

Celtic FC

Independent Review of Feedback
from Policing away from Celtic Park
on 16.03.25

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1 Introduction

1.1 Description of Events

On Sunday 16th March 2025, Celtic FC played a Scottish Premier Football League (SPFL) match fixture against Rangers FC at Celtic Park. The fixture was match-day 30 of the SPFL season, and the match kicked-off at 12.30pm, as scheduled. This particular match held a slightly higher significance, in a safety, security and policing perspective, compared to other recent fixtures between the two clubs. This was because, for the first time since January 2023, Celtic Park hosted approximately 2,500 Rangers supporters in the away section of the stadium. Recent matches played between the clubs had been played with reduced away support allocations of only approximately 800 away fans in attendance.

For the match between Celtic and Rangers on Sunday 16th March 25, the use of additional policing powers, under Section 60 of the Criminal and Public Order Act 1994, had been authorised to Police Scotland.

Police Scotland publicly stated that the additional powers allowed to police officers to stop and search people, would be used wherever officers considered appropriate and necessary, and whether the person(s) was on foot or inside a vehicle. The powers granted under the Section 60 Order also enabled officers to instruct the removal of any items they believed may be being used, wholly or partly, to conceal identity.

The Section 60 Order associated with the Celtic v Rangers fixture on 16.03.25 was in force across the greater Glasgow region, and applied between the hours of 0800 and 2350 on Sunday 16th March 2025.

Details of the Section 60 Order were publicised, in advance, by Police Scotland and by regional and national media outlets. A copy of the publication notice posted by Police Scotland in relation to the Section 60 Order is shown in Appendix A.

On the day of the match fixture, and prior to kick-off as supporters were making their way to the stadium, a number of supporters, from both teams, were intercepted and detained within containment cordons by Police Scotland officers. The groups of opposing supporters were held at different locations, with the away support being held close to the Emirates Arena, and the home supporters being held outside of the Celtic Supporters Association club at 1524 London Road, Glasgow.

The overall police operation, in which supporters were detained within contained cordons, is understood to have lasted for approximately 5 hours.



Following conclusion of the policing operation, it was subsequently reported, by Police Scotland, that a number of individuals had been reported to the Procurator Fiscal for refusing to be searched by Police as per the powers granted under Section 60 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994. At the time of writing this report, it is understood that judicial processes may still be ongoing in relation to the 90 persons that are understood to have been reported by Police Scotland.

A copy of the Police Scotland published notice, in relation to the event(s) of 16th March 2025, is shown in Appendix B.

While the police operation that involved the detained away supporters was resolved in a shorter timeframe, the operation involving a larger number of home supporters continued over an extended period of time and resulted in the full closure of London Road, in both directions, and with reported significant knock-on impacts to the regional road network, local communities and those travelling supporters who were seeking to make their way to the match.

Feedback provided to Celtic, in the days after the match, (and subsequently provided to Fairhurst as part of the independent review exercise), by a number of supporters who were impacted by the policing operations, indicates that the significant police operation caused a large number of supporters' journey's to the stadium to be disrupted and delayed, while some supporters did not manage to attend the match at all.

Reports indicate that the policing operation involving the detention and subsequent searching of home supporters extended across the estimated 5 hour period.

Many football supporters, and others, who were impacted by the policing operations of 16.03.25 made representation to Celtic and, it is understood, to Police Scotland, citing their complaints about their experiences. It was as a direct result of the volume and nature of feedback received from its supporter base that Celtic considered it appropriate to instruct an independent review of these experiences and feedback to be offered. Please refer to Section 1.2 for further detail on the scope of the Independent Review exercise instructed by Celtic.

On 17.03.2025, a statement was released via a prominent Celtic Supporters Group, (Green Brigade), which condemned the actions of Police Scotland during the London Road Policing event(s). A subsequent organised protest was held, outside of London Road Police Station on 29.03.25. Further details can be found in Appendix C.

Celtic FC released three public statements, via the Club website and also picked up in mainstream media, in relation to the events of 16th March 25. Copies of these public statements are included within Appendix D for reference.

1.2 Scope of Independent Review

On 28th March 2025 Celtic appointed Fairhurst, as independent safety and event consultants, to collate and review feedback on supporter experiences relating to the event(s) which took place away from Celtic Park on 16.03.2025. The scope instructed to Fairhurst is noted below:

- To review the concerns voiced to the club on events involving Celtic supporters, Celtic Supporters' Clubs and buses, and groups, which took place away from Celtic Park on 16th March 2025;
- Taking possession of supporter feedback already provided to Celtic;

- Offering an opportunity for other supporters/persons who have not already provided feedback on the events of the day to do so;
- Reviewing and collating open source anecdotal information relating to events that day (from social media platforms etc. that can be sourced at the time of searching/reviewing)
- Collating and reviewing all feedback received, and all anecdotal information identified from open source searches, and presenting a structured/streamlined report back to Celtic that highlights:
 - Common reports from those who were present to help understand what happened on the day;
 - Identified questions to be answered

The brief did not include any requirement to investigate the actual occurrences of the day (except the search for open source anecdotal information), or indeed to formulate any opinion or views on matters reported, other than the statistical and analytical reporting of feedback received and obtained through open source content.

Fairhurst is aware, from the Police Scotland statement contained in Appendix B, that Police Scotland have reported 90 fans to the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service under Section 60 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994. Fairhurst is not aware of any active proceedings at the time of publication of this report. This report has been prepared with due regard to the provisions of the Contempt of Court Act 1981. The report summarises feedback received directly by Celtic Football Club and by Fairhurst, and is intended solely for informational purposes. The report does not contain any material that creates a substantial risk of serious prejudice to active legal proceedings.

1.3 Approach to the Independent Review

Fairhurst established a professional team of competent, qualified and experienced individuals to conduct the independent review.

All team members have expertise in health, safety and operational delivery matters relating to major public events, and particularly in the planning and delivery of safety and contingency arrangements for spectator-attended events. The practical knowledge and experience within the review team includes major events held in stadia and in non-stadia environments, globally.

The Fairhurst team was led by our Director – H&S and Events, who is a Chartered Safety Practitioner, with over 25 years' operational experience as an Event Safety Officer for major public events, and who is a member of the Football Safety Officers Association (FSOA). He also has an extensive in-depth knowledge of Celtic Park and its surrounding environs, having been involved in previous crowd analysis and infrastructure related projects in the locale of the stadium.

Information included within the review includes communications issued to Club representatives in relation to experiences that day; eyewitness accounts; and direct feedback obtained from supporters and others who were either directly or indirectly affected by the events. An open consultation exercise was undertaken in order to ensure that the review exercise was as wide reaching as possible, and those individuals who were affected were invited, by Celtic, to contribute their feedback and observations to the review process. This open consultation was publicly promoted by Celtic and a dedicated e-mail address (160325feedback@fairhurst.co.uk) was established to collate the feedback directly.

The open consultation period was closed on Monday 28th April 25 and all feedback received at that time was collated, reviewed and is reflected within this Independent Review report.

A summary table of all feedback received and included within the report is provided in Appendix E, for reference.

1.4 Structure of Report

A significant amount of data relating directly to the scope of the Independent Review exercise was received, in addition to other feedback which has no relevance to the scope of the Independent Review. While the information that is not relevant to the scope of the Independent Review has been excluded from the key content of this report, all information received has been appropriately recorded, for transparency and for completeness.

This Independent Review report has been structured as follows:

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| Section 1 | Sets out an overview of the circumstances to the event(s) that occurred, together with details of the Independent Review brief instructed to Fairhurst. This is supported by known background information relevant to the London Road policing event(s) that occurred on 16 th March 2025. |
| Section 2 | Provides an overview and summary of all feedback received for inclusion in the review exercise. This section of the report collates and presents key messages conveyed by those who submitted feedback, including those who were directly involved and affected; those who witnessed events on the day; and those who were not present, but wished to submit their feedback as part of the open process. While this section of the report identifies key themes and messages from all collated feedback, a summary table of all feedback received is contained in Appendix E for reference. |
| Section 3 | Summary and conclusion of the Independent Review findings. |
| Section 4 | Identified common questions arising from the feedback received for the Independent Review exercise. |

2 Feedback Received and Collated

2.1 Overview

As referenced in earlier sections of this report, feedback was received from those who were directly and indirectly affected by the London Road policing event(s) of 16th March 25.

One hundred and ninety two (192) messages of feedback were communicated directly to Fairhurst using a dedicated e-mail account that had been established for the purposes of the Independent Review exercise. These messages were received during the period 28th March to 30th April 2025.

Feedback relating to the London Road policing event(s) had also been sent directly to Celtic FC Officials prior to the dedicated e-mail account being established by Fairhurst. **Twenty-four (24)** relevant e-mails were sent directly to the Celtic FC Club Officials. All of these messages were subsequently passed to Fairhurst for inclusion within the independent review exercise.

In total, **Two hundred and sixteen (216)** feedback messages were collated from the above sources. All feedback was reviewed and considered by Fairhurst in the course of the Independent Review exercise. A summary of all feedback received, either directly to Fairhurst or passed on through Celtic is provided in **Appendix E** of this report.

Some of the feedback received from those affected by events had been previously collated and submitted as a single package of data by a recognised Celtic Supporters Group. All such data has been reviewed and included within the scope of review and report.

2.2 Supporter Feedback Received (Relevant to Scope of Investigation)

All feedback received by Fairhurst, relating to the London Road policing event(s), has been reflected within Table A below and further detailed within Section 3 of this report. Common themes and/or key messages conveyed within the supporters' feedback, relevant to the scope of the Independent Review, are shown in Table A.

Table A provides an extrapolated summary of feedback reports received and sets out the common themes evidenced in the submissions that were received.

Common Feedback Received	Reports Received		Reoccurring Themes in Feedback Received	Comments
	Number	%		
Individuals being subjected to perceived unjustified detention and search	137	63%	Perception of unjustified or excessive use of Section 60 Powers	Refer to section 2.2.1 for more detail
			Alleged aggressive or intimidating Police conduct during searches	
			Stated delays to attending match / negative impact on match-day experience	
			Searches reportedly affecting families, children & vulnerable persons	
Unwarranted and disproportionate S60 Order (that enabled Civil Liberties to be impacted)	108	50%	Considered widespread use of S60 powers disproportionate	Refer to section 2.2.2 for more detail
			Perceived unwarranted blanket application of powers against peaceful supporters	

Common Feedback Received	Reports Received		Reoccurring Themes in Feedback Received	Comments
	Number	%		
			Reported lack of communication and/or transparency	
			Creation of environment of fear and tension, allegedly by Police Scotland	
Police Scotland allegedly preventing access to welfare provisions (including children and vulnerable persons) for extended / extensive periods	101	47%	Reportedly no Access to basic needs (food, water, toilets)	Refer to section 2.2.3 for more detail
			Prolonged detainment without provisions	
			Impact on vulnerable persons	
			Opinions of poor planning and coordination of Policing operation	
Police Scotland perceived to be deliberately seeking to antagonise supporters through tactics used	73	34%	Alleged aggressive and provocative behaviour by Police Scotland	Refer to section 2.2.4 for more detail
			Feeling of Police Scotland escalating events, instead of de-escalation	
			Feelings of over-policing and intimidating presence	
			Opinions of deliberate baiting and provoking law-abiding fans	
Items confiscated by Police Scotland	69	32%	Reports of 'Everyday' items confiscated (scarf, sunglasses, caps etc.)	Refer to section 2.2.5 for more detail
			Perceptions of lack of clear explanation	
			Feelings of frustration and perceived arbitrariness	
Actions of Police Scotland considered to have caused delay in supporters getting to the stadium	49	23%	Perceptions of lack of clear communication	Refer to section 2.2.6 for more detail
			Comments of negative impact on match day experience	
Feelings of generally excessive resource deployment at the stadium on match-days (outside)	23	11%	High police presence perceived as overwhelming	Refer to section 2.2.7 for more detail
			Feelings of heavy-handed and intimidating tactics used by Police Scotland	
Reports of detained persons being informed by Police Scotland that individuals were being held until opposition supporters had entered the stadium, and then subsequently being told (much later) that they were being detained by Police Scotland under Section 60 Order	23	11%	Reports of initial explanation focused on waiting for opposition supporters to enter stadium	Refer to section 2.2.8 for more detail
			Perception of inadequate or inconsistent information sharing	
			Reported confusion and suspicion about the true purpose of the detention	
Comments of a breakdown of trust / relationship between supporters and Police Scotland	11	5%	Feelings of widespread distrust and perception of Police arrogance	Refer to section 2.2.9 for more detail
			Feelings of being treated like criminals or 'animals'	
Consideration that Police Scotland and Celtic both failed to communicate that London Road was closed to traffic because of the event(s).	10	5%	Allegations of lack of clear communication from both Celtic and Police Scotland	Refer to section 2.2.10 for more detail
			Feeling that supporters left unaware of critical changes affecting access towards stadium	

Common Feedback Received	Reports Received		Reoccurring Themes in Feedback Received	Comments
	Number	%		
			Feelings of frustration and perceptions of poor management	
Opinions that Police Scotland failed to apply the same vigorous search arrangements on both sets of supporters	5	2%	Perceived unequal treatment between home and away supporters	<i>Refer to section 2.2.11 for more detail</i>
Feelings of Celtic FC failing to protect the interests of supporters, through failure to investigate and follow up matters with relevant authorities	4	2%	Comments of negative impact on supporter trust and club-supporter relationship between Celtic and Police Scotland	<i>Refer to section 2.2.12 for more detail</i>
			Calls for greater accountability and engagement	
Feelings of Celtic FC failing to acknowledge the severity of the event(s) that occurred and failing to communicate with supporters accordingly	4	2%	Comments about lack of public acknowledgment or sincere formal statements	<i>Refer to section 2.2.13 for more detail</i>
			Feelings of undermining supporter concerns and experiences	
Requests for Celtic to instruct a full independent review of matters and creating a proper framework for supporter engagement	3	1%	Requests for a structured supporter engagement framework	<i>Refer to section 2.2.14 for more detail</i>
			Hopes of preventing recurrence of similar incidents	
Requests for clarification on whether or not Celtic were involved with, or aware of Police operations for the S60 detentions	3	1%	Desire for clarity surrounding responsibility	<i>Refer to section 2.2.15 for more detail</i>
			Comments of uncertainty about club-Police relationship between Celtic and Police Scotland	
			Supporters seeking transparency	
Opinions that Police Scotland and Celtic FC facilitated opposition supporters who did not follow match day instructions	2	0.93%	Opinions of failure to enforce match-day 'rules' as communicated to supporters	<i>Refer to section 2.2.16 for more detail</i>
			Perception of Police favouritism toward opposition supporters	
Requests for Celtic to release an official statement condemning the action of Police Scotland	1	0.46%	Calls for Celtic to publicly condemn actions of Police Scotland	<i>Refer to section 2.2.17 for more detail</i>
			Perceived lack of Club response to events	

Table A: Summary of Feedback Received

Sections 2.2.1 to 2.2.17 below, provide further detail on feedback received and summarised in Table A above.

