).
- Outcome Type 17:-** (Prosecution time limit expired - Suspect identified but the time limit for prosecution has expired).
- Outcome Type 18:-** (Investigation complete – No suspect identified). Crime investigated as far as reasonably possible – case closed pending further investigative opportunities becoming available.
- Outcome Type 20:-** (Further action resulting from the crime report will be undertaken by another body or agency subject to the victim (or person acting on their behalf) being made aware of the action to be taken). far as reasonably possible – case closed pending further investigative opportunities becoming available.
- Outcome Type 21:-** (Further investigation, resulting from the crime report, which could provide evidence sufficient to support formal action being taken against the named suspect, is not in the public interest – police decision).
- Outcome Type 22:-** Diversionary, educational or intervention activity, resulting from the crime report, has been undertaken and it is not in the public interest to take any further action.

Outcomes 7, 8 & 19 are not included as they are not applicable to the RGP and are used by UK forces reporting to the Home Office. In addition to the 22 outcomes above, there are classifications we assign when we may have reason to cancel a crime report.

RGP also record Non-Crime Reports on their crime recording systems. These are reports or incidents that police attend where investigations may be carried out but that are not initially believed to be criminal in nature.



Crime Recording Statistics

RGP consider a crime as detected where a person has been CHARGED, REPORTED FOR PROCESS, CAUTIONED, or ISSUED A PENALTY NOTICE FOR DISORDER (Outcomes between 1 & 6).

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Crime Related Incidents

Some reports are referred to as **Crime Related Incidents**. These are reports that have come to police attention which could amount to a crime, but the crime has not been recorded.

There are various reasons this might occur. We might not have victim confirmation of the crime, the incident may relate to an offence outside of jurisdiction, the investigation may be conducted by another investigative body, or our Crime Recording Standards policy might direct us to record an incident rather than a crime. e.g. where school children are involved in minor criminal activity.

Validated Crime Reports

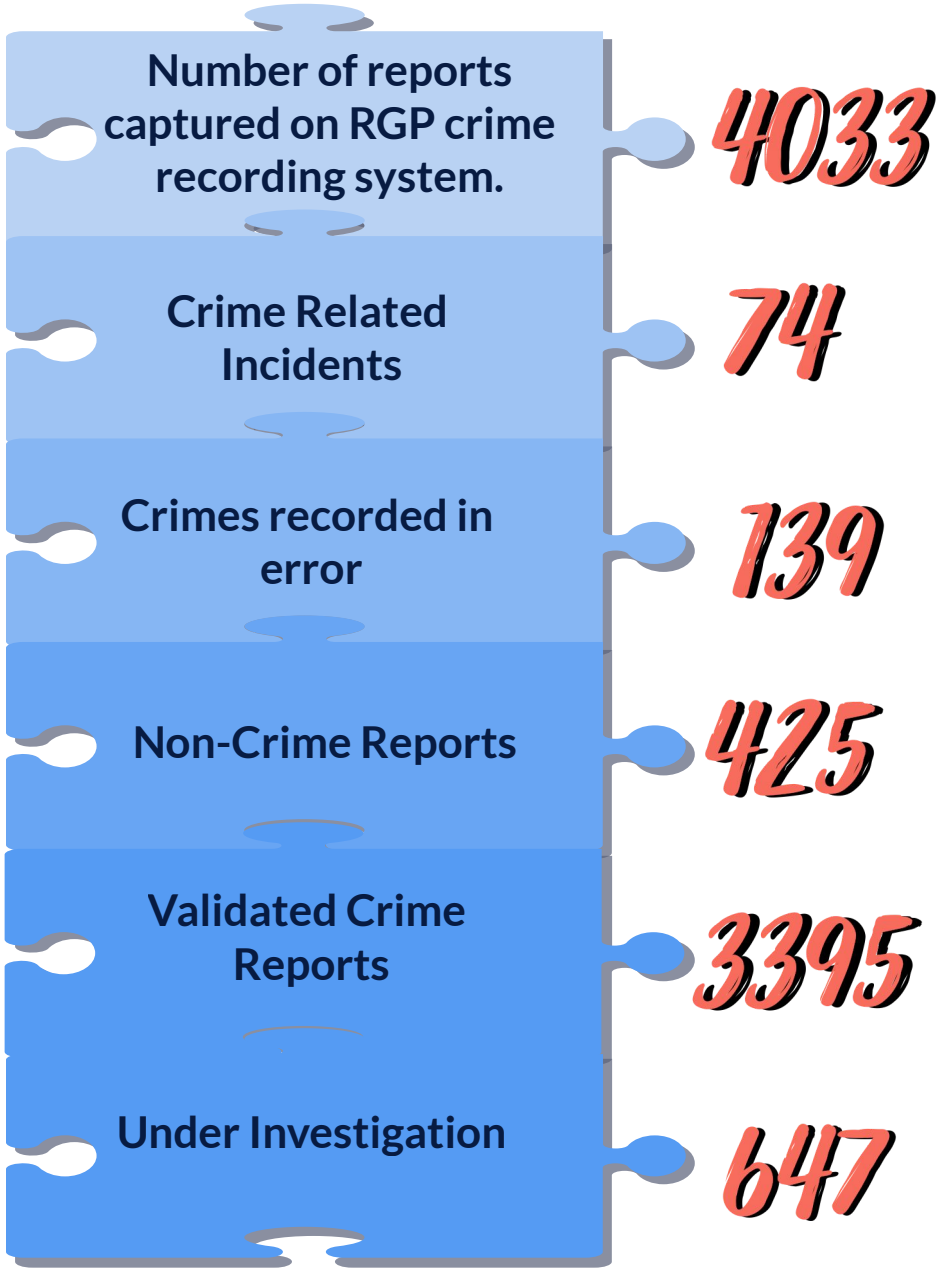
Having received a report from a victim of crime, officers will record it on the RGP's crime recording systems. These reports are then reviewed (validated). The RGP ensures the correct number of crimes have been recorded in accordance with the number of identified victims. They also confirm that the offences recorded are correct. Once this checking process has occurred and the crime has been validated it becomes a confirmed crime and can only be changed if further information comes to light or evidence is obtained during investigation.

Highest recorded victim-based offences this year are Common Assault, Intentional Harassment Alarm or Distress, Theft & Criminal Damage. Causing Noise offence also included for comparison.

OFFENCE	REPORTS RECEIVED	RECORDED CRIME	DETECTED	OUTCOMES ASSIGNED
Common Assault	423	416	18	373
Theft (value under £500)	310	307	17	268
Intentional Harassment, Alarm or Distress	241	226	2	213
Criminal Damage	301	288	11	257
Assault ABH	94	91	12	78

The table below shows the outcomes recorded most frequently this year for the highest number of victim-based offences of Common Assault, Intentional Harassment Alarm or Distress, Theft, Criminal Damage. and Assault ABH.

