Member Update October 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 October 2026 statistics compared to September 2026.

Partnership Statistics

INCIDENTS REPORTED DECREASED BY **5%** TO **1150**

ACTUAL LOSSES INCREASED BY **41%** TO **£160k**

89

INCIDENTS REPORTED INVOLVING VIOLENCE/ABUSE

UNKNOWN SUSPECTS IDENTIFIED

406



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





RAC On The Road

Stirling Intel Briefing

We held our Stirling Intelligence Briefing, bringing together retailers, Police Scotland, Police Scotland Retail Crime Taskforce and Go Forth Stirling (BID) to strengthen collaboration and intelligence sharing across Stirling City Centre.

We provided an update on the work we do and highlighted the importance of working together with retailers and police to build stronger partnerships, share intelligence and tackle retail crime collectively.

It was fantastic to see such an engaged audience, with everyone sharing a clear passion for making a difference. The questions, discussions and enthusiasm throughout the session really highlighted the commitment within Stirling to work together and the support local businesses.

We look forward to building on these positive relationships and strengthening our partnership to help create a safer environment for retailers, staff and customers.

Stephanie Karté has been invited to join the judging panel for the 2027 Outstanding Loss Prevention Awards (OLPAs).

The awards celebrate excellence across loss prevention, retail security and crime prevention, recognising the achievements of individuals, teams and organisations from across the sector.

We look forward to seeing the high standard of entries and celebrating the outstanding work being carried out throughout the industry.



One Year at RAC – Melanie Lamont!



A year already! This month we're celebrating Mel's one-year anniversary with Retailers Against Crime!

As an Intelligence Analyst, Melanie plays an important role in supporting our retail members and turning intelligence into meaningful information that helps tackle retail crime.

With a background in retail, Melanie brings valuable first-hand experience and an understanding of the challenges faced by those working on the frontline. Over the past year, she has contributed to a range of RAC initiatives, including intelligence briefings and Retail Action weeks, helping to ensure members feel supported, informed and connected to the wider partnership working taking place. Thanks, Melanie, for all your hard work over the past year and for being a valued part of the RAC team.

Team bonding... with a competitive twist!

The RAC team headed out for a night of bowling in Stirling, and it didn't take long for a bit of friendly competition to kick in!

Liz Paterson took the top spot, with our CEO Stephanie Karté giving her a run for her money! Let's just say there was plenty of determination on display... and a rematch might already be on the cards!

It was a great night of team bonding, a little healthy competition and proof that we're just as good at having fun together as we are at working together!

Well played, Liz!