[The sections of text presented in black font-style within sections 2.2.1 to 2.2.17 are interpretive overviews of the collated feedback, by Fairhurst, while the text presented in *blue italic font-style* represents examples of actual feedback received, relative to the topic being covered in each section of the report].

2.2.1 Individuals being subjected to perceived unjustified detention and search

Perception of unjustified or excessive use of Section 60 powers

Many supporters reported being subjected to stop and search procedures under Section 60 powers, often without receiving a clear explanation or justification at the time. Descriptions of these interactions commonly referenced concerns about the nature and organisation of the search process, in addition to the perceived inappropriate basis for their application.

“The police actions were excessive and completely unnecessary and unexpected. I was treated like an animal and had done nothing wrong.”

Alleged aggressive or intimidating Police conduct during searches

Several individuals described Police Scotland’s conduct during searches as assertive and intimidating, noting experiences of being surrounded by multiple officers and searched under threat of arrest. These reports also highlighted feelings of humiliation and concern over the absence of clear communication or explanation during the process.

“The bullying, scare mongering, intimidation and harassment the police showed to not only myself but woman and children was completely unacceptable and disproportionate.”

Stated delays to attending match / negative impact on match-day experience

Numerous individuals reported delays in reaching the stadium caused by the policing operation, resulting in some missing part or the entire match. These delays were, reportedly, enforced without clear explanation, leading to feelings of frustration and concern among supporters.

“Myself and friend did not gain entry to Celtic park until 5 minutes before halftime after sitting in tailback for 1hr 30 minutes before getting to our place to park. We were also delayed leaving car park after game as police were still holding green brigade on the road, with the road closed off to traffic as traffic from M74 was now getting diverted to toll cross etc. resulting in further delays to traffic leaving Parkhead. This resulted in a 2 hr hold up getting home.”

Searches reportedly affecting families, children & vulnerable persons

Multiple accounts highlight the impact of the policing operation on families, children, and vulnerable individuals, with some describing these measures as lacking clear justification or consideration. Reports include restricted access to toilets and water, and conditions where individuals with children were required to submit to searches before being allowed to leave the police cordon.

“The way the police treated Celtic fans was nothing short of disgusting. Majority of them did NOT have face coverings on and they were herded like cattle. A young boy around 14 was being searched he did not have face covering on. Pregnant lady was in the crowd and was refused to be allowed to the toilet by Police Scotland.”

2.2.2 Considered unwarranted and disproportionate S60 Order (that enabled Civil Liberties to be impacted)

Considered widespread perception of disproportionate use of S60 powers

Several supporters characterised the policing operation as disproportionate, noting extensive use of containment and stop-and-search powers. From review of the feedback received, the scale and nature of the police operation contributed towards a perception, by many of those in attendance, as feeling as though they were being treated like criminals.

“Young kids boys and girls, clearly under 16 being given full body searches in front of everyone. I asked one of the police in charge what are you doing to those kids. He said do you want me to take them to the police station instead. Their attitude was disgraceful. I spoke to at least ten officers got the same response.”

Perceived unwarranted blanket application of powers against peaceful supporters

Numerous attendees reported that Police Scotland implemented search and detention powers broadly, without adequately considering individual behaviour or risk level. Feedback suggests that this sweeping approach negatively affected a wide range of supporters, including families and older fans, who were subjected to the same restrictive measures and policing tactics as those who may have posed genuine concerns.

"I have read reports that the "contained" supporters were offered the opportunity to escape their confinement conditional on their agreement to certain police procedures which appear to breach civil liberties. This conditional nature of the police application of Section 60, in effect means that the police acted as judge and jury and sanction setter - surely this is against all principles of natural justice and fair policing? In effect, there appears to be a perception that football fans are a category of citizens who can be treated like criminals and have their civil liberties threatened due to the "opinion of a police officer". I feel that it would be to the long-term detriment of Celtic if people were discouraged from going to matches for fear of being arrested or having their civil liberties taken away."

Reported lack of communication and/or transparency

Numerous supporters reported being held or searched without receiving an explanation from Police Scotland. The reported lack of clear communication appears to have contributed towards experiences of confusion, uncertainty, and frustration on the purpose and the length of detentions.

"The police gave us no communication. They did not make us aware of why we were being held as part of the section 60 act for over 4 hours of standing in the middle of London Road."

"Only interaction was shouting from them through megaphones, communication from their side was a disgrace."

"I felt like they were trying to abuse their power and did not take into consideration my age or my communication style and I am dyslexic."

Creation of environment of fear and tension, allegedly by Police Scotland

Several individuals reported feeling intimidated or uneasy due to the size and conduct of the police presence. The combination of a strong police deployment, limited explanation, and close containment by Police Officers reportedly contributed to an environment perceived by some supporters as tense, stressful, including for families, and vulnerable persons.

"Son then had a panic attack in which I had to calm him down and ensure that we will get to the stadium eventually but it's going to take a while as we will need to walk slow and take regular breaks for him."

This is what we were left with no choice of. Son was hysterical the full way as he struggled to calm down from the panic attack. We stopped at every bus stop along the way and often he had to just sit on the ground. When we reached the police/green brigade I asked the police for the incident number which I was given and explained the impact this has on disabled fans and elderly/less ambulant/young kids. They shrugged their shoulders and said they had no other option but to detain where they were. Eventually we got into the stadium but had missed 35 minutes of the game. Son looked so unwell and upset that the stewarding staff came over to see what had happened and if he needed medical attention. They got him some water and eventually he calmed down."

2.2.3 Police Scotland allegedly preventing access to welfare provisions (including children and vulnerable persons) for extended / extensive periods

Reportedly no Access to basic needs (food, water, toilets)

Numerous supporters indicated that during extended periods of detention, access to basic needs such as food, water, and toilet facilities were either limited or unavailable. This situation was noted to present additional challenges, particularly for individuals with health conditions or those accompanied by children.

“People were stopped and questioned without cause, then kept confined in a kettle for hours without access to basic necessities like toilets, food, or water.”

Prolonged detainment without provisions

Several supporters reported being detained for extended periods without clear explanation, access to necessities, or regular updates from police. The length and conditions of the detention were noted as a source of discomfort and concern among those affected.

“As a Celtic season ticket holder, I am writing to express my deep concern over the treatment of our fans before the match on March 16th. The use of a Section 60 order by Police Scotland to detain supporters—including women and children—for up to five hours without access to food, water, or toilet facilities was completely disproportionate and unacceptable.”

Impact on vulnerable persons

Multiple reports suggest that Police Scotland’s tactics affected vulnerable individuals, including children, women, and people with health concerns. Restrictions such as limited toilet access, extended standing periods, and delays in reaching the stadium were noted as particularly challenging for these groups.

“We were stopped quite a distance from the park as traffic at a standstill, the reason being that the police had kettled in supporters in the middle of the road.”

I am disabled fan and cannot walk very far due to having cancer, there are a few other elderly gentleman on the bus with similar disabilities and we had to get off and walk over a mile.

I have a colostomy bag and there was no toilets on route from where I got off the bus the bag burst on route walking and I had to sit in the ground for almost 2 hours and an hour journey home with soiled clothing.”

Opinions of poor planning and coordination of policing operation

Several accounts describe the police operation as disorganised and lacking clear communication. Supporters noted confusion among officers and inconsistency in procedures during the event.

“I believe that the actions and grotesquely excessive manpower and conduct were created to provoke, antagonise and create further disruption. Please be assured, the actions I am speaking about are those of the police.”

I have absolutely no idea why they also deemed it a good idea to kettle the Green brigade and random others on the middle of one of the only through roads to Parkhead on one of the busiest and most important games of the season.”

2.2.4 Feelings of Police Scotland deliberately seeking to antagonise supporters through tactics used

Alleged aggressive and provocative behaviour by Police Scotland

Several individuals reported confrontational conduct by officers, including shouting, filming, and forceful searches. The police presence and tactics were perceived as contributing to increased tension.

“The Police were laughing and sniggering at fans.”

Feelings of Police Scotland escalating events, instead of de-escalation

Several supporters reported that police tactics focused on containment and enforced searches without communication, which they felt escalated tensions. The absence of dialogue was seen as contributing to increased anxiety and disorder.

“Police actions were unjustified and caused a problem on the day for absolutely no reason, just to try justify their power they used several different reasons to why we was kettled, utter shambles from Police Scotland”

Feelings of over-policing and intimidating presence

Numerous supporters observed a substantial police presence outside the stadium, which they felt contributed to an atmosphere of tension. Some described the level of deployment and use of surveillance as disproportionate to the behaviour of the crowd.

“We were gathered out side the supporters club on London road and as we left the club we were surrounded by an excessive amount of police officers and riot vans which caused a block on the road. We weren’t given a reason for this kettle and were wondering how long we would be there”

Opinions of deliberate baiting and provoking law-abiding fans

Several supporters reported feeling provoked by police officers during the event, interpreting certain actions as attempts to elicit a response from otherwise non-confrontational individuals. These experiences were described as contributing to increased tension and a deterioration in relations between fans and police.

“As we approached the Celtic Club, it became clear what was going on. As I walked past, I said, “This is a joke—an absolute disgrace.” I was then followed down the road to the first junction and grabbed by the police, who said I was being arrested for breach of the peace. I honestly thought it was a joke and started laughing.”

2.2.5 Items confiscated by Police Scotland

Reports of ‘Everyday’ items confiscated (scarf, sunglasses, caps etc.)

Several individuals reported that personal items such as scarves, sunglasses, and hats were confiscated during police searches, often without explanation. These items were typically identified as potential means of concealing identity, though many supporters noted they were wearing them for practical or supportive reasons.

“He was also subjected to being made to take off his tinted /sun glasses as a police officer who asked said they were a face covering? Because of the new law they enforced on Sunday! Really a pair of glasses!! My son needed his glasses as they are prescription glasses and he needed them to drive to and from the match on Sunday. He paid a lot of money for them and is hoping to get them back.”

Feelings of lack of clear explanation

Many fans reported experiencing searches and extended detention in the absence of a clear or consistent explanation from Police Scotland. The lack of timely information led to confusion among supporters, who said they were often unsure of the reasons or legal basis for the actions taken.

“Nothing was said what they were looking for but I was searched head to toe with no explanation.”

Feelings of frustration and perceived arbitrariness

Supporters reported frustration regarding police actions they perceived as arbitrary or lacking clear justification. Inconsistent application of detention and search procedures was cited as contributing to confusion and perceptions of unfairness.

“Man searched just before me by the same two officers had scarf and cap confiscated as it could be used to conceal identity they said. However I was given everything back. The items confiscated during searches seemed to be random, picking and choosing who and what to confiscate items from.”

2.2.6 Actions of Police Scotland considered to have caused delay in supporters getting to the stadium**Feelings of lack of clear communication**

Many supporters described the scale and approach of the police response as disproportionate to the situation, particularly noting the extensive use of containment and stop-and-search powers. This appears to have led to a perception, among some attendees, that standard match-day attendance was being treated as a public order concern.

“The lack of clarity and communication was pathetic from start to finish and hundreds of innocent supporters are labelled as criminals, their day ruined and expenses for travelling to the game and tickets wasted. Outside of this, there was an incredible amount of disruption to the thousands who were stuck behind this decision.”

Comments of negative impact on match day experience

Several supporters described disruptions to their match day experience due to police procedures, including delays and restricted movement. These issues reportedly caused stress and frustration, with some individuals missing part or the entire match.

“We travel from Kilmarnock on a small minibus with children, two pensioners and my father who is just recovering from Chemotherapy treatment. We left at 11am plenty of time to get dropped at the stadium as normal by the bus, we had to all get out miles from the ground and walk. The police road block was unnecessary had common sense been applied by the police, they could have easily penned in the fans in the car park or on the grass verge at the side of the road. The police disrupted the day for the majority of lawful fans.”

2.2.7. Feelings of generally excessive resource deployment at the stadium on match-days (outside)**High police presence perceived as overwhelming**

Supporters noted that the scale of police deployment on matchday contributed to an atmosphere that some found intimidating. Several accounts questioned whether the level of visible policing was proportionate to the behaviour of the crowd.

“I walked out the pub and was met with an overwhelming police force they had surrounded us.”

Feelings of heavy-handed and intimidating tactics used by Police Scotland

Numerous supporters described the policing approach as forceful, noting that the overall tone of engagement contributed to an atmosphere of tension. Several accounts reflected concern that enforcement measures were applied in a manner that some perceived as unnecessarily aggressive.

“They were ridiculously heavy handed. We were held from 10:30am to nearly 3pm. With no toilet and despite passers by offering refreshments - Water - Cans of Juice they were then being pushed away by police not allowing anything into the Kettle. We had various ages of people including women and children who were treated like criminals despite doing nothing at all. The way I was spoken to by office was nothing short of ignorant and just in general treated like a piece of scum. Never been more degraded in my life. It genuinely felt like a set up from the start. They were never allowing us to go to that match and the sheer volume of police was on a scale like nothing I have seen in all my years.”

2.2.8 Reports of detained persons being informed by Police Scotland that individuals were being held until opposition supporters had entered the stadium, and then subsequently being told (much later) that they were being detained by Police Scotland under Section 60 Order

Reports of initial explanation focused on waiting for opposition supporters to enter stadium

Supporters were initially informed that they were being held to allow opposition fans to enter the stadium first, though this explanation was later replaced by references to Section 60 powers. The reported inconsistency and lack of clarity in communication appears to have contributed to confusion and frustration among those detained.

“Initially the impression was given that we would be held long enough to allow the away fans to enter the stadium. This story slowly changed with various explanations being given for holding us on London Road. Eventually we were informed, via megaphone, that we were being held under a section 60 as there was a “serious risk of disorder”. No other explanation was given other than being threatened with arrest.”

Perception of inadequate or inconsistent information sharing

Supporters reported that communication from Police Scotland about the policing was unclear and inconsistent, leading to confusion about the reasons for searches, detentions, and timing. This lack of clear information contributed to uncertainty and dissatisfaction among those affected.

