Member Update August 2026

Stay informed with a clear view of our progress. Each month we'll highlight key initiatives, share successes and present our impactful statistics. This edition covers August 2026 statistics compared to July 2026.

Partnership Statistics

INCIDENTS REPORTED INCREASED BY **13%** TO **1,453**

ACTUAL LOSSES INCREASED BY **16%** TO **£157k**

74

INCIDENTS REPORTED INVOLVING VIOLENCE/ABUSE

UNKNOWN SUSPECTS IDENTIFIED

332



Effective crime prevention relies on strong, collaborative partnerships. Together, we can make a difference. Here are some of the highlights from August, showcasing the work being carried out with partners to tackle crime, share intelligence and support safer communities.



Our Community Awareness Guide Launch!

We were proud to launch our national billboard campaign in partnership with JCDecaux, bringing our Retail Crime Techniques: A Community Awareness Guide to around 400 digital screens across the UK.

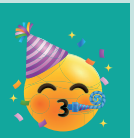
The campaign aims to help communities recognise common criminal techniques, stay vigilant and reduce the risk of becoming a victim of crime. From distraction theft and impersonation scams to ATM fraud, the guide provides practical advice to help keep people safe.

A huge thank you to **JCDecaux UK, Let's Go Glasgow BID**, **Police Scotland, Police Scotland Retail Crime Taskforce** and **TSS (Total Security Services) Ltd** for supporting this important initiative.

Read the full guide here: **www.retailersagainstcrime.org/media/library-user/document/RAC%20Community%20Awareness%20Guide.pdf**



Work Anniversaries



In August, we celebrated another work anniversary with Jennifer Nicol (centre) celebrating her first anniversary with RAC.

Thank you Jen, for all your hard work and contribution over the past year. We're delighted to have you as part of Team RAC!

RETAILERS AGAINST CRIME
Local knowledge with a national reach

RAC On The Road

Retailers Against Crime were pleased to support a Youth Engagement Day at Easterhouse Sports Centre, alongside **Police Scotland Retail Crime Taskforce**, engaging with young people, families and the wider community to raise awareness of retail crime and its impact.



It was good to engage with many young people, answer their questions and highlight the work RAC does to support retailers and our partners across Scotland. The conversations showed just how valuable these opportunities are in educating the next generation and encouraging positive choices.

A huge thank you to Police Scotland youth volunteers, whose enthusiasm and support helped make the day such a success.



Travelling Offender Update:

This team are suspected of high value bulk thefts of alcohol. They place goods into a nested trolley and exit without making payment. They are believed to be travelling throughout the UK.

Three members of the team appeared at Elgin Sheriff Court on 14/09. Two were released with no bail conditions and one male remained in custody pending deportation.