OUTCOME TYPE	COMMON ASSAULT	THEFT	INT. HARASSMENT, ALARM OR DISTRESS	CRIMINAL DAMAGE	ASSAULT ABH
Outcome Type 14: Suspect unknown - Unwilling Victim	25	43	15	29	11
Outcome Type 15: Suspect known but there are evidential difficulties.	26	8	7	10	5
Outcome Type 16: Suspect known - Unwilling Victim	286	47	158	63	43
Outcome Type 18: Suspect not known - No lines of enquiry left.	14	135	16	127	4
Other Outcomes	29	52	17	27	15





This page displays ALL outcomes that have been assigned to crimes submitted for filing during the Policing Year between 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025.

Outcome Description	Qty
Outcome Type 1:- A person has been charged or summonsed for the crime (irrespective of any subsequent discontinuation or acquittal at court).	553
Outcome Type 1A:- A person has been charged or summonsed for the crime, but the charge/summons relates to an alternate offence to that recorded (irrespective of any subsequent acquittal at court).	7
Outcome Type 2:- A youth offender has been cautioned by the police.	19
Outcome Type 2A:- A youth offender has been cautioned by the police, but the caution relates to an alternate offence to that recorded.	0
Outcome Type 3:- An adult offender has been cautioned by the police.	45
Outcome Type 3A:- An adult offender has been cautioned by the police, but the caution relates to an alternate offence to that recorded.	0
Outcome Type 4:- The offender admits the crime by way of a CPEA compliant interview and asks for it to be taken into consideration by the court.	0
Outcome Type 5:- The offender has died – all offences.	0
Outcome Type 6:- A penalty notice for disorder (or other relevant notifiable offence) has been lawfully issued	62
Outcome Type 9:- (Prosecution not in the public interest - OCPL decision).	0
Outcome Type 10:- (Formal action against the offender is not in the public interest - police decision).	0
Outcome Type 11:- (Prosecution prevented – named suspect identified but is below the age of criminal responsibility).	4
Outcome Type 12:- (Prosecution prevented – named suspect identified but is too ill (physical or mental health) to prosecute or is confirmed to have died either before the crime was reported to police or before enough evidence to charge could be obtained.	1

Crime Recording Outcomes



Outcome Description	Qty
Outcome Type 13:- (Prosecution prevented – named suspect identified but victim or key witness is dead or too ill to give evidence).	0
Outcome Type 14:- (Evidential difficulties victim based – suspect not identified – The crime is confirmed but the victim declines or is unable to support further police action to identify the offender).	211
Outcome Type 15:- (Evidential difficulties named suspect identified). The crime is confirmed and the victim supports police action (or the points to prove to evidence the offence in respect of state based matters have been made out) but evidential difficulties prevent further action.	229
Outcome Type 16:- (Evidential difficulties victim based – named suspect identified – The victim does not support (or has withdrawn support for) police action).	891
Outcome Type 17:- (Prosecution time limit expired - Suspect identified but the time limit for prosecution has expired).	1
Outcome Type 18:- (Investigation complete – No suspect identified). Crime investigated as far as reasonably possible – case closed pending further investigative opportunities becoming available.	636
Outcome Type 20:- (Further action resulting from the crime report will be undertaken by another body or agency subject to the victim (or person acting on their behalf) being made aware of the action to be taken). far as reasonably possible – case closed pending further investigative opportunities becoming available.	4
Outcome Type 21:- (Further investigation, resulting from the crime report, which could provide evidence sufficient to support formal action being taken against the named suspect, is not in the public interest – police decision).	0
Outcome Type 22:- Diversionary, educational or intervention activity, resulting from the crime report, has been undertaken and it is not in the public interest to take any further action.	37



Outcome Description	Qty
Outcome Type C1:- Transferred: crime committed outside the jurisdiction of the police force in which it was recorded – passed to that force. (Applicable to UK forces Only)	0
Outcome Type C2:- Cancelled: Additional verifiable information (AVI) is available that determines no offence occurred.	37
Outcome Type C3:- Cancelled: duplicate record or part of a crime already recorded.	78
Outcome Type C4:- Cancelled: crime recorded in error.	60
Outcome Type C5:- Cancelled: self-defence claimed (for specific recorded assaults).	0
Outcome Type CRIR1:- Crime Related Incident of Rape:- Reported incident, victim (or third party acting on their behalf) has not confirmed the offence or cannot be traced.	0
Outcome Type CRIR2:- Crime Related Incident of Rape:- Reported incident, credible evidence to the contrary exist.	0
Outcome Type CRIR3:- Crime related Incident of Rape:- Reported incident, offence committed in another police force area/outside Gibraltar.	0
Outcome Type CRISP:- Crime Recording In Schools Protocol:- This Crime related Incident relates to a matter that falls under our Crime Recording in Schools Protocol.	0
Outcome Type NC:- Record captured on our Records Management system Crime Module that is not a Crime.	395
Outcome Type NVC:- Crime Related Incident:- a report of an offence has become apparent but we have no victim confirmation of the offence, it has not been reported by a 3rd party professional acting on behalf of the victim and it is not deemed appropriate or necessary to record the matter as a crime.	5
Outcome Type OIB:- Crime Related Incident:- a report of an offence which is being dealt with by another investigative body or has occurred out of jurisdiction.	69

Taking the offence of "Harassing Conduct" as an example, we can demonstrate the various different disposal types, that are available. The investigation will be completed to the full extent possible before a decision is made on how the offence should be dealt with.

OFFENCE	REPORTS RECIEVED	RECORDED CRIME	DETECTED	OUTCOMES ASSIGNED
Harassing Conduct	81	76	5	71

Outcome Description	Qty
Outcome Type 1: A person has been charged or summonsed for the crime (irrespective of any subsequent discontinuation or acquittal at court).	5
Outcome Type 14:- (Evidential difficulties victim based – suspect not identified – The crime is confirmed but the victim declines or is unable to support further police action to identify the offender).	1
Outcome Type 15: (Evidential difficulties named suspect identified). The crime is confirmed and the victim supports police action (or the points to prove to evidence the offence in respect of state based matters have been made out) but evidential difficulties prevent further action.	4
Outcome Type 16:- (Evidential difficulties victim based – named suspect identified – The victim does not support (or has withdrawn support for) police action).	46
Outcome Type 18: (Investigation complete – No suspect identified). Crime investigated as far as reasonably possible – case closed pending further investigative opportunities becoming available.	10
Outcome Type C3:- Cancelled: duplicate record or part of a crime already recorded.	5

Chinese Male Sentenced for Immigration Offences

In May 2024 a Chinese national, appeared before the Magistrates' Court where he pleaded guilty to charges of being a non-Gibraltarian found in Gibraltar without a Valid Permit or Certificate and for being in Possession of a Forged Passport.

The court heard that, RGP Special Branch officers, accompanied by a Border and Coastguards officer, were on duty at Gibraltar Airport where they checked the Chinese national documents and found that his Chinese passport contained a UK visa vignette. Enquiries revealed that he had only booked the flight to London Gatwick the day before.

When asked for proof of funds to support his visit to UK, the man could only show 100 Euros in cash. As he had no bank cards in his possession, and, after discussion with airport staff, he was then denied access to the aircraft.

Enquiries were then conducted with Border Force UK officials who confirmed that the UK visa vignette was a forgery and had not been issued by them.

The man was subsequently arrested and taken to New Mole House where he was interviewed under caution with the assistance of a Chinese interpreter.