“Police used a megaphone to communicate, of which it was difficult to hear the reasoning behind the kettle and then the section 60.”

Reported confusion and suspicion about the true purpose of the detention

Many supporters reported uncertainty about the reasons for their detention, with limited or unclear explanations provided by Police Scotland. This lack of transparency contributed to perceptions by supporters of arbitrary enforcement and increased tensions.

“After an extremely long wait. I was not allowed to leave the kettle without being searched. All I got for the reasoning of this was that it was for “the public’s safety”

2.2.9 Comments of a breakdown of trust / relationship between supporters and Police Scotland

Comments of widespread distrust and perception of Police arrogance

Several supporters reported mistrust toward Police Scotland, perceiving officers as acting with arrogance and insufficient regard for fans' rights. These perceptions have, it would appear, negatively impacted the relationship between supporters and the police.

"They surrounded us and laughed at times when people showed valid concerns and asked for a reason this was happening. Officers seemed smug at times as if this was a game and not something distressful and upsetting for many younger children and females in the crowd. The police announced after a while that we must accept the stop and search or would be arrested, they said this over a megaphone and it was very hard to hear. This was the little interaction I could see us having with police from my position."

Feelings of being treated like criminals or 'animals'

Multiple supporters reported feeling dehumanised by Police Scotland's conduct, with some comparing their treatment to that of criminals or animals. From the reports received, these perceptions contributed to feelings of alienation among attendees seeking to enjoy the match peacefully.

"Police created an incident from nothing. Our group of supporters were trying to walk to a game of football and instead were treated like criminals and held for almost 5 hours. The amount of police resource put on this is a joke and I have serious concerns about the way our tax is being spent to resource situations like this. Police had little to no communications during the incident."

"I was denied access to drinks whilst in the kettle and also denied access to the toilet; i was treated like a criminal when all i had done was leave a pub."

"Wouldn't let us move for hours, they weren't letting people give us food or water and wouldn't let people go to the toilet. Denied of basic human rights. Treated like animals."

2.2.10 Consideration that Police Scotland and Celtic both failed to communicate that London Road was closed to traffic.

Allegations of lack of clear communication from both Celtic and Police Scotland

Supporters reported a lack of clear communication from both Police Scotland and Celtic FC regarding the closure of London Road. This absence of information resulted in confusion and frustration for those trying to access the stadium.

"I myself don't sit in the areas specifically targeted before and after the match on March 16. I however still feel fans are being made to seem like criminals for supporting their team. I attend away matches frequently and same with cup games and the way police handle situations with fans is atrocious. Fans are made to feel like second-class citizens simply for attending a football match. It's bullying tactics from police Scotland and quite frankly infringes on basic human rights".

Feelings that supporters left unaware of critical changes affecting access towards stadium

Several supporters reported not being informed about important changes, including the closure of London Road, which affected their stadium access. The lack of timely communication from Police Scotland and Celtic FC contributed to disruptions and frustration among attendees.

"No communications were issued by any relevant authorities to inform us of the situation further up the road. As time went on and limited information began to emerge, our bus, along with many others, was forced to stop, and we had to make our way on foot. This presented a significant challenge for

some of our elderly supporters, including my own father, and the young children. It wasn't until we walked past the kettle that we realised the road had been completely closed. We did not reach the stadium until 15–20 minutes into the game, which I find entirely unacceptable."

Feelings of frustration and perceptions of poor management

Many supporters expressed frustration regarding the planning and implementation of police operations. Reports indicated perceived disorganisation and coordination issues, contributing to concerns about the management of the situation.

"I think it should be noted that not only did the fans who the police kept what I can only describe as held in a pen by police cording. As they had decided this was being done on the road when there was a large grass area and path they could have used. This led to a hold up with people traveling to the game."

2.2.11 Opinions that Police Scotland failed to apply the same vigorous search arrangements on both sets of supporters

Perceived unequal treatment between home and away supporters

Several supporters reported perceptions of disproportionate application of search procedures and restrictions by Police Scotland, noting differences in treatment between home and away fans. These observations raised questions about the consistency of enforcement on match day.

"I wasn't happy that as a home supporter I was held up on London Road by the police to let the union bears walk into the ground through the Celtic support. I thought the Rangers supporters had to be in the ground 2 hours before kick off!

Thought it was a disgraceful decision to let them walk through the Celtic fans, that is just asking for trouble because they were taunting the Celtic fans but luckily no one responded to them."

2.2.12 Feelings of Celtic FC failing to protect the interests of supporters, through failure to investigate and follow up matters with relevant authorities

Comments of negative impact on supporter trust and club-supporter relationship between Celtic and Police Scotland

Supporters reported a decline in trust toward both Police Scotland and Celtic FC, citing perceived insufficient response and communication from the club. The situation has affected the relationship between the club and its supporters, with some feeling their concerns were not adequately addressed.

"I am writing to express my deep concern and disappointment regarding the treatment of Celtic supporters by Police Scotland ahead of the recent Celtic vs. Rangers match. Many fans, including children and legally defined minors, were corralled immediately upon exiting the Celtic Supporters Association building. They were held for approximately five hours without access to basic necessities such as food, water, or toilets — a clear breach of basic human rights.

What's even more troubling is the subsequent handling of this situation. Over 90 fans are now reportedly being referred to the Procurator Fiscal, not for acts of violence or disorder, but for declining to provide mobile phone access and identification — actions not mandated by law. The demand to comply with such invasive requirements in order to simply leave a situation they were forced into is deeply concerning."

It is disheartening that our club appears to be deflecting responsibility to a third party, rather than advocating for its own supporters. This adds to a growing sentiment that the club is more interested in our financial contributions than our well-being. Fans who had paid for tickets were denied the chance to attend the match due to this forced containment, with no offer of compensation or even acknowledgment from the club."

Calls for greater accountability and engagement

Supporters have requested that Celtic FC initiate an independent review of the events, engage with fans, and develop formal channels for consultation. There is a noted demand for greater transparency and accountability from both the club and relevant authorities.

"The treatment from police Scotland towards Celtic fans on March 16 2025 was unacceptable and borderline unlawful and this behaviour must be looked into by an independent enquiry."

2.2.13 Feelings of Celtic FC failing to acknowledge the severity of the event(s) that occurred and failing to communicate with supporters accordingly

Comments about lack of public acknowledgment or sincere formal statements

Many supporters noted the absence of a sincere formal statement from Celtic FC addressing Police Scotland's actions or the seriousness of events. This lack of public communication has contributed to feelings of dissatisfaction and diminished trust within the fan base.

"The statement released by the club yesterday is not only disappointing but also fails to acknowledge the severity of what occurred. The lack of communication from the board over the years regarding fan concerns is equally concerning. It feels as though the voices of the majority of our supporters are consistently ignored, while those with little or no connection to our club are given undue influence, while we, the devoted supporters, are treated poorly by those who are supposed to represent our interests."

Feelings of undermining supporter concerns and experiences

Supporters expressed disappointment that Celtic FC did not formally acknowledge the concerns raised about policing tactics. This perceived lack of recognition has contributed to a sense of disconnect between the club and its fan base.

"The club must take action against such Draconian measures and should be publicly condemning the police actions and standing with the people who are the life blood of the club and demand a full independent investigation into the actions of Police Scotland."

I am not usually one to complain but the actions of Police Scotland towards Celtic supporters have been a disgrace and I ask myself what if it was me in that situation? What if it was my family? and those in positions of power at the club should be asking themselves the same question."

2.2.14 Requests for Celtic to instruct a full independent review of matters and creating a proper framework for supporter engagement

Requests for a structured supporter engagement framework

Supporters have called for Celtic FC to implement a clear and transparent framework for regular engagement with fans. This framework aims to facilitate communication, address concerns effectively, and support thorough investigation of incidents to help restore trust.

“I’m asking the club to take a clear and public stand against what happened. We need a full, independent review of the police operation and we need the club to work with supporters’ groups to create a proper framework for fan engagement. This isn’t just about protecting Celtic fans—it’s about standing up for fairness, dignity, and respect, values that this club has always publicly championed.”

Hopes of preventing recurrence of similar events

Supporters highlighted the need for measures to prevent the recurrence of similar events. They called on both Celtic FC and Police Scotland to adopt changes focused on enhancing fan safety and respect during match days.

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2.2.15 Requests for clarification on whether or not Celtic were involved with, or aware of Police operations for the S60 detentions

Desire for clarity surrounding responsibility

Supporters called for clear accountability from both Police Scotland and Celtic FC concerning the events of 16th March 25. There was a widespread desire for those responsible to be identified and held responsible for the impact on supporters.

“Police Scotland issued a statement before the derby to say a Section 60 order was in place for many areas of Glasgow to allow them to stop and search fans where they felt flashpoints could occur. I’d like to know if Celtic were aware that this kettle was due to take place at the London Road CSA prior to it happening on the morning of 16/03? What dialogue did the club have with police around the Section 60 order? Do they also agree with me that the police have used tactics which are completely against basic human civil liberties which resulted in fans being held for up to 5 hours?”

Comments of uncertainty about club-Police relationship between Celtic and Police Scotland

Supporters expressed uncertainty about the relationship between Celtic FC and Police Scotland, questioning the extent of the club’s involvement or prior knowledge of police operations. There was a clear call for transparency to clarify these aspects.

“As you will be aware, yet again, fans have been treated like criminals by disgraceful Police Scotland for trying to support their team.”

It wouldn’t come as a surprise to me that the club have some part to play in the events that went on pre match to the green brigade.”

Supporters seeking transparency

Supporters highlighted the importance of transparent communication from both Celtic FC and Police Scotland. They expressed a strong desire for clear information, accountability, and ongoing dialogue about the decisions and actions affecting them.

“The whole episode looks and feels like it was a pre-planned operation, aimed at disrupting one group of fans. The result was widespread disruption that impacted not only thousands more Celtic fans, but anyone else caught up in the traffic carnage caused by Police Scotland. One has to wonder what the reaction and narrative would have been had football fans caused such disruption?”

2.2.16 Opinions that Police Scotland and Celtic FC facilitated opposition supporters who did not follow match day instructions

Opinions of failure to enforce match-day 'rules' as communicated to supporters

Several supporters reported that match-day rules were not enforced equally between supporter groups by Police Scotland and Celtic FC. This inconsistency was associated with perceptions of unfairness among home fans.

"Our usual route to the ground was obstructed by police officers and vehicles surrounding the Emirates. This was because a small number of away supporters hadn't arrived at the stadium at their allocated time and were subsequently being held at the entrance to the Emirates. Yet the entire surroundings of The Emirates were out of bounds for home supporters who would ordinarily be able to walk this route to the stadium. We therefore had to make our way up to London Road where again, we were obstructed by police who, for some reason, made the decision in that moment to move the small group of away supporters by escorting them into the stadium - ultimately putting a halt to the home supporters' procession into the stadium via London Road. I was with my parents and sister who were intent on getting into the stadium quickly to use the toilet facilities but instead we were made to stand and wait on London Road and weren't permitted to pass until the small group of away supporters were given priority."

Perception of Police favouritism toward opposition supporters

Some supporters perceived that Police Scotland showed preferential treatment toward opposition supporters by facilitating their movement while subjecting home fans to more restrictive measures. This perception contributed to increased distrust and frustration among home fans.

"I wasn't happy that as a home supporter I was held up on London Road by the police to let the union bears walk into the ground through the Celtic support. I thought the Rangers supporters had to be in the ground 2 hours before kick off!

Thought it was a disgraceful decision to let them walk through the Celtic fans, that is just asking for trouble because they were taunting the Celtic fans but luckily no one responded to them."

2.2.17 Requests for Celtic to release an official statement condemning the action of Police Scotland

Calls for Celtic to publicly condemn actions of Police Scotland

Supporters have called on Celtic FC to issue a formal public statement condemning the actions of Police Scotland. This request reflects a desire for the club to publicly acknowledge and address concerns about the treatment of fans.

"I'm not a member of any ultra group but I am deeply concerned with not only Sunday's events but the general regard for football fans. Sunday's events and the use of Section 60 feel like the thin end of the wedge and I am concerned this style of policing will become the norm."

I note that the club have issued an initial statement, acknowledging Sunday's events. What is required is a public condemnation of the policing operation and a commitment to work with fans to ensure such disgraceful treatment is not allowed or tolerated."

Perceived lack of Club response to events

Many supporters expressed frustration over Celtic FC's lack of response and limited engagement following the events. This perceived inaction has contributed to a sense that the club has not fully

recognised or addressed the seriousness of the events, impacting the trust between the club and its supporters.

“Reports indicate that supporters, including children and disabled fans, were detained for over an hour without access to water or toilets. This is unacceptable and raises serious questions about the treatment of football fans compared to those attending other sporting events. Are our supporters being unfairly targeted based on outdated stereotypes?”

I would like to know what action Celtic FC will take to challenge these disproportionate measures and stand up for the rights of its supporters. This kind of policing has no place in a democracy, and I urge the club to speak out against it.”

2.3 Feedback from Celtic's Supporter Liaison Officer

Alongside feedback provided by supporters who were affected by the events of the day, the Celtic Supporter Liaison Officer (SLO), who was also present at the scene outside the Celtic Supporters Association Club building on London Road, has provided feedback for inclusion within the independent review exercise.

The SLO reported that he first became aware of the event(s) at approximately 1140hrs that day, through a telephone call made to him by someone present at the scene. Once he had completed some immediate tasks in hand at the stadium, the SLO made his way to the scene involving Celtic supporters at the Celtic Supporters Association club building. He arrived at the scene at approximately 1225hrs, and remained there until shortly after 1400hrs.

The account provided by the SLO highlights the following notable observations, actions and interactions from that day, most of which appear to be consistent with many of the other sources of feedback received from supporters:

- Upon arrival at the scene, the SLO observed a group of Celtic supporters being contained by a large number of Police Officers.
- At the time of arriving at the scene (circa 1225hrs), the SLO noted that he did not observe anyone in the detained group of supporters wearing face coverings. However, he did note a small number of persons wearing sunglasses and hats/caps. The individuals who were wearing these items, in general, advised that these items would be removed, if asked.
- The SLO introduced himself (to Police Scotland officers) and offered his support as a point of liaison, to share information between the police and the group of supporters.
- The SLO was advised that there was no prospect of the group of supporters being released to attend the match unless they agreed to a search. Having been provided with this information, the group of supporters advised that they were not prepared to agree to being searched.
- The SLO recalls that, during the time of his attendance, a fire was lit on London Rd. The SLO believes that the fire was lit by some of those within the detained group of supporters, and that the fuel for the fire included display banners previously obtained from Rangers supporters.
- The SLO asked Police Scotland if water could be distributed to the group of supporters who were being detained. He was advised that the water could be provided, but commented that the bottled water supplies were subsequently placed on the central reservation of London Road and not fully distributed to supporters by Police, apart from a young supporter who appeared to be suffering with breathing difficulties.
- Other Celtic supporters and members of the public, who also sought to provide food and drinks to those who were being detained, were prevented from doing so, with officers from Police Scotland stating that *"if they want it they can come out and be searched then they can have it."*
- The SLO was asked, by Police Scotland, to inform the supporters within the cordon that they must agree to a search or alternatively be arrested. This was done and supporters initially suggested that they would not comply, but then subsequently agreed and the process of searching began on a one by one basis.
- The search process continued until after the football match had concluded, (circa 1410hrs).
- London Road remained closed throughout the duration of events. The SLO became aware of a large number of Celtic supporters, including those who were elderly; were children or who were disabled and with mobility impairment, and who had opted to disembark their vehicles and walk to the stadium in an effort to attend the match. Most did not appear to be aware of

the closure of London Road, outside of the Celtic Supporters Association club building, being the cause of the traffic congestion until they walked past the scene.

2.4 Other Supporter Feedback Received (Not Relevant to Scope of Independent Review)

The independent review exercise instructed to Fairhurst, by Celtic, specifically relates to matters relating to events involving Celtic supporters, Celtic Supporters' Clubs and buses, and groups that took place away from Celtic Park on 16th March 2025.

Other notable incidents, relating to the football match, also took place that day but such incidents sit outside of the scope of this independent review exercise and, as such are not reflected within the other sections of this report.

Of the aforementioned Two hundred and sixteen (216) feedback messages received, eight (8) items of communication that were received were considered to sit outside of the scope of the independent review, and thus have not been encapsulated within the wider report.

For transparency, the feedback received from supporters, and which was not considered to fall within the scope of the instructed independent review, is summarised in Table B below.

Common Feedback	Reports Received		Reoccurring Themes and Feedback Received	Comments
	Number	%		
Negative feedback / Foul language	3	1%	Anger directed at Celtic Chief Executive	
Opposition player issues.	2	0.93%	Complaints of unprofessional conduct by opposition players (attack on fans)	
Policing issues (within stadium).	2	0.93%	Calls for more Police within the stadium	
			Calls for less Police within the stadium	
Opposition fan Issues.	1	0.46%	Complaints of racial and sectarian abuse by opposition fans	

Table B: Summary of Feedback Received – Outside scope of independent review.

3 Conclusion

Two notable and significant policing operations took place on London Road prior to the Celtic Vs Rangers match fixture on 16th March 2025.

One of the operations involved the detainment of a number of away supporters, who were making their way to the football match, near to the Emirates Arena. The other was the detainment of a number of home supporters, near to the Celtic Supporters Association club on London Road, who were also making their way to the football match. Both operations were located away from the stadium itself, and were reportedly conducted in line with powers assigned to Police Scotland under Section 60 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994.

The operation involving the away supporters is understood to have been resolved in a shorter timeframe than that for the operation involving home supporters. The operation involving home supporters is reported to have lasted for a duration of approximately five hours, and which required the entire closure of London Road to vehicular traffic throughout much of this time.

Feedback received, both from those who were directly involved in the policing operations, and from those who witnessed or were affected by consequential impacts from the police operations, confirms that significant disruption was felt by a large number of persons making their way to the match, and also by others in wider society who were not seeking to attend the match. Feedback indicates that there was limited public awareness of the extensive closure of London road as a result of the ongoing policing operation.

The nature and extent of the policing operations, and particularly the operation involving home supporters making their way to the stadium, resulted in heightened media publicity and extensive public commentary from those who were involved. This included complaints and appeals for support (against the actions of Police Scotland) being directed to Celtic Football Club. Some organised Celtic supporters groups also arranged a subsequent protest action, on the footprint of Police Scotland's premises on London Road, on 29th March 2025. This action was reported to be undertaken in direct response to the policing operations of 16th March 2025.

From review of all feedback received as part of the Independent Review exercise, it is evident that there is a large degree of consistency in the messages being conveyed. The experiences communicated by those who were directly involved in the detainment by Police Scotland, also appear to be consistent with accounts provided by those who were present at the scene but who were not detained as part of the policing operation. It is also clear from the feedback received, that adverse impacts from what was an extensive policing operation, were felt by a wider section of society beyond those who were detained directly within the Police cordons.

The feedback received from those who contributed towards the Independent Review exercise contain a number of common themes and topics of complaint. The majority of the feedback relates to the way Police Scotland used policing powers, including those assigned under Section 60 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994, which was perceived by many supporters to be antagonistic and lacking appropriate consideration for the welfare and wellbeing needs of those who were both directly and indirectly impacted by events.

Other common feedback provided cites a lack of clarity and consistency in the application of policing tactics/operations, with numerous conflicting reports of 'every-day items' (clothing and, in some cases visual aids), being confiscated from supporters and with inconsistent processes being applied and different messages being conveyed by individual officers. There was also a consistent theme of there

being poor communications from Police Scotland generally throughout the incident, both to those within the cordons, (reportedly initially being told that they were being held until away supporters had entered the stadium, then subsequently being told that they were being detained under the Section 60 Order), and to those in wider society about the policing operations requiring the full closure of London Road, and it's associated impacts.

Many of those who have contributed feedback indicate there being a breakdown in trust between the supporter base and Police Scotland. This also extends through feedback received and which relate to other matters outside of the scope of this Independent Review exercise. The lack of trust apparent within the supporter base also extends, on a lesser scale, to relations with Celtic, with some supporters suspecting that there would have been deliberate and pro-active collusion between Celtic and Police Scotland towards co-ordinated pre-planned operations to target supporters attending the match, on the day.

A number of identified questions to be considered by Celtic and Police Scotland, have been identified in Section 4 of this report.

4 Identified Questions

Analysis of the contributions received as part of the Independent Review exercise have identified a number of common themes and topics of feedback from those who were affected by the events of 16th March 25. These are clearly set out in previous sections of this report.

A number of questions, either explicit or inferred, have been drawn out from the common themes noted in the feedback. Such questions have been targeted either directly towards Celtic, or directly towards Police Scotland, or to both organisations collectively.

The most commonly presented questions are listed in Table C below. The table also seeks to identify whether the questions have been directed towards Celtic and/or Police Scotland.

It is recommended that consideration be given, by both Celtic and by Police Scotland, to whether any lessons can be learned from the supporter feedback (either explicit comments or implied in the feedback). Doing so should help to:

- a) Prevent events from unfolding in a similar manner in future; and,
- b) Make steps towards rebuilding relationships of trust with those supporters who have noted such a breakdown of trust in their feedback.

	Question	Attention of	
		Celtic	Police Scotland
1	Were the police operations, in which the supporters were detained prior to the football match, progressed under Section 60 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 from the outset, or were supporters initially detained for other reasons/purposes, and with a subsequent change in strategy/operations?		X
2	Did Celtic and Police Scotland collaborate on the subject of supporter detentions in the pre-planning phase of the policing operation, either in meetings, correspondence, discussions or any other form of information exchange?	X	X
3	Were Celtic made aware, at any stage prior to the policing operations taking place, about the intention of Police Scotland to detain groups of supporters?	X	X
4	To what extent were communications issued, if any, to inform the general public that London Road was closed, in both directions, as a result of the ongoing police operation?		X
5	Based on the feedback provided by those who have contributed to the independent review, if true: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Was the process of confiscating items, (including the type of goods & clothing seized), and the recording of same, processed correctly in accordance with policing powers, associated Police Scotland processes and published Codes of Practice? - Could the conduct of some Police Scotland officers be considered to be antagonistic and provocative towards those involved? - Should matters relating to the welfare of those who were being detained, and also to those who were not being detained but who were adversely impacted by the ongoing policing operations, have been managed in a different way? 		X X X
6	Did Police Scotland recognise and attempt to mitigate the significant adverse impacts to the wider community and to other home supporters who were		X

	attempting to make their way to the match, beyond those supporters whom Police Scotland determined must be detained?		
7	Reflecting upon arrangements of 16.03.25 and taking cognisance of the feedback provided, if true, were the communications issued by both Celtic and Police Scotland still considered to be accurate and were the communication methods used still considered to be appropriate, and have any learnings been identified?	X	X
8	In relation to the group of away supporters who had been detained prior to the match, (presumably also in accordance with the Section 60 Order), were those away supporters processed differently from home supporters who had been detained (also under the Section 60 Order)?		X
9	Why were away supporters apparently prioritised over home supporters, in being facilitated access into the stadium (and leading to a number of home supporters being held and subjected to verbal abuse from opposition fans), after the specified time windows communicated to both sets of supporters in pre-match communications?	X	X
10	What steps can be taken, if any, to help re-build the apparent breakdown in trust between supporters, Police Scotland and The Club?	X	X

Table C: Table of key questions and points of clarity being sought

Celtic may also wish to consider how best to engage with supporters and those who have provided feedback following this Independent Review and reporting exercise.

Appendix A

Police Scotland publication of additional powers on 16.03.25

Additional powers authorised for Celtic v Rangers match on Sunday, 16 March, 2025

For the match between Celtic and Rangers on Sunday, 16 March 2025, the use of powers under Section 60 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 has been authorised.

This allows officers to stop and search people where this is appropriate and necessary, whether they are in a vehicle or on foot.

Officers can require the removal of any item they believe is being used wholly or partly for the purposes of concealing a person's identity.

The Section 60 stop and search power will be in force in various areas throughout Glasgow, from 8am until 11.50pm, on Sunday, 16 March, 2025.



It will be used responsibly and when justified to help prevent disorder and serious violence.

Chief Superintendent Stevie Dolan, who is leading the policing operation, said:

"Implementation of the Section 60 legislation is only undertaken when there is sufficient risk of serious disorder or violence.

"Unfortunately, this fixture attracts a minority of people who seem intent on using the game as an excuse for violence and the use of weapons. The disorder that took place before the fixture in December 2024 was completely unacceptable and we are still carrying out extensive investigations to identify those who were involved, with a number of people arrested.

"Attacks on genuine supporters, the public who can get innocently caught up in disorder, police officers or emergency workers who are there to help and protect will not be tolerated. Neither will the possession of offensive weapons or dangerous instruments, including pyrotechnics, or any attempt to evade justice by concealing one's identity.

"Our officers will take all necessary action to ensure public safety and will be actively patrolling key areas to ensure that it is maintained.

"The number of away supporters attending this fixture is significantly more than over recent years. We want the vast majority of football fans who just want to enjoy the game to do just that without the fear of disorder. That's also the same for the general public in the city centre and its environs. I would also encourage fans to be aware of changes to the layout of the stadium entrances and arrive in good time."

Appendix B

Police Scotland published notice following events of 16.03.25

Fans reported for refusing to be searched by police under Section 60, Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994

A group of 90 people, most of whom had concealed their identity, were denied entry to Celtic Park after refusing to be searched by officers under the applied Section 60 powers on Sunday, 16 March 2025.

It was the opinion of officers that they posed a threat to the safety of people within the stadium and to the public due to possible possession of weapons and pyrotechnics.

Whilst the group was contained, pyrotechnics were disposed of and set off causing a fire, endangering both the public and officers. Thankfully no-one was injured.

All 90 people will be reported to the Procurator Fiscal in relation to contraventions of Section 60.

As part of the wider policing operation there was one arrest at the match; a 20-year-old man. He was arrested and charged for alleged police assault on approach to the stadium. He has been released on an Undertaking to appear at court at a later date.

A second man, aged 46, is the subject of a report to the Procurator Fiscal for allegedly being in possession of a pyrotechnic.

Chief Superintendent Stevie Dolan, who led the policing operation, said:

"Again, the vast majority of fans were simply there to enjoy the match and I would thank them for their good conduct.

"It was necessary to apply containment tactics to maintain public safety and deal effectively with those intent on disruption or non-compliance with relevant legislation, including powers under Section 60 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994. As a result, some groups of supporters missed the game, but that was their choice.

"Our priority is and always will be the safety of fans in and around the stadium and the general public in the wider city. To support that, enforcement of Section 60 and other legislation was undertaken proportionately, with search powers being enacted in a targeted manner.

"Non-compliance with the Section 60 powers resulted in 90 people being reported to the Procurator Fiscal. Others have been arrested or reported for other offences, including the assault of a police officer.

"A significant number of pyrotechnics were seized or prevented from entering the stadium, which again demonstrates the disregard that some supporters have for the safety of others.

"We will continue to work with partners, including the clubs, to improve safety and order and to ensure that the sporting event is the real focus."

Appendix C

Example supporter group reaction to events of 16.03.25



FAN REPRESSION

YESTERDAY, THERE WAS A PREMEDITATED ATTACK ON FOOTBALL SUPPORTERS BY POLICE SCOTLAND. WE BELIEVE THEIR ACTIONS WERE UNLAWFUL AND WE ARE CURRENTLY TAKING LEGAL ADVICE. THE ACTIONS OF THE POLICE SHOULD SERVE AS A STARK WARNING TO ALL FOOTBALL SUPPORTERS IN SCOTLAND AND ANYONE WHO VALUES CIVIL LIBERTIES.

AT 10AM, THE GREEN BRIGADE AND OTHER CELTIC SUPPORTERS CONGREGATED AT THE CELTIC SOCIAL CLUB WHICH IS A ROUTINE PRACTICE. AT THIS TIME, THERE WAS A CONSIDERABLE POLICE PRESENCE. AT NO POINT WAS THERE ANY ATTEMPT FROM POLICE OFFICERS TO RELAY ANY INFORMATION ABOUT CONCERNS OR EXPECTATIONS OF HOW FANS SHOULD MOVE TO THE STADIUM. SIMILARLY, THERE WAS NO ATTEMPT TO SHARE INFORMATION IN ADVANCE THROUGH MUTUAL CHANNELS (CELTIC FOOTBALL CLUB) AS IS OFTEN THE CASE.