In court, Lin was sentenced to six weeks in prison for the Forged Passport which was reduced to four weeks for an early guilty plea. There was no separate penalty for being in Gibraltar with no Permit or Certificate, but he will be subject to a detention and removal order until he is deported.



Two E-Scooter Riders Under the Influence

In the Magistrates' Court in April 2024, two UK nationals were each fined £200 for Driving an E-Scooter with Alcohol Concentration above the Prescribed Limit.

The court heard that in the early hours of an April morning, officers on Winston Churchill Avenue observed an E-Scooter rider who was not wearing a secure helmet. On speaking to the rider, officers detected a strong smell of alcohol on his breath and noted that his eyes were glazed.

In a roadside test, the man blew 76ug (the legal limit is 35ug) and so he was arrested and taken to New Mole House where he gave a sample of breath on the evidential machine. This again gave a reading of 76ug so he was charged for court.

The court also heard that in the early hours of an April morning, HM Customs officers in the area of Alameda Gardens reported that the rider of an E Scooter rider was swerving between lanes and riding on the wrong side of the road. When police officers arrived at Red Sands Road, the man, who had already been stopped by the Customs officers had noted that the man's speech was slurred and that he smelled of alcohol.

In a roadside test, the man blew 117ug and, once he had been arrested and taken to New Mole House, he then blew 103ug on the evidential machine following which, he was charged for court.



7.5 Years Sentence for Fraud Offences

The sentence of seven and a half years' imprisonment was handed down to a local woman. In March 2024, the woman was found guilty of two counts of False Accounting, three counts of Fraud by Abuse of Position and one count of Fraud by False Representation.

RGP officers had started the investigation in 2018 – over 5 years before the Supreme Court trial.

Additional officers were needed in the Economic Crime Unit in order to scrutinise hundreds of thousands of emails and to interview over 50 witnesses.

It became clear that her criminality had lasted for several years before she was arrested and, in total, the NatWest Bank had lost over £2.7 million as a result of her actions.

Imprisonment for £30,000 Car Theft

In August 2024 a man was sentenced to 18 weeks in prison, by the Magistrates Court for stealing a £30,000 car from a local dealership – following an investigation by the RGP

An Egyptian national of no fixed place of abode, plead guilty to a charge of Theft.

The court heard how the man was previously employed at the dealership, before he was dismissed in June 2024. Following this a subsequent stock check by the business, staff noticed that a vehicle was missing.

Internal CCTV cameras were checked, which caught the man taking the vehicle from the garage in June. Following a Police investigation by the Criminal Investigation Department, officers found that the vehicle left Gibraltar later on in June via the vehicle exit point into Spain. CID detectives arrested the man in June and during interview he admitted to parking the vehicle in Algeciras, Spain. In a joint operation with Policia Nacional officers, who found the vehicle, it was returned to the Rock. Following his arrest, the man was remanded at HM Prison Windmill Hill, where he will now finish the remainder of his sentence.

Man Fined for Sex Act in Public Toilet

In June 2024 a local man has been fined £332 after being caught committing a sexual act in a public toilet.

The male was sentenced at the Magistrates' Court having plead guilty to one charge of Sexual Activity in a Public Lavatory.

The court heard that in March 2023, the RGP had been contacted reference reports and concerns, with regards to sexual activity within the male public toilets on the first floor of the ICC.

He added that all the reports were of one male suspect, who had been observed by ICC staff within the toilet on numerous occasions within the last few months. CCTV footage was then shown to RGP officers pointing out the suspect.

Following a police investigation, a witness was spoken to, who told police that they had seen the man and another male committing a sex act on each other in plain view of anyone entering the toilet in March 2023.

In April 2023, officers received information that the suspect was in the ICC. The said man entered the male toilets but was promptly removed by Response Team officers and arrested on suspicion of Sexual Activity within a Public Lavatory – for which he was later charged.



Gibraltar Courts Service

£5000 Fine for Pint Glass Assault

In June 2024 a man has been fined £5,000 after pleading guilty to throwing a pint glass into the face of a barman whilst on a night out in Gibraltar.

The incident happened on an evening in March 2024 at Bruno's Bar in Marina Bay. The Magistrates' Court heard that the man, a British national, was seen falling over on CCTV footage, shortly before approaching the bar to order a pint of beer.

The barman refused to serve the man, as he believed he was too drunk.

The man then became aggressive towards the barman and started shouting insults at him, before picking up a nearby pint glass and throwing it at the barman.

The glass hit the victim in the face around his left eye, smashing on impact and causing several cuts around his eye and nose. CCTV footage within the bar captured the whole incident.

The victim's injuries were later treated at Saint Bernard's Hospital. The man then left Brunos and was later found by RGP Response Team officers close to Glacis Estate, where he was arrested just after midnight. He was later charged with Assault Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm.

On interview at New Mole House, the man admitted throwing the glass in the direction of the barman, but stated he did not mean to cause him any injuries.

In addition to the fine, the court also ordered the man to pay £1,500 in compensation to the victim.



£9000 fine - Att. Tobacco Smuggling

In June 2024 A man who was caught attempting to smuggle almost £25,000 worth of cigarettes out of Gibraltar was fined £9,000.

A Spanish national pleaded guilty to a charge of being Knowingly Concerned in the Exportation of a Commercial Quantity of Cigarettes and was sentenced at the Magistrates' Court.

The court heard that in December 2023, RGP officers patrolling Queensway spotted the man travelling in a Gibraltar-plated car at an unusually slow speed.

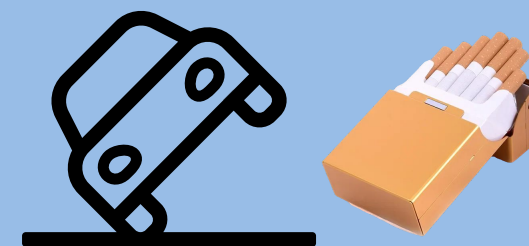
As the officers slowed down to investigate, the car suddenly accelerated, causing the speed camera on Queensway to activate.

Upon reaching the roundabout at the Mid Harbour Estate, the man took a sudden left turn, travelling the incorrect way against the flow of traffic into Coaling Island and ignoring a No Entry sign.

He then abandoned the vehicle and ran off, before appearing from behind several parked cars and attempting to leave the area. He was arrested and handcuffed, before being brought to New Mole House Police Station.

Officers noted that the vehicle's rear seats had been completely removed in order to accommodate numerous cardboard boxes containing 190,000 cigarettes in a variety of assorted brands.

At court, the man also pleaded guilty to Dangerous Driving and Unlawful Transportation of Cigarettes in a Commercial Quantity, to which he received No Separate Penalties.



Cocaine Dealer Jailed for 5 Years

In December 2024 a local man was sentenced to five years in prison after being found guilty of Possession with Intent to Supply Cocaine worth around £5,268, after being found guilty by a jury at the Supreme Court in November 2024.

The court heard that in November 2022, RGP Armed Response Vehicle officers were exiting Devil's Tower Camp in a marked police car, when the man sped past them on a Yamaha T Max. Officers then watched the vehicle swerve from lane to lane without indicating, whilst riding over the speed limit.