AT 10.45AM, WE ATTEMPTED TO DEPART FOR THE STADIUM. AT THIS POINT, AROUND 200 PEOPLE WERE KETTLED ON THE ROAD. WE WERE TOLD THAT WE WERE BEING HELD UNTIL ALL AWAY SUPPORTERS HAD ENTERED THE STADIUM AND WOULD THEN BE MOVED ALONG. AFTER AROUND ONE HOUR, THE POLICE INFORMED US THAT WE HAD BEEN DETAINED UNDER SECTION 60 OF THE PUBLIC ORDER ACT. THE REASON GIVEN WAS THAT PEOPLE WERE CONCEALING THEIR IDENTITY DESPITE THE FACT THAT MOST PEOPLE WERE NOT WEARING MASKS. WHEN THIS WAS POINTED OUT, THE CONCERN MOVED TO HATS, HOODS AND SUNGLASSES. WE OFFERED TO REMOVE THESE ITEMS BUT THIS WASN'T ACCEPTED.

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IN ORDER TO LEAVE THE POLICE KETTLE, THE FOLLOWING WAS EXPECTED OF ALL INDIVIDUALS INCLUDING YOUNG CHILDREN:

- SUBMIT TO POLICE DETENTION, BEING HELD BY TWO OFFICERS BY THE ARMS, TAKEN FROM THE KETTLE AND INTO A FURTHER POLICE CORDON
- SUBMIT TO A FULL BODY SEARCH (INCLUDING A REFUSAL TO PRIVACY FOR FEMALES)
- GIVE FULL PERSONAL DETAILS
- SHOW ID TO VERIFY PERSONAL DETAILS
- HAVE HATS, SUNGLASSES, SCARVES AND SNOODS CONFISCATED
- HAVE ALL OF THE ABOVE ACTIONS FILMED, INCLUDING ID DOCUMENTS AND CLOTHING

UNDERSTANDABLY, WE WERE RELUCTANT TO COMPLY WITH THESE DRACONIAN AND UNNECESSARY MEASURES AND WERE THEREFORE DETAINED IN THE KETTLE FOR ALMOST FIVE HOURS, WITH NO ACCESS TO FOOD, WATER OR TOILETS, AND MISSED THE ENTIRE MATCH. IN THE END, ZERO ARRESTS WERE MADE DESPITE THE HUGE SUMS OF PUBLIC MONEY WASTED ON THE OPERATION. WE HAVE SINCE LEARNED THROUGH A POLICE SCOTLAND PRESS RELEASE THAT EVERY PERSON HAS BEEN REPORTED TO THE PROCURATOR FISCAL DESPITE THIS NOT BEING INFORMED TO US AT THE TIME.

WHILE WE ARE CLEARLY ANGRY AT WHAT HAPPENED, WE ARE MORE CONCERNED ABOUT A PATTERN OF REPRESSION AGAINST SUPPORTERS WHICH IS INCREASINGLY WORSENING ACROSS SCOTTISH FOOTBALL. THERE IS A CONCERTED EFFORT BETWEEN POLICE, CLUBS, FOOTBALL AUTHORITIES AND OTHERS WHO SEEK TO CONTROL THE GAME TO ABOLISH SUPPORTER GROUPS WHO DO NOT CONFORM TO THEIR AGENDAS OR VALUES.

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IT IS NO COINCIDENCE THAT THIS POLICE OPERATION FOLLOWED SANCTIONS BY CELTIC PLC AGAINST THE SAME PEOPLE IN THE SAME WEEK. LIKEWISE IT IS NO COINCIDENCE THAT CELTIC PLC FILLS ITS SAFETY AND SECURITY DEPARTMENT WITH EX-POLICE. IN RECENT WEEKS, THE SPFL - WITH APPROVAL OF CLUBS - INTRODUCED UNPRECEDENTED COLLECTIVE PUNISHMENT SANCTIONS AGAINST SUPPORTERS.

SCOTTISH FOOTBALL HAS A COMMITTED, PASSIONATE, CREATIVE AND OVERWHELMINGLY POSITIVE SUPPORTERS CULTURE. INSTEAD OF EMBRACING THIS, IT IS ROUTINELY TARGETED OFTEN LEADING TO MAINLY YOUNG MALES BEING UNNECESSARILY AND HARSHLY CRIMINALISED. STRANGELY, YESTERDAY'S INCIDENT WAS EXACTLY 12 YEARS SINCE THE INFAMOUS 'GALLOWGATE KETTLE' WHICH SPARKED MASS DEMONSTRATIONS AND IGNITED THE SUCCESSFUL FANS AGAINST CRIMINALISATION CAMPAIGN.

IN LIGHT OF RECENT EVENTS, WE ARE CALLING FOR A FORMAL REVIEW OF FAN ENGAGEMENT IN SCOTTISH FOOTBALL WITH A VIEW TO IMPLEMENTING A FORMAL FRAMEWORK FOR FAN ENGAGEMENT AT BOTH A CENTRAL AND A CLUB LEVEL. IT IS ONLY THROUGH PROPER TWO-WAY ENGAGEMENT WITH SUPPORTERS THAT SUPPORTER CONCERNS CAN BE EFFICIENTLY MANAGED. WE WILL BEGIN CONSULTING AND COORDINATING WITH ALL INTERESTED SUPPORTERS IN SCOTLAND ON HOW TO ACHIEVE THIS.

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TO BE CLEAR, OUR CONCERNS ARE NOT LIMITED TO PRACTICES OFTEN ASSOCIATED WITH ULTRAS BUT ALL AND ANY SUPPORTER ISSUES. ALL SUPPORTERS HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE HEARD. IT IS ONLY THROUGH A FORMAL FRAMEWORK THAT THIS CAN BE ACHIEVED AND ULTIMATELY LEAD TO SUPPORTERS' COMMON WISHES BEING RESPECTED AND INTERESTS PROTECTED.

WE WOULD LIKE IT NOTED THAT THE CELTIC SLO, JOHN PAUL TAYLOR, SPENT CONSIDERABLE TIME AT THE INCIDENT ATTEMPTING TO LIAISE AND HELP SUPPORTERS AND HAS GIVEN A REPORT OF WHAT HAPPENED TO MICHAEL NICHOLSON, CEO. WE AWAIT COMMENT FROM MICHAEL NICHOLSON ON BOTH THE CLUB'S PRIOR-KNOWLEDGE OF THIS POLICE OPERATION AND ITS CONCERN FOR SUPPORTERS' WELFARE.

UNTIL THE LAST REBEL



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This statement was followed by publicised protest action notices on the supporter's group social media platform. The notices invited fans to participate in the 'Fans Against Criminalisation' protest to be held outside of London Road Police Station on Saturday 29.03.2025. The protest took place on 29.03.25, as planned.

On 2.03.25, Celtic played a home match fixture against Heart of Midlothian FC. During the match numerous banners displayed by supporters condemning the action of Police Scotland and their application of the powers granted under Section 60 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 on 16th March 25.

Images of the 'Fans Against Criminalisation' protest can be found overleaf.




FANS AGAINST CRIMINALISATION

CELTIC FANS SAY NO TO FAN REPRESSION

JOIN THE FAN PROTEST

 **SATURDAY 29 MARCH**
BEFORE HEARTS GAME
1.15PM

 **LONDON ROAD POLICE STATION**










Appendix D

Celtic FC public statements following events of 16.03.25

By Celtic Football Club

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17 Mar 2025, 6:06 pm

Celtic Football Club has received complaints regarding the policing operation concerning yesterday's match, specifically events away from Celtic Park.

We are reviewing our supporters' concerns and will be looking into these issues.

It is important that these matters are addressed and the Club will be engaging in discussions with supporters and Police Scotland to understand the circumstances and events.

With regards to the match at Celtic Park, we can also confirm that the Club has raised concerns regarding members of the away team engaging with Celtic supporters with the relevant authorities.

By Celtic Football Club

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28 Mar 2025, 2:49 pm

Further to our recent statement, the Club has engaged independent safety and event consultants to review concerns voiced to the club on events involving Celtic supporters, Celtic Supporters' Clubs and buses, and groups, which took place away from Celtic Park on 16th March 2025.

Our primary concern will always be for the safety of our supporters. Within Celtic Park we work closely with Police Scotland, the Scottish Ambulance Service, and other public authorities to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our own fans, and all other visitors to the stadium.

While events away from Celtic Park are not in any way managed by the Club, and we play no role in policing outside of our stadium, we recognise that many supporters have turned to the Club to voice their concerns regarding the events of 16th March.

All supporters should feel safe when attending - and travelling to - football matches. Just as supporters should behave safely and responsibly both inside and outside of football stadia, so too they should be confident at all times that they themselves will be treated fairly.

Maintaining this confidence is vital, so it is therefore important that any concerns brought to our attention on this front are in turn shared and afforded due consideration. It is important to continue to seek positive working relationships.

The Club is therefore engaging in discussions with Celtic supporters, supporters' associations, clubs and groups, and Police Scotland, to understand these events and the circumstances in which they took place.

To inform this process, we have engaged independent safety and event consultants Fairhurst to collate and review the feedback on supporter experiences received by the Club. Fairhurst will also offer an opportunity for others who were present, and who have not already provided feedback on the events, to do so.

Anyone wishing to provide feedback should contact Fairhurst by email at the following email address:

160325feedback@fairhurst.co.uk

Through a structured process we will then share these findings with Police Scotland, to assist in; understanding of the experience of those present at the events of 16th March; in identifying any questions to be answered; and highlighting any lessons which may be learned.

Celtic has a strong record of working positively with our supporters on safety matters over the years. We will continue to do so, as part of a process of ongoing dialogue. We will also work as required with the footballing authorities and other stakeholders to ensure that our supporters – and those of other teams - can enjoy football safely and responsibly.

By Celtic Football Club

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24 Apr 2025, 3:51 pm

Further to our recent communication, we have been engaging with Fairhurst, our independent safety and event consultants to review concerns voiced to the club on events involving Celtic supporters, Celtic supporters' clubs and buses, and groups, which took place away from Celtic Park on March 16, 2025.

As we said before, the Club has been engaging in discussions with Celtic supporters, supporters' associations, clubs and groups, and Police Scotland, to understand these events and the circumstances in which they took place.

To inform this process, we have asked Fairhurst to collate and review the feedback on supporter experiences received by the Club. Fairhurst has already offered an opportunity for others who were present to provide feedback on the events.

In order for Fairhurst to progress this review, we would like to inform anyone wishing to provide feedback that they should contact Fairhurst by Monday, April 28, 2025.

This can be done at the following email address:

160325feedback@fairhurst.co.uk

Appendix E

Summary Table of feedback received for Independent Review

Celtic v Rangers 16.03.2025

Police Operations away from Stadium - Independent Review

Summary of Supporter Feedback Received

Entry No	Date of Feedback	Received Via	Directly Involved in / Eyewitness / Commenting	Comments submitted by respondent
1	16.03.2025	Passed on by Club	Commenting	Son was assaulted with water / water bottles by opposition players at 16.03.25 fixture. Stewards informed son that 'nothing could be done.' Individual has requested that the Club stands up for supporters due to the unprofessional misconduct shown by opposition players.
2	16.03.2025	Passed on by Club	Commenting	<p>Supporter stating they are deeply upset by the actions of Police Scotland during the London Road Policing event whereby sections of the support including women and children were detained with access denied to food, water or toilet facilities.</p> <p>Supporter also claims that Celtic supporters had to submit themselves to body searches for pyrotechnics, yet he could clearly see pyrotechnics being ignited in the away fans section. Supporter hereby questions if both sets of fans were subject to the same level of checks.</p>
3	16.03.2025	Passed on by Club	Commenting	Supporter believes that the Club's statement in response to the London Road Policing event was disproportionate and the Club cannot allow the treatment of supporters to stand. Supporter claims he would reconsider his season ticket renewal if this treatment of supporters were to continue.
4	16.03.2025	Passed on by Club	Commenting	<p>Supporter believes that Celtic fans were being unfairly treated due to the actions of Police Scotland at the London Road Policing event. This included women and children being detained for up to 5 hours with access to food, water or toilet facilities being denied.</p> <p>The supporter also continues by reinforcing the unfair treatment of Celtic supporters by stating that away fans were still able to bring pyrotechnics into the stadium yet Celtic fans were subject to such a heavy handed approach.</p>

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5	16.03.2025	Passed on by Club	Commenting	<p>Supporter states that a family member was caught up in the London Road Policing event. The supporter believes the actions of Police Scotland were inhumane to deny supporters food, water or toilet facilities. The supporter claims that a fellow supporter attempted to hand over soft drinks to those being detained, which were denied by the Police as it could be a weapon. It is believed that the Police actions were designed to antagonise the supporters.</p> <p>Supporter states that their family member endured a very difficult day as a result of the actions of Police Scotland which could have an impact on their mental health.</p>
6	17.03.2025	Passed on by Club	Eye Witness	<p>Notes taken from Club Official relating to London Road Policing Incident.</p> <p>He became aware of the incident at 11:40 and headed to the Celtic Supporters Association at 12:25. Upon arrival it was witnessed that a group of supporters were contained by large number of police.</p> <p>Introduced himself as a Club Official, however advised that there was no prospect of the group being released to the match unless conforming to a search. The contained group advised that they were not prepared to do so. It was also noted that at this point, no one was witnessed wearing face coverings with the exception of sunglasses and hats but advised they would remove them if asked. During this period there was a fire lit on London Road which was 'believed' to be banners from opposition fans.</p> <p>In regards to food and drink, it was asked if water could be provided and was advised that it could but was placed on the central reservation and not fully distributed. Fans who brought food and drink were denied from sharing with fans within the cordon. They were told that if they wanted it then they could come out and be fully searched.</p> <p>The Official asked if he could communicate with fans within the cordon so they could be informed that they would be forced to take a search or be arrested. Despite initial</p>

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				<p>non-compliance, fans eventually agreed to full searching and the process begun shortly after. This process lasted until after the match and no fans held were able to attend the fixture.</p> <p>A large number of supporters were forced to leave their supporters buses and walk to the stadium past London Road. This included elderly, children and disabled supporters with no consideration given to their situation.</p>
7	17.03.2025	Passed on by Club	Commenting	<p>Supporter has requested a strongly worded statement against Police Scotland due to their actions during the London Road Policing Incident. The supporter holds the Celtic Board responsible for the actions of Police Scotland and believes early engagement between supporters groups and the Police could have prevented the incident taking place.</p> <p>Follow up email has asked for the Club to make this investigation a matter of priority and keep supporters updated with progress.</p>
8	17.03.2025	Passed on by Club	Commenting	<p>Supporter voicing their concerns over the Club statement released by Celtic in response to the London Road Policing event. Supporter believes that the club has failed to acknowledge the severity of what occurred and the lack of communication regarding fans concerns is equally concerning. Supporter believes that the behaviour from Police Scotland was extreme and would never expect to see Celtic fans (including children), be detained for extended periods without food, water or toilet facilities.</p>
9	17.03.2025	Passed on by Club	Commenting	<p>Fan repression email and recirculation of Green Brigade statement in regards to London Road Policing Incident.</p>
10	17.03.2025	Passed on by Club	Commenting	<p>Foul language aimed at Celtic Chief Executive.</p>
11	17.03.2025	Passed on by Club	Commenting	<p>Supporter complaining about the measures used by Police Scotland during the London Road Policing event on 16/03/2025. Supporter believed the treatment was</p>

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				disgraceful as supporters had no access to toilet facilities and water with intimidation tactics used by Police Officers.
12	17.03.2025	Passed on by Club	Commenting	Email from supporter referring to the Celtic Chief Executive as "weak," by letting police treat fans "the way they did."
13	17.03.2025	Passed on by Club	Commenting	Supporter stating that the "press release" by Celtic was "pathetic," in relation to the London Road Policing event. Supporter asking for Celtic Chief Executive to "grow a back bone," and defend the support.
14	18.03.2025	Passed on by Club	Commenting	Supporter's son believes to have been mistreated at London Road Policing event. States he was not allowed to move, go to the toilet nor get a drink of water for over 2 hours. Supporter also claims that his son was asked to remove a pair of prescription glasses as Police believed they were being used as face coverings.
15	18.03.2025	Passed on by Club	Commenting	Supporter complaining about the treatment of supporters in the general terms due to the London Road Policing event. Supporter requests a full, independent review of the police operation as well as creating a proper framework for fan engagement.
16	18.03.2025	Passed on by Club	Eye Witness	Supporter was forced onto the road by blocking the pavement and was 'boxed in' during the London Road Policing Incident. As believed to be not guilty of anything, this supporter was able to leave without showing ID or being filmed. Supporter also references that Police Scotland delayed allowing females out of the cordon. Those who needed the toilet were also forced to urinate in bottles. Supporter believes this was done with the intention of aggravating the crowd to get a reaction for justification
17	18.03.2025	Passed on by Club	Eye Witness	Supporter travelling via supporter's bus was impacted by the London Road Policing event. The supporter claims that due to a lack of communications from authorities, they were unaware that London Road was closed and subsequently had to make

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				<p>their way to the stadium by foot, which presented challenges for the elderly (including the supporters father) and young children. The supporter did not reach the game until 15-20 minutes into the first half</p> <p>Supporter also believes that the handling of the situation by Police Scotland maintained public safety at all as created a hazardous and chaotic environment.</p>
18	18.03.2025	Passed on by Club	Eye Witness	Supporter expressing how they experienced difficulty reaching the stadium due to the London Road Policing event. Supporter believes this left elderly supporters with the decision to walk a long distance or miss the match completely.
19	18.03.2025	Passed on by Club	Eye Witness	<p>Supporter expresses concerns over the actions of Police Scotland during the London Road Policing event. The supporter believes the actions were entirely disproportionate as indicated below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - London Road was shut - causing significant delays and supporters having to make their way from usual drop off / parking locations. This particular supporter missed kick off also. - Believed the detention of Celtic fans was shameful. The supporter witnessed the incident and believed that the vast majority of fans did not have face coverings, no threat of violence, school children detained and held for up to 5 hours
20	18.03.2025	Passed on by Club	Eye Witness	Supporter attended Celtic v Rangers match on 16/03/2025 having been let out on a day pass from hospital after 6 months. Believes that if the water had hit her central lines then she could have become unwell with sepsis due to the germs and saliva contained on the bottle.
21	18.03.2025	Passed on by Club	Commenting	Supporter demanding full explanation from Celtic and Police Scotland - querying whether Celtic knew about the London Road Policing event beforehand.
22	18.03.2025	Passed on by Club	Commenting	<p>Supporter stating "it wouldn't come as a surprise that the club had some part to play in the events that went on pre match (reference to London Road Policing event)."</p> <p>Supporter asking for Celtic to release an official club statement condemning the actions of Police Scotland.</p>

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23	18.03.2025	Passed on by Club	Commenting	Supporter stating that they are concerned after the London Road Policing event as believes that the relationship between the fans and police has broken down. Supporter also references the amount of Police on a match day and thinks that it is unrequired and also references numerous occasions they have been prevented walking across the front of the Emirates Centre with no explanation or "false reason."
24	18.03.2025	Passed on by Club	Eye Witness	Supporter believes that the implementation of the Section 60 Act (in relation to the London Road Policing event) was unwarranted and that civil liberties were revoked due to "Police Officer Opinion." Believes Police Scotland should be held accountable for their actions.
25	28.03.2025	Direct Mailbox	Eye Witness	Disabled supporter (due to Cancer) was stopped quite a distance from the stadium due to the London Road Policing event. Supporter claims he made kick off but felt no energy for the next two days. Supporter also claims that due to the incident, his colostomy bag burst on route to the stadium and had to sit at the game with soiled clothing.
26	28.03.2025	Direct Mailbox	Commenting	Query as to lack of policing inside Celtic Park yet "plenty of them outside on match days."
27	28.03.2025	Direct Mailbox	Eye Witness	Supporter with recent knee surgery feeling "pain and frustration," as a result of the London Road Policing event. Supporter claims to have seen 'excessive manpower and conduct in an attempt to provoke, antagonise and create further disruption."
28	28.03.2025	Direct Mailbox	Commenting	Request for "less police at Celtic park as they just antagonise fans."

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29	29.03.2025	Direct Mailbox	Eye Witness	<p>Husband (former police officer) and wife were shocked by police presence on 16/03/2025 on London Road. This prevented transport to the stadium and 'no thought for those who need to park at the stadium due to disability or age.'</p> <p>Supporter also references a lack of searching for away supporters as pyrotechnics were not prevented in the away section.</p> <p>Comments made stating a lack of Police actions when fans were 'assaulted' by the opposition player who sprayed water at supporters.</p>
30	29.03.2025	Direct Mailbox	Eye Witness	Comments made surrounding traffic delays on London Road as well as 'unacceptable behaviour from police with no concern for the welfare of football fans and especially young children.'
31	29.03.2025	Direct Mailbox	Commenting	Supporter blaming Green Brigade for financial, reputational and damage to Celtic FC. Asking Celtic FC and fans to Support Police Authorities.
32	29.03.2025	Direct Mailbox	Eye Witness	Supporter feeling racial and sectarian abuse due to the nature of songs sung by opposition fans at the match fixture on 16/03/2025.
33	30.03.2025	Direct Mailbox	Eye Witness	Supporter held up significantly due to London Road Policing event. Supporter had to walk part of the way due to traffic
34	06.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Eye Witness	<p>Season ticket holder from Edinburgh who missed the first 30 minutes of the Celtic v Rangers game due to supporter's bus being held up during the London Road Policing event.</p> <p>Supporter also references "over the top police action," under Section 60 order</p>

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35	08.04.2026	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	<p>Supporter believes that the London Road Policing event, was a premeditated exercise by Police Scotland which led to illegal detainment.</p> <p>The supporter reveals that he was detained outwith the Celtic Supporters Club along with his party and revealed he was unable to leave as he was being "detained with the group." During this period of detention the supporter witnessed "degrading of women who needed to use toilet facilities and men having to urinate in bottles." Police Scotland also blocked any food or water getting passed into the cordon. The supporter also believes that supporters were provoked during the ordeal.</p> <p>The supporter who had previously been told that there was no suspicion that he had committed any crime was informed that a failure to provide ID and submit to being searched under Section 60, he would be arrested.</p>
36	25.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Eye Witness	<p>Individual is a local resident and witnessed the full incident. The individual believes that the way Police treated Celtic fans was 'disgusting.' Believes the majority of them did not have face coverings and were being 'herded like cattle.' Incidents of welfare issues were reported such as a young boy around 14 being searched as well as a pregnant lady not being allowed to use the toilet.</p> <p>Individual states that Police Scotland were laughing and sniggering at fans and believe the situation was handled appallingly via Police Scotland. Individual states that Police Scotland 'let power get to their heads.' and believe the whole thing was planned to not allow supporters into the stadium.</p>

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37	24.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Eye Witness	<p>Individual got to the bottom of London Rd and decided to walk as traffic wasn't moving. Upon witnessing the London Road Policing event the individual claims to have stated "this is a joke - an absolute disgrace," to which a Police officer grabbed them and stated he was being arrested for breach of the peace.</p> <p>The individual got into a verbal confrontation with the Police officer whilst he was grabbed and would not let go until he apologised. The individual states he said "sorry," to leave as he did not think he was going to be let go by the Officer.</p> <p>The individual goes on to state that an older man came over and told the officer that he (the individual in question) had not done anything wrong. The officer proceeded to back him away whereby the elderly man tripped and was hit by a police car.</p> <p>As they were walking away, the individual states that another Police Officer approached them and stated the first Officer was 'out of order.' The Officer explained that tensions were high and acknowledged the traffic chaos on London Road. The Officer also stated that Rangers fans encountered the same issues but they complied with Police.</p>
38	24.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Commenting	<p>Supporter believes that from his experience attending football matches that the way that the Police handle situations with football fans is 'atrocious,' and making fans like second class citizens for attending the football. Believes it is bullying tactics and infringes human rights.</p>
39	24.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Commenting	<p>Believes the treatment from Police Scotland towards Celtic fans during the London Road event(s) was unacceptable and borderline unlawful. Believes this behaviour must be looked into by an independent enquiry.</p>

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40	24.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Eye Witness	<p>Supporter who was caught up in the London Rd Policing event has asked for clarity on the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Why the Police targeted one specific pub? - Why the Police didn't comply with the supporters for the first hour of the detainment? - Why the Celtic SLO team were useless in negotiations to get fans out of the detainment? - Will the Section 60 be used for future Celtic matches?
41	24.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Eye Witness	<p>Supporter states that the London Road Policing event caused a huge tail back along London Road to the M74. This caused buses and cars to mount the traffic island to access the other side of the road in an effort to get to the game on time. The individual states they were in a tailback which lasted for 1hr 30mins and got into the stadium 5 minutes before halftime. There was also a 2hr hold up getting home.</p> <p>The individual believes that the police vans and cars was totally unnecessary and complete overkill. Individual also believes that the detained group would have been best served being detained on the grass opposite the road in an effort to get traffic moving.</p>
42	24.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Eye Witness	<p>Supporter states to have witnessed the London Rd Policing event and states that what they seen was shocking. Individual states that "young boys and girls, clearly under 16 being given full body searches in front of everyone." Upon asking one of the Police officers what they were doing, the individual states that the Officer responded by asking "do you want me to take you to a Police station instead?" Individual states that at least 10 officers gave a similar response and the amount of elderly people / pregnant women that struggled to make the game was 'terrible.'</p>
43	24.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Eye Witness	<p>Supporter believes that the large grass area or path could have been used for the fan detainment. Performing this action on the road led to a build-up of traffic which meant supporters struggled to get to the game via vehicle and had to walk. This included individuals with health and mobility issues. This left people upset and</p>

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				<p>stranded on a bus on a busy road for nearly 5 hours.</p> <p>Supporter believes that basic human rights were breached as a result of the London Rd Police Incident and 'felt like a power trip from Police Scotland.'</p>
44	24.05.2025	Direct Mailbox	Eye Witness	<p>Supporter and her son (registered disabled with a heart condition) were on a supporter's bus travelling from London Rd via Motherwell. As they passed the Matalan on London Rd on the 16.03.2025, the traffic came to a standstill. Upon waiting on the bus with her son, it became clear that after talking to some friends that Police were detaining a supporters group in a contained cordon. This forced the supporter to get off the bus with her son.</p> <p>Upon walking to the stadium, her son had a panic attack causing them to walk slowly and take regular breaks. Upon reaching the policing incident, the supporter asked the Police for the incident number (which she received) however Police 'shrugged their shoulders' and stated they had no other option but to detain.</p> <p>Upon arriving at the stadium 35 minutes late, the supporter describes her son looking really unwell causing stewarding staff to come over and ask if he needed any medical attention. The staff got him water to which he calmed down. This incident has caused the child to be nervous before attending the football as he gets anxious when he sees a heavy police presence.</p>
45	24/04/2025	Direct Mailbox	Commenting	<p>Supporter previously emailed a Club Official with a similar complaint. Individual believes that during the London Road Police event, many fans including children and minors were corralled upon exiting the CSA. They were held for up to 5 hours with no access to food, water or toilets.</p> <p>Supporter voices discontent at over 90 fans are now reportedly being referred to the Procurator Fiscal for what he believes to be invasive requirements.</p> <p>Individual states that the club appears to be deflecting responsibility to a 'third</p>

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				party' rather than advocating for its own supporters which adds to the growing sentiment that the club is more concerned with financial contributions than well-being.
46	25.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Eye Witness	<p>Supporter had to depart their supporters bus a great distance from the stadium due to the London Road Policing Incident. This bus had numerous individuals with mobility issues and caused a great deal of stress to some. The individual approached a Police Officer who stated that they could not move those being held due to an incident further up London Rd - a statement the supporter believes to be untrue.</p> <p>The supporter believes that the actions of Police Scotland caused fans to be irate and upset and was a 'disgraceful way to treat people.'</p>
47	26.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Eye Witness	<p>Individual drove past London Rd on route to 16.03.2025 fixture and seen an overwhelming Police presence which felt disproportionate. Believes this was clearly pre-planned. Individual states that the heavy-handed approach used by police made supporters feel criminalised whilst officers wore face coverings, gathered in large intimidating groups and offered no positive engagement or communication.</p> <p>Individual witnessed hundreds of Celtic fans including families being surrounded and held on London Road. People were stopped and questioned without cause then kept in a containment cordon for hours without access to toilets, food and water.</p> <p>Believes someone must be held responsible and the club must stand up for its supporters.</p>
48	27.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Eye Witness	<p>Supporter unhappy as they were held on London Rd on 16.03.2025 to facilitate opposition Ultra supporters 'through the Celtic Support.' Individual states that she believed that away fans had to be in the stadium a full 2 hours before kick-off.</p> <p>Individual also states that she believes that the Police held the Celtic Ultra supporters group back as they knew that opposition fans were outside the Emirates Arena and had to walk past them.</p>