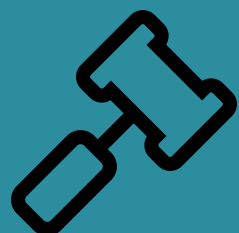
After activating their blue lights to pursue the motorcycle, officers initially lost sight of it due to a build-up of traffic. But the officers caught up with him.

Officers stopped the man to speak to him about his manner of driving, but noticed he was becoming increasingly nervous. After asking him for his driving licence, he opened his black man bag, but left the bag's zip open, leaving the contents clearly visible. Officers then spotted what they thought were controlled drugs and arrested him on suspicion of Possession of a Controlled Class A Drug.

At New Mole House, Drug Squad detectives took over the investigation and removed the plastic wrap from his bag and further arrested him on suspicion of Possession with Intent to Supply a Controlled Class A Drug.

The substance was later analysed by the Gibraltar Health Authority's Public Analyst, who confirmed it was Cocaine Hydrochloride, weighing 87.8 grammes.

The man accepted being in possession of the Class A Drug before the trial – but denied Possession with Intent to Supply the drug.



Drug Driver Disqualified & Fined

In May 2024 a local man was disqualified from driving for eight months and fined £250 after pleading guilty to a charge of Driving Whilst Under the Influence of Drugs.

The court heard that, on a Friday evening in November 2023, officers were informed by an off-duty officer that a car was being driven in an erratic manner in the area of the University of Gibraltar. The officers quickly identified the car and were able to stop it.

They noted that the driver's speech was slurred, his eyes were glazed and his breath smelled of alcohol. He was also argumentative towards the officers.

In a roadside breath test, the driver, blew 39ug so he was arrested and taken to New Mole House where he consented to a drug wipe test which proved positive for cannabis. A blood sample was also taken and then sent to the UK for analysis. The results showed that the blood contained not less than 3.8 micrograms of Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) per litre of blood. THC is the major constituent of cannabis and the legal limit for driving is 2.0 micrograms of THC per litre.

Prison Sentence for Actual Bodily Harm

In July 2024 a local man who bit a woman on the face, choked her and forced his fingers in her mouth was jailed for 20 months. The man was sentenced at the Supreme Court following an eight day trial after being found guilty by a jury of three counts of Assault Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm.

The man was sentenced to 20 months in prison for the biting offence, 20 months in prison for choking the victim and 10 months in prison for forcing her mouth open with his fingers.

The court ordered that the sentences were to run concurrently, meaning he will spend a total of 20 months behind bars.

The man was found not guilty of seven other charges relating to the same incident.

Puisne Judge Liam Yeats said: "These offences are so serious that only a custodial sentence can be justified."

12 Year Sentence for Rape Conviction

In June 2024 a local man has been jailed for raping a woman twice – following a Royal Gibraltar Police investigation. The man was sentenced to a total of 12 years and six months at the Supreme Court.

He was found guilty by majority verdicts in a trial in April 2024 of raping a woman on two separate dates in September and October 2019.

He was also found guilty of one count of False Imprisonment, after locking the woman in a flat for three days and taking away her mobile phone.

Chief Justice Anthony Dudley, referring to a pre-sentence report, said: "The man has an extensive and prolific offending history, which dates back to 1994. He has many convictions for violence, GBH with Intent, Drunk and Disorderly, Harassing Conduct, Disorderly or Indecent Conduct Whilst Intoxicated, Affray, Assisting the Commission of an Offence and drug offences amongst other convictions."

He added that according to the report, the man "...is in complete denial of these offences" and has not expressed any regret or remorse for his actions."

The judge added that the victim suffered "serious psychological harm" following the incidents.

The man received a six year sentence for the first rape and six years and six months for the second rape – to be served consecutively.

He received a sentence of three years for the False Imprisonment, which will be served concurrently.

Mr Justice Dudley added that the time the man had already spent on remand will be taken off his 12 and a half year sentence. UPDATED



Man Jailed After Setting Dog on Police

In January 2025 a man who ordered his dog to attack police officers when they tried to arrest him has been sentenced at the Supreme Court to one year in prison.

The local man was found guilty of Actual Bodily Harm and Common Assault.

The case dates back to 2016, when RGP officers attended his residence to arrest him in relation to a suspected burglary.

Prison Sentence for £91,210 Jewellery Theft

In February 2025 a local man was jailed for 20 weeks after stealing £91,210 of gold chains from a jewellery shop on Main Street – following an RGP investigation. The male was sentenced at the Magistrates' Court after pleading guilty to one charge of Theft.

The court heard that just after 2pm on an afternoon in February, the male entered Essardas Luxury and asked staff if he could view some gold chains within the price range of £6,000 to £7,000.

Whilst viewing a roll of 30 gold chains, he suddenly snatched the roll from the owner's hands, causing one of the chains to break off and fall to the floor. He then ran out of the shop in the direction of Casemates Square. Several shop workers chased after him.

The RGP were informed that the suspect ran up Crutchett's Ramp. Officers then arrived in the area of the Moorish Castle and following directions from one of the shop workers who chased him, before finding him trying to hide.

The male was heavily out of breath and several gold chains could be seen hanging out of his clothing. He was then arrested on suspicion of Theft and taken to New Mole House Police Station.

He was later charged with the theft of 29 gold chains, which were all recovered.

Two Arrested for Dangerous Driving

Two local teenagers were arrested after riding their motorcycles at speeds of over 100kph during a police pursuit in February 2025.

The two males, were arrested on suspicion of Dangerous Driving and Failing to Stop, following the incident along Sir Herbert Miles Road just before 6pm.

Their arrests came after RGP officers from the Roads Policing Unit spotted the teenagers speeding out of Kingsway Tunnel and heading towards Sir Herbert Miles Road.

Officers activated their blue lights and sirens and started to pursue the suspects, who then accelerated to speeds of over 100kph and failed to stop for officers.

During the police pursuit, both riders overtook vehicles dangerously and rode through a red light at speed in the area Both Worlds.

Prison for Online Child Sex Offences

In February 2025 a man was jailed for a year by the Supreme Court following an investigation by the Royal Gibraltar Police into online child sex offences. The man pleaded guilty to two counts of Attempted Sexual Communication with a Child.

The man had been arrested back in November 2024 by detectives from the RGP's Safeguarding Team. The court heard that the man had posed as a 19-year-old on online chat platforms and sent explicit photos to 14-year-olds.

He sent messages asking for sex and asking to meet in a hotel. However, the man was actually speaking to undercover adults working for a UK-based child protection team. The information was shared with the RGP, who launched an investigation and found the man by tracing his IP address.



Record Prison Sentence for Child Sex Offender

In October 2024 a local man was found guilty of 19 child sex offences by Gibraltar's Supreme Court he was then remanded to HMP Windmill Hill until his sentencing in January 2025.

The offences against five victims took place between 1990 and 2016 and included the rape of a child under 13 and sexual activity with a child. The jury took 90 minutes to deliberate.

The convicted paedophile was sentenced to 39 years in HMP

"He stole my chance to experience a normal childhood."

Those were the words of a victim that were read out in court ahead of Graham Southwell's sentencing this afternoon.

Several emotional victim impact statements were read out by lawyers at the Supreme Court this morning – whilst persons in the public gallery sat crying.