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49	27.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Eye Witness	<p>Supporter states that they found it unnerving to see the vast number of police present on the 16.03.2025 match day. Supporter's usual match day route was obstructed by Police officers surrounding the Emirates as a small number of opposition fans did not arrive at the stadium at their allocated time. In an attempt to access the stadium via London Rd, the path was blocked again by Police officers who made the decision to escort the opposition fans into the stadium which halted Celtic supporter's procession into the stadium. Supporter states that not only did the away supporters not follow the match day instructions (arrive at stadium at 10am) but also believes that opposition fans were given priority to access the stadium ahead of Celtic supporters arriving in that direction. Supporter was also with parents and sister who were made to wait on London Rd despite wishing to access the stadium early.</p> <p>It was learned that a number of Celtic Supporters were detained and denied entry into the stadium. Supporter states that the videos and pictures of this incident was disturbing and appeared to show those being detained having done nothing wrong. Individual believes that the actions of Police Scotland was 'over the top policing' and an 'overreaching of powers.'</p>
50	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	An individual describes being held against their will while walking to the match and forcefully searched by the police. They were recorded and had their snood confiscated, despite Officers wearing similar items themselves. The individual was subjected to a full body search and asked for personal details, with no explanation provided for the actions, leading them to feel that it was a targeted and unjustified attack on football fans.
51	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	An individual describes leaving the pub before a game and being immediately detained by the police. They were thoroughly searched, including every pocket, jacket, joggers, socks, and wallet, but no items were found. There were no explanations or communication provided by the police during the process.
52	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	An individual describes being surrounded by police while attempting to walk to the stadium, with officers indicating they had prior instructions to use this tactic. When

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				asked about when they would be allowed to proceed, they were told it would be after the away fans were in the stadium. The police cited concerns about people hiding their identities due to wearing hats and sunglasses, despite the sunny weather. The individual was subjected to a full search, though nothing illegal was found, and they felt the police action was premeditated.
53	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual describes being part of a crowd outside a pub on the way to a football match when police assembled without initially explaining their actions. Despite one officer using a megaphone, the message was inaudible due to the crowd size. The individual was stopped, filmed, and searched by officers, who confiscated a scarf from his pocket under "section 60" powers. He reported being distressed by questions about his personal and work situation and described the incident as a "complete human rights abuse."
54	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual reports being stopped by police shortly after leaving a supporters' club and describes being "swarmed" by officers. Initially told they were being held until rival fans entered the stadium, the police later cited face coverings, sunglasses, and hats as justification. Ultimately, officers invoked Section 60, requiring compliance with a search to be released. The individual was filmed, searched, and asked to confirm ID details, with no items confiscated, and described the police as "antagonistic" and "confrontational."
55	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	States Police were pushing him back into the middle of the road and screaming in his face. Individual was filmed and states he had scarf confiscated. No details of the scarf were taken.
56	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual describes being surrounded by police and police vans after leaving a supporters' club, initially told they would be held until the away supporters entered the stadium. Later, they were informed that everyone would be subject to a Section 60 search, including surrendering ID and removing items like sunglasses and snoods, some of which were confiscated. The person reports being filmed, questioned, and searched thoroughly, including being asked for personal details, and criticized the treatment as a "planned attack on innocent fans." They also noted being denied food and drink during what they claim was a nearly five-hour containment.

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57	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual was walking with fellow fans near the supporters' association when they were stopped by police along with a large group. They reported no direct explanation at the time and only heard about the use of Section 60 powers after the match had ended. Although searched, they stated there was no communication about the purpose and nothing was found or confiscated. The individual described the experience as intimidating, particularly due to the presence of children, and criticized the lack of water during what was reported as a five-hour detention.
58	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual reports being detained by police while walking from a supporters' venue to the stadium with friends. They state there was no clear justification provided for being filmed or stopped, and minimal interaction when they questioned officers. The search included confirming identity on camera and answering personal questions, such as employment and contact details. No items were taken, but they criticized the denial of access to toilets and the delay in receiving documentation, describing the police conduct as leaving a "sour taste."
59	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	States himself and 2 younger children were not allowed out of police cordon to go to the toilet. States that his snood was seized as Police had suspicion of carrying something illegal. States youngest son no longer wants to go to the matches after this incident.
60	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual recalls walking from the Celtic Supporters Association and initially believing the large police presence was a routine escort. However, they were soon detained without explanation. After about 30 minutes, a female officer informed them that they would be searched under Section 60 powers, citing face coverings such as sunglasses and hats as justification. Despite questioning this, the individual was told searches and video recording were mandatory. They were held for several hours without access to toilets or refreshments, with officers reportedly blocking aid from passers-by. The individual described the experience as degrading, heavy-handed, and likened it to a setup designed to prevent them from attending the match.

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61	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual reports simply walking to the game when they were detained by police, with no prior incident or interaction. They were told the use of Section 60 powers was due to face coverings and were filmed without further explanation. After approximately five hours, they were removed from the cordon, held by two officers, and searched for potential face coverings or perceived risks. Nothing was found or taken, and the individual described the police conduct as intimidating, including preventing people from passing water to those detained.
62	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual describes walking from the Celtic Social Club when they were suddenly detained by police without a clear reason, resulting in a five-hour detention. Police responses to inquiries were inconsistent, with some offering vague explanations and others trying to provoke reactions. The individual was manhandled by officers to a video camera, where they were filmed and required to provide personal details. During a search, their belongings, including a green snood, were confiscated without explanation or instructions on how to retrieve it. No items of concern were found, and the individual did not receive information on the purpose of the search.
63	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual reports being stopped on their way to the stadium with no clear explanation. When they asked why they were being stopped, an officer responded, "because we can." They were informed they would be filmed and required to agree to a search, or else they would be taken to the cells. The individual was not given a reason for the search or told what the police were looking for, and no items were confiscated.
64	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	Individual was searched, video recorded and questioned before being let go. Nothing confiscated. No interaction with police with the exception of witnessing Police Scotland refuse food and drink from outwith the cordon.
65	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual describes being detained after walking from the Celtic Supporters Association to the stadium. There was minimal interaction with police, except when they refused to allow food or drink to be passed to those detained. The individual was told they were being held due to wearing snoods (though only a few people had them) and then because of hats and sunglasses. They were searched, filmed, and

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				questioned, but were eventually released without any justification provided for the search or confiscation of items.
66	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual was walking along London Road on the way to the game when they were stopped by police, who were described as aggressive, rude, and disrespectful. An invasive search was conducted, and a Celtic scarf was confiscated, with no explanation provided for why it was taken. No documentation or instructions were given regarding the seizure, and when the individual asked if the scarf would be returned, they were told no. The individual criticised the police conduct as a misuse of power and resources.
67	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual describes a pre-match visit to the Celtic Supporters Association, where they noticed a large police presence along London Road. After being detained with the crowd, they were initially told the police were waiting for away supporters to enter the stadium, but this turned out to be untrue. The individual asked why they were being held, receiving conflicting reasons from officers, including face coverings and possible pyrotechnics. After being detained for over an hour, they were eventually searched, filmed, and questioned. Despite no items being seized, the individual described the police behaviour as rude, arrogant, and overly premeditated, with women and children also subjected to harsh treatment. The experience left the individual feeling that the police were unnecessarily power-hungry.
68	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual describes being stopped by police on their way to the stadium and told they would be held until opposition fans were in the stadium. After being told they would be released by 11:15, the police then informed them they were being held without further explanation. The individual was filmed, searched, and forced to provide personal details, but no justification for the search was given. A scarf was confiscated under the claim it could conceal their face, with no instructions on how to retrieve it. The individual criticized the police for refusing access to food, water, and toilets, and described officers as aggressive, even toward children, with members of the public being prevented from offering refreshments.

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69	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	Believes that Police were antagonising supporters during event. Individual was filmed, questioned and searched with a scarf being confiscated as deemed a 'face covering.' No information was provided on how to retrieve.
70	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	Pushed into the cordon and believed it was premeditated. States he was pushed throughout the incident and was denied access to the toilet. States he was searched from within socks and up to neck looking for items. Goes on to mention how food and drink was denied via passers-by.
71	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual recounts leaving the supporters' club to walk to Celtic Park when they were detained by police without any clear reason. They were told over a megaphone they were being held under Section 60 but were not provided with any explanation. If they refused to comply with a full body search and having their details filmed, they were threatened with arrest. During the search, their scarf and snood were confiscated, and they were told they would not be returned. The individual criticized the police for denying access to food, water, and toilets, causing stress, dehydration, and a lack of basic human rights. They also mentioned that the police did not provide privacy for female searches and misled people about when they would be released, calling the situation deeply concerning.
72	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	Food and drink refused by police as being provided by passers-by. Subject to full body search, questioning and filming.
73	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	"Police were causing me distress in the kettle, left for 5 hours with no food or water, no further information of when we were getting out and just generally unpleasant/" Individual was also subject to searches with nothing confiscated.
74	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	Detained by police in a pre-planned operation as supporters moved from private to public space, with no clear explanation or communication. He was searched in public view, filmed while providing ID, and falsely told he'd be fined for refusing a search he had complied with. The incident caused distress, and he disputes the police's public justification, calling it fabricated
75	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	Detained in a police cordon from around 10:30am until after the match ended, missing both the game and a pre-arranged ticket handoff. He received no explanation for the detention or search, was filmed, and had personal items like a

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				Celtic scarf confiscated without guidance on retrieval. Communication was minimal and performative, leaving him feeling mistreated and frustrated.
76	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	Detained by police without explanation shortly after leaving a pub, despite not drinking or breaking any laws. He was forcibly searched under Section 60 with no clear justification, filmed while providing ID, and witnessed others, including a friend's mother, being treated without privacy or dignity. The detention involved long periods without access to water or toilets, causing distress and raising human rights concerns
77	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	Detained along with other Celtic fans by a large, pre-positioned police presence and detained for hours without access to food or water. He was aggressively searched under Section 60, with no justification provided, while being physically restrained and filmed. He describes the experience as dehumanising and an outrageous abuse of police power, marked by foul language and intimidation.
78	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	Stopped and detained by police within steps of leaving for the match, with no reason given and no access to food, water, or toilets for five hours. He was searched without justification, including invasive checks, and witnessed inconsistent treatment regarding confiscated items. This includes his scarf being handed back but others being confiscated. He missed the entire game and described the police's actions as unacceptable and deeply unfair to fans.
79	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	Detained shortly after leaving the CSA, without explanation or cause, and was filmed and searched by police who also asked for personal information not legally required. He was not told why he was being detained and had nothing seized during the search. Throughout the hours-long detention, he was denied access to water and toilets, and felt criminalised despite doing nothing wrong.
80	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	Detained by police while walking to the game with friends, denied food, water, and information, and wasn't told the reason until well into the match. He was searched and filmed without justification, had personal items like prescription sunglasses and a snood confiscated, and received no guidance on retrieval. The police cited vague

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				suspicious like face coverings, though none were worn, and acted without transparency.
81	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual was detained while standing on the road ready to leave for the game, with no direct interaction from police. They were told that items like hats and sunglasses were deemed to conceal their identity, and had a scarf confiscated without explanation. There was no further justification for the actions, and the experience felt unjustified and vague.
82	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual was detained by police while walking to the game, with no clear explanation provided. They were forcibly searched and filmed, and their season ticket was used as identification despite lacking photographic proof. The police operation was seen as an abuse of power, as fans were held for over four hours, denied food and water, and treated like criminals while the public's attempts to provide food and water were blocked.
83	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual was stopped by police while walking to the football, with no explanation provided. They were denied access to the toilet, water, and basic needs while detained, and subjected to an unjustified search, including being held by two officers. The police claimed issues with face coverings, though no one had them, and treated fans as if their basic rights were irrelevant during the operation.
84	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual was part of a group walking to the stadium and was instructed by police to wait while opposition fans entered. They were stopped on suspicion of possessing pyrotechnics, filmed without explanation, and asked to provide personal information. The person was searched and released, with a snood and a friend's ID being confiscated; retrieval of the ID was directed to a local police station.
85	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual was walking from a pub to the stadium and reported being held by police for several hours without access to food, water, or toilet facilities. They were searched without a clear reason and filmed while providing personal information, including name, date of birth, and address. Items including a scarf, ID, and season ticket were taken and recorded, with no instructions given for retrieving the scarf.

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86	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual arrived at a location near the stadium and observed a large police presence before being quickly contained in a police cordon. The reasons provided for this containment changed over time, initially citing the need to allow away fans to enter, later shifting to enforcement under Section 60 for removal of items like snoods, scarves, and sunglasses. The person underwent a full body search while being filmed, without being informed of the specific reason.
87	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual stated they were "just about to walk to the football game and stopped for nothing," describing the situation as "a disgrace" with "push and shove constant" and no access to toilets, food, or water. They reported being "manhandled over" and filmed at close range while being asked for personal details without explanation. A search was conducted with "police stretching each arm" in a confined space, and no clear reason was given for the search. The experience was described as "shameful" and akin to being "treated like caged animals."
88	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual described standing outside a pub with friends from a supporters club, as is routine before matches, when they were "met by mass amounts of police and detained without any reasoning." After a prolonged period—described as over five hours—they were told they would be searched and filmed while stating their name and date of birth, under threat of arrest for noncompliance. They reported being "dragged out the kettle one by one," handled by officers on both arms, and subjected to a "rough" search, including their wallet and season ticket, without being informed of the purpose. The use of cameras was justified by police as "to keep a record," but further questions were met with silence or false assurances about release times.
89	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual reported encountering a heavy police presence well before the match while simply meeting friends and heading to the stadium. They stated that police would not allow anyone to leave to use the toilet or to receive cans of juice. They were filmed without justification and searched by one officer while being held by another, with no explanation given for the search or what police were looking for.