In a packed court, Southwell was described as a "predator," "coward" and a "wolf in sheep's clothing" – who did "unspeakable things" to his young victims.

3 Year Ban for Drink Driver

In January 2025 a local woman who drove her car up Main Street whilst more than twice the drink drive limit was disqualified from driving for three years. She was also fined £180 after pleading guilty to a drink driving offence at the Magistrates' Court. A roadside breath test which was carried out at the time of the offence gave a reading of 99ug. The legal limit is 35ug. She was arrested on suspicion of Driving when Under the Influence of Drink.

A Royal Gibraltar Police officer can stop and question a member of the public at any time, depending on a number of circumstances.

A police officer has powers to stop and search someone if they have reasonable grounds to suspect that the person is carrying:

- Illegal drugs
- A weapon
- Stolen property
- Something which could be used to commit a crime, such as a crowbar

Only in certain circumstances, approved by a Senior Ranked Police Officer, can a member of the public can be stopped and searched without reasonable grounds. This can happen if it is suspected that:

- Serious violence could take place (in an event/location)
- He/she is carrying a weapon or has used one
- He/she is in a specific location or area

Stop and question: Police Powers

A police officer might stop someone and ask:

- For their name
- Why they are in a particular area
- Where they are going

Month	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
April	46	82	50
May	54	77	37
June	21	52	47
July	66	60	32
August	91	34	32
September	40	64	47
October	54	36	41
November	49	47	34
December	40	36	33
January	82	62	52
February	70	57	39
March	57	52	34
Total	670	659	478
Arrests	83	103	85

Before someone is searched, the RGP officer will provide/explain:

- His/her name
- What the officer expects to find, e.g. Drugs
- The reason for the search – perhaps because something might be hidden
- Why they are legally allowed to search the person
- That the person is entitled to a copy of the record of search, and, if not possible immediately, how this can be supplied later.

Removing clothing: Police Powers

A police officer may ask for a coat, jacket or gloves to be removed as part of a search.

A police officer can ask for other clothes and anything being worn for religious reasons (e.g. a veil or turban) to be removed, and if they do, the person must be taken somewhere out of public view.

If an officer wishes to remove more than a coat, jacket and gloves, they must be of the same gender as the person being searched.



Police have searched fewer people this year but the level of detections and positive outcomes remains high. This means officers are focusing their time in a more targeted, intelligence-led manner, making effective use of important stop & search powers in order to prevent and detect crime.



RGP Opens up a Whatsapp Channel



-  **Royal Gibraltar Police**
-  **RoyalGibPolice**
-  **@RGPolice**

Did you know the Royal Gibraltar Police have a WhatsApp channel? What's this we hear you say? Well, it's a way of sharing press releases, news, road closures, traffic diversions and much more – straight to your phone via WhatsApp. This is the link - <https://tinyurl.com/543tm3nr>

They also have Facebook, Instagram and X accounts, go follow them for the latest information.

RGP Sign Up to Gender Equality Movement

In August 2024 the Royal Gibraltar Police signed up to an initiative to address gender imbalances within the force's middle and senior management structure. Commissioner of Police Richard Ullger joined five other British Overseas Territory police chiefs in joining the "HeForShe" scheme at a conference in London. HeForShe is a solidarity movement, inviting men to work with women to promote gender equality. It's hoped the initiative will also remove sexism and misogyny, where it exists, in police culture.

Inspector Luis Miguel White, who will lead the scheme in the RGP, said: "I am excited and honoured to have been selected to take the lead in this project. "In an ever evolving world there needs to be awareness and understanding to better represent society at all levels of policing, including middle and senior management, whilst providing the necessary support to all police officers, regardless of sex."

The RGP signed up to the scheme at the British Overseas Territories Conference for Commissioners of Police, which is a biannual event organised by the UK's Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO). The event connects them with colleagues from across UK policing, fostering collaboration and support. At this year's event, forces from Anguilla, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, Gibraltar and the Sovereign Base Areas joined all UK police forces by signing up to HeForShe. A spokeswoman for the FCDO, said: "The Commissioners' commitment to HeForShe today has strengthened their resolve towards gender equality and ensuring effective policing across the territories. "As a member of the HeForShe alliance, UK Policing has already demonstrated a strong dedication to gender equality, and the addition of the British Overseas Territories further solidifies the collective effort. The dedication shown by these police forces is a significant step towards fostering a culture of respect, fairness, and opportunity for all. By addressing these critical issues, they are not only supporting their female officers and staff, but also setting a powerful example for other organisations to follow."



UK Police Association's Inaugural Visit to Gibraltar

In October 2024 the International Police Association's (IPA) UK section visited their Gibraltar counterparts for the first time on the Rock. Six members of the IPA UK have spent a week building links with the Gibraltar IPA and officers across the Royal Gibraltar Police.

The aim of the visit was to build closer ties between UK police forces and the RGP, whilst promoting training opportunities, sharing policing contacts and expertise.

A mixture of serving and retired officers, the IPA UK committee members gave talks at New Mole House Police Station, including a presentation to the force's Women In Policing Committee. The group were given tours around RGP departments, such as the Marine Section.

The IPA UK members also visited the Convent for a meeting with the Governor of Gibraltar, His Excellency Sir Ben Bathurst, and Deputy Governor Marc Holland, before meeting representatives of the Rock's Association of Retired Police Officers at the IPA Gibraltar Headquarters on North Pavilion Road.

Later in the week, the Gibraltar Defence Police's (GDP) Chief of Police John McVea invited the group to their Headquarters, to encourage more GDP officers to join the Gibraltar IPA. RGP officer Jason Russell, who is the Vice President of the Gibraltar IPA section, said: "This week has helped us build some good connections and friendships with our colleagues in the IPA UK section. This will no doubt help with future training opportunities for officers both here and in the UK."

Clive Wood, President of the IPA UK section, added: "It has been a delight to spend a few days in Gibraltar with our friends from the IPA Gibraltar section. It is my first visit to the Rock and we have received excellent hospitality. I really hope that we will be able to facilitate members of the Gibraltar section on professional development visits to the UK. A huge thank you to all of those involved in facilitating our visit. It feels such a shame to return to the UK weather!"

The International Police Association is a friendship organisation for police officers, whether serving or retired.

It was founded in 1950 by English police sergeant Arthur Troop.

There are around 369,000 members in 68 countries on six continents, making the IPA the largest police association in the world.

The visit was facilitated by the Gibraltar Tourist Board, Visit Gibraltar, Dolphin Safari and staff at the Convent.



Caught by the Fuzz



There was more facial fuzz than usual in New Mole House in November 2024 after Response Team 2 officers showed off their "Movember" moustaches.

The annual fundraiser saw the boys in blue ditch their razors for the rest of the month to raise awareness and money for men's health issues – in particular mental health, suicide prevention, prostate and testicular cancer.

Nine lads from RT2 hoped to raise £2,000 for the cause by growing a moustache. An RGP spokesman said: "One of the Response Team 2 officers asked the shift to get involved as he has lost 12 former colleagues to suicide since leaving the armed forces and joining the Royal Gibraltar Police. Mental health is also an issue that affects officers in the RGP."

RGP Donate Cash and Goods to Valencia

In November 2024 an RGP appeal resulted in donated goods and £1,000, which were then sent on their way to help people in the Valencia region following requests for assistance.

Police Constable Amira Morillo Rodriguez organised the internal appeal following news of the devastating floods.

Bags of donated goods were collected at the International Police Association (IPA) Gibraltar Club with officers also donating cash to the appeal. Among the donated goods were clothing, toiletries, food, water, baby food and cleaning products. The donated goods were then driven up to Valencia.

Following her appeal, the IPA Gibraltar Section also donated £500 with another £275 being donated by the RGP's Charity Committee.

Amira, who works as a uniformed officer on Response Team 5, said: "Considering we only started the appeal two days ago, it's been a good response. Thank you to everyone who has donated – any little amount helps."



Armed Forces Support Network

Twenty members of the Royal Gibraltar Police's Armed Forces Support Network got together for a commemorative photograph in November 2024 ahead of Remembrance Sunday.

The officers in this photograph served previously with the Royal Navy, the Royal Gibraltar Regiment, HM Royal Marines, the Royal Military Police, the Parachute Regiment, the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers and the Royal Air Force. The RGP and British Forces Gibraltar signed the Armed Forces Covenant in Gibraltar in November 2021, committing to work together to honour the Armed Forces Covenant and support the armed forces community.

The pact was in recognition of the value that serving personnel, both regular, reservists, veterans and military families, contribute to our business and our communities.

In October 2023, the RGP was presented with the United Kingdom's Defence Employer Recognition Scheme "Silver Award."

Superintendent Paul Chipolina, the RGP Armed Forces Lead, said: "Members of the armed forces community possess a breadth of skills and experience which, when harnessed, can be used to continue delivering the best possible service to Gibraltar. Equally, we acknowledge and look towards supporting the needs of the armed forces community, whether as colleagues, members of staff, victims or offenders of crime.

"The RGP's Armed Forces Support Network I currently lead, assisted by Police Constable Karl Moody, is committed to supporting resident veterans and visitors who might interact with police for any number of reasons. Equally, we're working alongside UK policing colleagues with similar networks, principally with Greater Manchester Police, to help influence other organisations in pledging their support to our armed forces community.

"One project we're currently working on and very much looking forward to is the 'Pillars of Hercules Challenge,' which will see some of us, alongside colleagues from Greater Manchester Police, Greater Manchester Fire & Rescue and Lancashire Constabulary, ascend Gibraltar and Jebel Musa within the same day (5th April 2025) to raise funds for several military and police veterans' charities."

The RGP encourages local organisations across Gibraltar's public and private sectors to work with us by pledging their support to armed forces personnel, their families, reservists and veterans.



RGP Officer Wins Gold in Ju-Jitsu



A Royal Gibraltar Police officer is celebrating after winning a gold and silver medal at a Brazilian Ju-Jitsu competition for police officers in Scotland in June 2024.

PC William Danino, 25, had four fights during the one day event, winning three by submission and losing one by points.

The Team Police Brazilian Ju-Jitsu competition was held at Jackton Police Training College in Glasgow and saw 219 police officers from UK police forces square up against each other.

William, who is a Response Team 3 officer and trains at Angry Chill Ju-Jitsu Club in Gibraltar, said: "It was a very rewarding feeling to win a gold and silver medal, especially after my coaches and team mates put in a lot of work to help me get ready for the competition. I'm very pleased to see the sport becoming popular amongst police officers in the UK."



RGP Brothers in Arms (Joint 51 years' service)



It was back in 1998 when PC 99 Simon Debono decided to join the Royal Gibraltar Police. A year later, his younger brother DC 200 Anthony Debono signed up – following in his big brother's footsteps. Since then, the brothers have clocked up more than 51 years of police service between them. And despite their many years upholding the Thin Blue Line – it's actually a rare occasion when they get to work together. But the first time the brothers teamed up was in 2003, when they formed a search team to help look for the body of Simon Parkes, who went missing in Gibraltar in 1986.

Simon, now 50, who was 23 when he joined the RGP, said: "We don't work together often, as our careers have taken a different path. However, on certain big events or if we are working overtime as Response Team Officers, we may get the odd chance to work alongside each other, which makes me very proud.

"I love working with my brother. We are both old school and he brings a lot of knowledge and experience to the job like I do, and this is noticed when patrolling together out on the streets."

As for Anthony, now 48, who joined at the age of 21 back in 1999. When asked why he joined the RGP, Tony replied: "I never gave it a thought until after living in Gibraltar for a year and discussing the job with Simon." Over the years the dad of two worked as a Response Team officer, worked on Tobacco Squads, joined the Dynamic Entry Unit and worked alongside the Criminal Investigation Department and the Drug Squad on many operations whilst he was a Detective Constable in the Crime Division. And whilst working as a Response Team officer, RGP Commissioner Richard Ullger was one of his sergeants. Tony is currently a Crime Prevention and Security Advisor. As for what working with his big brother is like, he agreed that they've not had much opportunity over the years to work together, but added: "More recently, Simon and I have been able to work together on events and during overtime shifts on Response Team.



Policing Montserrat

“It’s an interesting place, but different.” Those are the words of Chief Inspector Alex Enriles, who in May 2024 returned from a month’s stint as acting Commissioner of the Royal Montserrat Police Force. Not only did he have responsibility for the force’s 71 officers, but he was also the head of the Caribbean Island’s fire and ambulance services as well. Acting Commissioner Enriles was on hand to provide cover for the force until a new Police Commissioner was appointed.



HM Governor Depart Gibraltar- Emergency Services Parade.



In May 2024 HM Governor of Gibraltar said his farewell to the Rock, RGP officers were proud to form part of the Emergency Services parade.

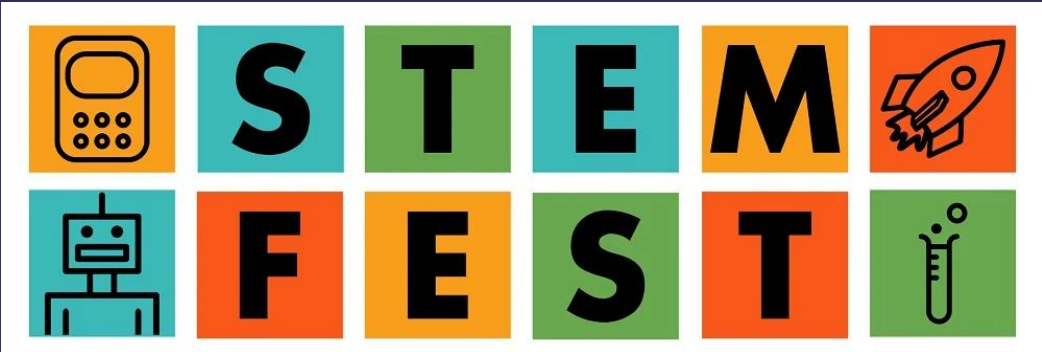


RGP Family Fun Day

Officers from the RGP’s 2024 Recruit Class raised several thousands of pounds for charity during the Family Fun Day. The fundraiser featured a raffle, food and activities for people of all ages and was ran from 10am to 3pm with raffle tickets drawn towards the end of the day. As part of the fundraising effort, recruits pulled a police van from Casemates to Cathedral Square and back during the event, whilst collecting cash in buckets. Back in Casemates, members of the public had a rare opportunity to throw wet sponges at police officers in return for a small donation to charity. The recruits also rowed on a static rowing machine throughout the fun day, to cover a distance of 100km. The RGP’s Roads Policing Unit and the Women in Policing team were also present, as was the St John Ambulance – to explain their roles to members of the public. All money raised was donated to Possibilities and Prostate Cancer Gibraltar.



RGP Officers help inspire young girls



In March 2025 three female Royal Gibraltar Police officers took part in an event on the Sunborn Hotel, to help encourage young girls to follow careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). During STEM Fest, the officers from the RGP’s Women in Policing Network created a crime scene where girls had to find clues to solve a crime. Organised by NatWest International and Girlguiding Gibraltar – professionals from policing, finance, construction and digital technology were invited to run a series of activities aimed at sparking curiosity and a passion for these industries. Police Constable Samira Mohamed, the Vice Chair of the RGP’s Women in Policing Network, who attended the event with Detective Constable Jade Santiago and Police Sergeant Amandine Vallee, said: “This was a great opportunity to engage with the young girls in our community and to encourage them to dream without limits. Apart from the fantastic activity they took part in, we also showed them through our teamwork how important it is for women to support and uplift each other. It was a very rewarding experience and we all had a lot of fun.”



Samira explained how PS Vallee, a Response Team officer, created a crime scene using her Crime Scene Investigation (CSI) training, where the girls taking part had to find the clues to solve the crime, which in this case was 'Who stole the headmasters cookies?' Samira added: “The girls then had the chance to use different CSI methods to find out which suspect had committed the crime. This involved an analysis of fingerprints, footprints, handwriting and DNA in order to solve the crime with our help.”

RGP Appoints New Aide-De-Camp

In March 2025 a Royal Gibraltar Police officer was selected as the force’s new Aide-de-Camp to the Governor of Gibraltar. Inspector James Rodriguez was chosen by the Commissioner of Police Richard Ullger – with the approval of His Excellency the Governor Lieutenant General Sir Benjamin Bathurst.

The honorary role will see Insp. Rodriguez support and inform the Governor of police related events, ceremonies and policing matters.

James, who joined the RGP in 2012, works as an Inspector in the RGP’s Operations Division.

His first official duty since becoming the force’s Aide-de-Camp was overseeing a Long Service and Good Conduct Investiture Ceremony at the Convent.

Insp. Rodriguez takes over the role of Aide-de-Camp from the RGP’s Inspector Craig Goldwin.



RGP Charity Football Match in aid of GBC Open Day

Another successful 11-a-side charity football match was held in Lathbury Sports Complex with all proceeds going to the GBC Open Day. The famous El classico match which was played in May 2024, was swapped for the Derby Della Madonnina (Milan Derby)... AC Milan v Inter Milan. This game was an intense match, with some silky and not so silky skills being shown by our officers, with AC Milan eventually coming out the winners 3-1 to lift the Debono Shield.



RGP Court Officer Retires

In January 2025 Police Constable Vincent Cruz retired from the Royal Gibraltar Police after 26 years of service.

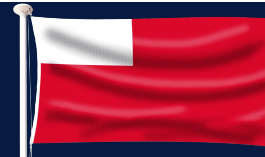
Vincent joined the RGP on the 6th April 1999 and over the years worked as a Response Team Officer, Coxswain in the Marine Section, Driver to former RGP Commissioner Eddie Yome, in the Traffic/Neighbourhood Policing Team, in the File Preparation Unit, the Criminal Justice Unit and finally as the Magistrates' Court Officer.

Prior to joining the police at the age of 29, Vincent spent 12 years in The Gibraltar Regiment (now known as The Royal Gibraltar Regiment).

A number of officers gathered in the Commissioner's Suite to say farewell to the officer.

A spokesman from the Royal Gibraltar Police, said: "We wish Vinny all the best in his well-earned retirement. He will be thoroughly missed by his colleagues."





Officers Graduate from Abu Dhabi Police Academy

In March 2025 two Royal Gibraltar Police officers returned to the Rock after successfully completing a four-month Police Academy course at the Abu Dhabi Police College. Detective Constables Guy Buist and Jade Santiago joined 75 police officers from 29 countries around the world for the intensive course – which pushed officers to their limits

During the school, officers received firearms training, were pushed to their physical fitness limits and were examined on countless practical and academic studies. Both RGP officers then successfully graduated at a lavish awards ceremony in February, where they met the Crown Prince of the United Emirates.

Speaking about their experiences, they agreed that although some policing elements were similar to here in Gibraltar – there were many differences. For example, when the officers arrived in September last year – they were greeted by temperatures of 42c.

“When we first arrived I found it hard to breathe and my nostrils burned it was so hot,” said Guy, 28, who works in the RGP’s Criminal Investigation Department. “We were also showering three times a day and changing into several different uniforms.” And as part of their training, the officers were required to get up at 4am every day.

Jade explained that her highlights were meeting police officers from all over the world, experiencing another culture and learning as much as possible.

“Abu Dhabi became a second home for us,” she said. “We had a close knit group of friends there. One of the more useful things I learned was the firearms training. It was very challenging for the simple reason that we don’t carry firearms as standard in Gibraltar, so we lacked that experience and knowledge compared to other officers.”

Jade and Guy got to grips with the M16 assault rifle, the Colt 9mm and the Sig Sauer. Guy added that the physical fitness side of the Police Academy was “intense”. He continued: “I like to think I’m quite a fit guy. I do a bit of running and stuff like that. Sometimes you look at people and you think, could I run away from them? But there was not one police officer I saw in Abu Dhabi that I thought I could out run

Officers from police forces around the world had to submit a report to join the Police Academy, which was taught in English. The entire program was paid entirely by the Ministry of Interior at The United Arab Emirates – at no cost to the RGP.

Jade added: “The most important parts of the course for me were the leadership training and the global connections we built. Guy agreed that the leadership training was one of the most beneficial parts of the course.



Gibraltar Holds First Regional IPA Meeting

Gibraltar’s International Police Association (IPA) hosted several of its international counterparts during its first regional meeting last weekend.

IPA presidents and vice presidents from Luxembourg, Ireland, the Netherlands, Italy, San Marino, Monaco, Switzerland and the UK attended the gathering, which was held in the Rock’s IPA Club near New Mole House.

One of the aims of the visit was to build closer ties between international police forces and the RGP, whilst promoting training opportunities, sharing policing contacts and expertise.

The group had lunch and listened to guest speakers before the visitors - none of whom had visited Gibraltar before - enjoyed a complimentary tour of the Rock provided by Blands Travel and the Gibraltar Tourist Board.

Ben Bentley, President of the IPA Gibraltar Branch and a serving officer of the Royal Gibraltar Police, said: “I wish to say a big thank to my committee for their hard work, the Commissioner of the RGP Richard Ullger for his continued support, speaker Karen Duckworth, retired president Maurice Napoli and the staff at No.6 - who all helped make the visit run smoothly from beginning to end.”

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Commissioner of Police attends Guardia Civil anniversary parade

At the invitation of the Colonel of the Guardia Civil in Algeciras, Francisco Almansa, former Commissioner of Police Richard Ullger and Assistant Commissioner Cathal Yeats attended the 180th anniversary parade of the founding of the Guardia Civil.

During the anniversary parade, various decorations were presented to Guardia Civil officers and, in an emotional speech, the Colonel paid his respects to the Guardia Civil officers who were recently murdered in Barbate.

As well as the RGP officers, the parade was attended by mayors from the region, the chiefs of the National and Regional Police forces, and officers from Morocco, Portugal, and France.

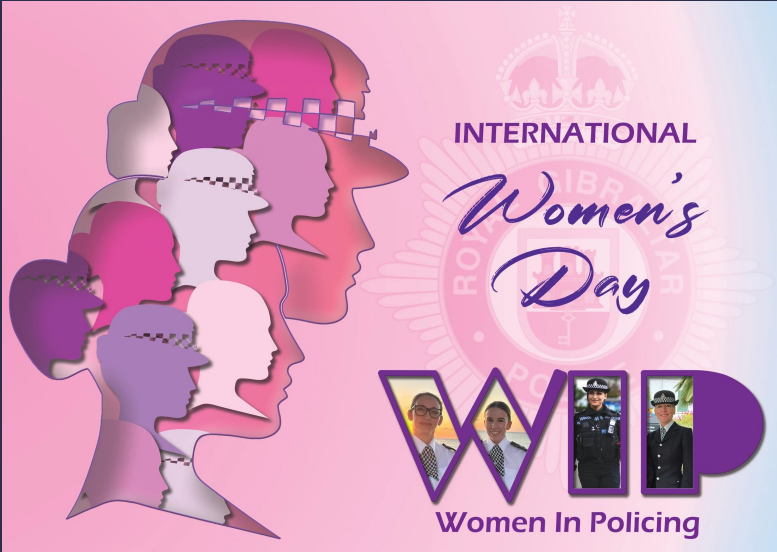
The former Commissioner of Police thanked the Colonel for his invitation and for the way that, together, they are able to have an exceptional working relationship. By means of this relationship – and by working hard together – they hope to keep everyone safe, both on the Rock and in the Campo of Gibraltar.



RGP Celebrate International Women’s Day

In March 2025 the Royal Gibraltar Police marked International Women’s Day with a number of inspirational female speakers at New Mole House. The event saw dozens of officers and guests attend the talks, which were held in the Sir Robert Peel Room throughout the day. Organised by the RGP’s Women in Policing Committee – the speakers spoke about a number of personal subjects including the challenges they have faced in their careers and how they got into their professions.

Among the speakers were Liz Coles (Assistant Chief Constable from Wiltshire Police), Monique Grambow (the founder of the charity Mind Body Soul) the RGP’s Women in Policing Committee (Inspector McLeod, Inspector Chappory and Sgt Gonzalez), Brenda Cuby (CEO of GibSams), Doctor Elaine Flores (the GHA’s Deputy Medical Director and the RGP’s Forensic Medical Examiner) and Police Constable Sharon Berini.



RGP Twins with Devon and Cornwall Police



The Royal Gibraltar Police and Devon and Cornwall Police (DCP) signed a historic twinning arrangement at the Convent in June 2024. Former Commissioner of Police Richard Ullger and Acting Chief Constable Jim Colwell of the DCP signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in the presence of His Excellency the Governor, Lieutenant General Sir Ben Bathurst. The agreement aims to create a supportive relationship between the two forces, who will share expertise, experience and provide each other with training opportunities such as secondments. Plans for the MoU began back in 2019 and are supported by both the Home Office and the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office.

RGP officers participate in International Police Association (IPA) conference

In November 2024 two RGP officers attended a conference in Germany that aimed to encourage more female police officers to join the International Police Association (IPA). Police Constable Emily Bright and Inspector Tanya McLeod spent five days at IBZ Gimborn in Germany, where a number of senior female police officers spoke about their careers.

Under the #ShelsIPA campaign name, the event was also a networking opportunity to promote development and training opportunities available to female police officers through the IPA.

Among the speakers were senior female police officers from the Metropolitan Police Service, the Irish Garda, Police Service Northern Ireland and the Swedish National Police. During the visit, PC Bright and Insp. McLeod also visited the Police Head Quarters in Cologne.

The trip was paid for by the Gibraltar Branch of the IPA, who charge RGP officers a voluntary monthly membership fee.

IBZ Gimborn is home to the IPA's flagship International Education and Conference Centre.

It is here where professional seminars, conferences and meetings are held in wooded mountainous surroundings, some 30 miles east of Cologne.

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The IPA has around 372,000 members in nearly 100 countries, making it the largest police association in the world.



RGP Officer Raises £1,375 for Charity

A Royal Gibraltar Police officer who swapped his police boots for running shoes has raised £1,375 for Childline Gibraltar by running the Malaga Marathon in December 2024.

Police Constable Warden finished the 42km event in 4:08:21 – beating his best time of 4:28 in the Malaga Marathon in 2019.

The 31-year-old returned to front line duties on Response Team 2 the following day (Monday) – albeit with some slightly stiff legs.

The dad of two said: “It wasn’t as bad as I thought it was going to be, as I was more prepared for the event this time around. It was a good run but my legs are still sore today.

“I’m happy to have raised that much money for Childline as I wasn’t expecting to get that much. Thank you to everyone who sponsored me and the RGP charity committee who gave me £200 too!”



Every year, more than 600 people call the Childline Gibraltar Helpline. Many are children feeling scared about things happening in their lives. Others are adults worried about a child’s safety.

Childline Gibraltar’s free telephone and live chat helpline service is available every day between 5pm and 9pm and takes more than 600 calls a year.

The charity also offers a support service for adult victims of childhood abuse and a 24/7 ‘appropriate adult’ service for young people who’ve been detained by the police.



Helpline


Open 5pm - 9pm


Freephone
8008


Live Chat
www.childline.gi


WhatsApp
58008288


Email
8008@childline.gi

RGP officers participate in Law Enforcement torch Run for Special Olympics Gibraltar

In June 2025 this year's edition of the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Gibraltar saw some RGP officers joining colleagues from Gibraltar's Essential Services and a group of teenage students from Westside/Bayside schools, spending a long & hot afternoon visiting various areas of Gibraltar to fundraise for this very worthy cause.

It all culminated at Lathbury Stadium, where the team of officers & students handed over the torch to our very special athletes, one of whom then lit the cauldron to signal the start of this year's games.



The Law Enforcement Torch Run® (LETR), initiated in 1981 by Wichita Police Chief Richard LaMunyon, has grown into a worldwide movement. What began as a humble initiative has transformed into a global beacon of hope and unity, driven by the collective efforts of law enforcement volunteers. Known as Guardians of the Flame, these dedicated individuals join hands with Special Olympics athletes to champion the cause of acceptance and inclusion for individuals with intellectual disabilities.

The essence of LETR lies in its community-centric approach. Law enforcement members from various levels, including federal, national, state, provincial, local, and even military sectors, come together to support this noble cause. Their collaboration extends beyond mere participation; it signifies a commitment to fostering a society where everyone, irrespective of their abilities, is embraced and celebrated.





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