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90	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual was walking with friends to the stadium when they were stopped by police without explanation. Despite asking multiple times for a bottle of water, they were denied. The individual was filmed and told they appeared "suspicious," but no reason was provided for the stop. After initially refusing a search, they were threatened with arrest, complied, and were told the search was for weapons, despite no probable cause. Their Celtic scarf was confiscated for being deemed a "face covering," even though it was worn to show support.
91	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual described leaving a location and being immediately detained by police without any explanation. They reported minimal interaction with the police, who filmed them without providing a reason. The individual was searched, asked to state their name and date of birth, and their ID was requested. A hat and scarf were confiscated without explanation, and no instructions were provided on how to retrieve them. Additionally, there was no access to toilet facilities, food, or water, and children were not allowed out of the cordon without being searched.
92	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual arrived at a location with a large police presence and was trapped along with others, with no explanation given for the situation or when they would be released. They described the police as "aggressive and clueless" and reported being filmed without justification. Their personal details were taken, and they were asked to remove clothing, including a hoodie. A silk scarf was confiscated, with the justification that it could "hide my identity," even though they were not using it in that way. The police were described as aggressive toward everyone in the cordon, not allowing food or drink to be passed in, and threatening arrests.
93	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual described attempting to walk to the stadium as usual when Celtic fans were surrounded and stopped by police with no explanation. They felt intimidated by the police presence, which included refusal of basic needs such as water. They were filmed while providing personal details, including name, date of birth, and address, and asked about social media. A full body search was conducted roughly, and while nothing was found, their scarf was confiscated with no information on how to retrieve it. The individual also reported being refused water after being in the

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				cordon for over five hours, and noted that some officers were aggressive toward people in the cordon.
94	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual described being cordon by police while preparing to leave for a football match, with no prior warning. They were filmed while providing personal details, including name, date of birth, and address, and had identification recorded. A search was conducted by one officer, while another recorded their identification. No items were confiscated. The individual reported being held for five hours without access to food, water, or toilet facilities.
95	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual described walking peacefully to the stadium with other supporters when they were detained by police without explanation. They had no interaction with the police beyond the search, where they were asked for personal details and searched, with no justification provided for either. No items were confiscated. The experience was described as "totally unlawful" and "rotten and inhumane."
96	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual described leaving the Celtic social club and heading to the game without doing anything wrong when they were stopped by police. They were asked to provide personal details, including name, address, place of birth, and date of birth. The police conducted a search of their pockets, head, and body, but did not provide any explanation. No items were confiscated, and there was no access to water, food, or toilet facilities.
97	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual described walking out of the Celtic Social Club car park and being immediately detained by an "over exaggerated police presence." They reported minimal interaction with police, except for sarcastic comments about people's need for toilets and being detained. The individual was filmed without justification, searched aggressively by two officers, and asked to provide personal details on camera. Their ID and season ticket were taken and likely filmed without their awareness. A snood was confiscated, and no instructions were provided on how to recover it. The experience was described as intimidating, with bullying and harassment directed at themselves, as well as others, including women and children.

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98	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual described leaving a pub when they were detained by police, who did not allow any food or drink to be passed inside. There was no reason provided for the kettling, and the individual felt harassed, with the only option being to either leave and face harassment or risk arrest. The police did not explain what they were searching for, and the individual felt the police were using their powers unfairly and unlawfully. The experience was described as "disgraceful policing."
99	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual described leaving the Celtic Supporters Association (CSA) and being immediately detained by police. When they tried to leave, they were shoved back into the cordon by police. They were asked to provide personal details, including name, date of birth, and address, and had items related to their identity or ultras support confiscated. No information was provided on how to recover the seized items.
100	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual described getting ready to walk to the stadium when they were stopped by police just a few yards away, possibly due to away fans not being inside the ground yet. They were told the reason for the stop was suspicion of pyrotechnics, but no clear justification was provided for the search, which was based on Section 60 law. The individual was asked for personal details, including name, date of birth, and address, and their snood was confiscated without explanation or instructions on how to recover it. They were also told to remove their snood immediately or face being taken away for a search.
101	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual described attempting to attend a football match when police used powers they believed they didn't have. The police never provided justification for their actions. The individual was asked to unzip their jacket and provide personal details on camera while being searched, including having their wallet gone through and being searched in various areas. A portable charger was confiscated, but no other items were mentioned. The individual felt the police used excessive force, with no access to food, water, or toilets, and they were prevented from attending the match.

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102	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual described leaving the Celtic Supporters Association (CSA) on London Road, where police surrounded all fans and refused to let them leave the cordon. No clear reasoning was provided for the kettling, and the individual had no direct interaction with police until leaving. They were filmed and told that refusal to comply would result in arrest. The police did not explain what they were searching for, and no items were confiscated. The individual reported that access to water and toilet facilities was denied.
103	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual described meeting at their usual location before a derby match when they were unexpectedly detained by police, despite no incidents occurring. There was no interaction with police beyond the kettling, and fans were denied access to toilets or water, which the individual felt violated their rights. They were not initially told they were being held under Section 60, and police gave inconsistent reasons for the kettling. The individual was filmed, asked for personal details, and had their ID recorded, which they felt was unlawful. A search was conducted for face coverings and pyrotechnics, though nothing was seized. They were held for over four hours, without access to basic needs, and felt the police actions were excessive, abusive, and unjustified.
104	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual stated that before they had even left the pub, police forced them into a cordon without warning or explanation, describing the action as "completely unnecessary and heavy-handed." They were held for over four hours without access to food, water, or toilets, and observed aggressive behaviour from officers, including towards women and children. Upon release, they were filmed and asked to provide personal information—including name, date of birth, place of birth, and whether they carried sharp objects—without any clear justification. The individual described the experience as invasive and driven by intimidation and control rather than safety or legitimate policing.
105	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual reported leaving the Celtic Supporters Association and being immediately detained by police. When attempting to leave, they were told they had to be searched and filmed in order to exit. They were required to provide their name, date of birth, address, and place of origin. Items related to identity

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				concealment or ultras, including a set of stickers, were confiscated with no explanation or instructions on how to retrieve them.
106	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual stated they were detained by police without reason upon leaving a pub and were not allowed to proceed to the stadium. They reported being shoved by officers multiple times, including for trying to get a drink and for leaning against a fence. They were filmed during a full-body search, including the recording of their ID and the search process itself, but were given no explanation for it. No items were confiscated, and the individual described the police actions as harassment and a misuse of power, especially given the financial impact on those who had bought tickets.
107	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual described attending their usual pre-match gathering before being surrounded by police within minutes as they began walking to the stadium. They reported being denied access to toilets, food, and water, with people outside the cordon attempting to throw supplies in. They were filmed and searched without justification, and had personal items—including a silk scarf and stickers—confiscated with no explanation or instructions on how to retrieve them. The experience was described as an abuse of power under Section 60 and perceived as a targeted and unjustified action by police.
108	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual stated they were detained by police shortly after leaving the Celtic Supporters Club, without being told why. They were held for over four hours before being informed it was under Section 60. Upon release, they were filmed while giving personal details and were told refusal to be searched on camera would result in arrest. A full-body search was conducted, and a snood was confiscated without instructions for retrieval. The individual emphasized the lack of communication from police throughout the entire incident.
109	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual reported being held by police for approximately four hours without access to water, food, or toilet facilities, despite repeated requests. They were filmed without explanation and required to state personal details on camera. During a search, police took a pair of designer sunglasses and a scarf, offering no

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				justification or instructions on how to retrieve them. The individual described the police behaviour as dismissive and unresponsive throughout the incident.
110	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual reported leaving a local pub with other fans to attend a match and being immediately detained by a large police presence without explanation. They were held for four and a half hours without access to toilets or water, and described police officers as unhelpful and verbally abusive. Upon release, they were filmed and searched by four officers without prior notice, required to provide personal details including name, address, postcode, and mobile number. No items were confiscated, and the individual later received a Section 60 stop and search receipt in the post, weeks after the incident.
111	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual described arriving near a local pub to meet friends before walking to the match, at which point they were unexpectedly detained without explanation. When they asked a police officer why, the response was, "because we can." They were told the cordon was for protection from other fans, not in relation to Section 60. They were filmed and searched for face coverings or illegal items without justification, and reported being denied water while feeling unwell, with threats made to those attempting to help.
112	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual reported being cornered by police and detained without valid explanation, preventing them from attending the game. They described officers making jokes about the situation, including comments about being eager to make arrests. During the release process, they were physically held by two officers while another conducted a full-body search and went through their wallet and pockets. No items were confiscated, and the individual characterized the police action as an abuse of power targeting football fans.
113	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual stated they were not allowed access to food, drink, or toilet facilities while being held by police. They were informed the group was suspected of having pyrotechnics, but no justification was provided for this claim. They were not filmed

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				or searched during the incident. The individual described the experience as restrictive and lacking explanation.
114	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual described being detained by police after walking only 10 yards, with no reason given for the action. They mentioned experiencing provocation by officers, who denied the entry of food, water, or juice into the cordon. After nearly an hour, they were informed they were being held under Section 60 due to safety concerns and the potential for pyrotechnics. They were filmed without explanation and then searched, with their ID recorded. Despite having nothing on them, they were subjected to a body search, and nothing was confiscated. The individual criticized the officers for denying basic needs and for wearing face coverings themselves while forcing others to remove theirs.
115	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual described being detained by police with no justification, simply walking from the pub to the stadium. During the time in the cordon, they were denied access to food, water, or toilets for several hours. They were informed that they were being held under Section 60, but the announcement was made quietly over a megaphone, making it unclear to most people. They were told that the objective was to check for weapons, pyrotechnics, or face coverings. Despite being questioned and searched, nothing was found or confiscated.
116	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual described leaving the CSA and heading to the game, only to be immediately detained by the police. They were denied access to a toilet and water, and felt that the treatment they received was unacceptable. The police announced over a megaphone that they were being held under Section 60, but there was no clear explanation of what they were searching for. The individual felt the way they were treated was unjust.
117	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual described meeting at a pub before the game and noticing a heavy police presence, but it escalated as they were surrounded by officers within 50 meters of leaving the pub. While in the cordon, there was no direct interaction except for announcements made over a megaphone. To leave, they were required to comply with a search and provide identification, all while being recorded. They were

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				then individually taken out of the cordon, filmed, and searched, with no items found. Basic needs like food, water, and toilets were denied for over four hours, affecting a large group, including women and children.
118	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual described arriving at the CSA bus stop on London Road, where they noticed an unusual police presence. As they and others were preparing to walk to the stadium, the police formed and tightened a cordon around them. Initially, there was no interaction, but hours later, they were informed that they were being held under Section 60. Upon leaving the cordon, they were filmed and asked to remove their baseball cap for filming, which was allowed only after being instructed to put it back on. They were searched by two officers without being told what they were looking for. Items such as a scarf, sunglasses, cap, season ticket, and mobile phone were removed during the search but returned afterward. The search seemed random, as another individual before them had their items confiscated without clear reason. Despite attempts by bystanders to provide water, the police denied access to any basic needs. The individual felt the police actions were unjustified and violated their rights.
119	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual described walking out of the CSA when they were instantly surrounded by a large number of police officers. They were denied basic needs such as water and access to the toilet. The police did not provide a clear reason for the cordon, and the individual was told it was for "police records." They were asked to remove scarves or snoods, which were confiscated because they could conceal identity. The person was asked to present their driver's license and season ticket, and to speak into the camera, providing their name, date of birth, and address. Two officers held their arms while a third performed a thorough pat-down. The individual's silk scarf was taken for the same reason—concern that it could be used to hide their identity. The person felt the search was inconsistent and confusing, with the police switching between telling them the search was voluntary and that it was mandatory to comply, or face arrest. They also felt that the police were deliberately tightening the cordon to provoke a reaction from the fans.

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120	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual described standing outside a pub, ready to walk to the stadium, when they were suddenly surrounded by police. They were told they would be allowed to attend the game after a short wait, but they were held for five hours without access to food, water, or a toilet. The police initially used heavy-handed and violent tactics, but when people tried to bring juice to those held in the cordon, it was denied by the officers. The reason given for the cordon was the belief that people might have pyro devices, and the police demanded that everyone, including women and children, be searched. The individual was filmed during the process, but no explanation was provided for the filming. They were searched, and the police said they were looking for pyrotechnics or face coverings. Nothing was found during the search, and the individual felt that there was no valid reason for the treatment they received that day.
121	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual described being forced to stand outside for nearly five hours after paying for a ticket to the game, with no access to food, water, or adequate information. When they asked for water, they were pushed by officers. Very little was explained to them, and they were made to look into a camera before being grabbed and searched forcefully. No instructions were given about the search, and their silk scarf was confiscated. No further details were provided.
122	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual described walking out of the CSA heading to the game when the police surrounded them, despite no trouble occurring. The treatment by the police was described as shocking, with no access to food or water, which was seen as disgraceful. The police did not provide any reason for recording the individuals or for searching them. The search was conducted without explanation, and nothing was found. The overall treatment was labelled as an absolute disgrace.
123	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual described being surrounded by an excessive number of police officers and riot vans as they left the supporters club, blocking the road. No reason was given for the cordon, and there was confusion about how long they would be held. When leaving the cordon, the individual was filmed and searched under the Section 60 act, with officers demanding their name, birthday, and address. Despite no items being confiscated, the individual was escorted with unnecessary force by two officers and

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				faced the added issue of being denied access to food, water, and toilet facilities for an extended period.
124	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual was simply walking to the game with a group, a routine practice, when they were stopped by the police not far from their meeting point. Despite being promised drinks, they were denied any beverages when they were provided. No justification was given for the stop or the filming, and individuals were escorted by two police officers to another officer with a camera, where they were filmed from both the front and back and asked to state their name, age, and date of birth. The individual criticized the experience as "out of order and dehumanizing" due to the lack of water, toilets, and communication.
125	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual was leaving the club, as usual, on a match day when they were surrounded by police and told they weren't allowed to move. The police ordered them to put away their snood and threatened them if they didn't comply. The police believed they were a threat, and while leaving the cordon, they were filmed without justification. The police asked for their details, searched all their pockets, and took off all their layers. Despite finding nothing, the police confiscated their sunglasses, claiming they could be used as a face covering. When the individual asked how to retrieve them, the police told them to contact Celtic, who would need to contact the police. The individual criticized the treatment of fans, mentioning the long hours without access to food, water, or toilets.
126	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual was dragged out of the cordon and asked to provide their name, date of birth, and address while being filmed. They were not given any reason for this. Two police officers escorted them out of the cordon, asking for their details and inquiring if they had anything illegal or items to conceal their identity. A scarf was confiscated, but nothing else was mentioned or taken.
127	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	A group of Celtic fans, including the individual, were stopped and detained by police less than 50 meters from a pub. No clear reason was given for the stop, and after around 20 minutes, an announcement was made regarding a Section 60 stop and search. The individual was filmed and had their details recorded while being

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				searched by officers, with no explanation provided for the recording. They were threatened with arrest if they did not comply. The individual was denied basic needs like food, water, and toilet access for over 4 hours.
128	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual was with a friend and had his dad's ticket, but was forced to leave the cordon. Despite consenting to a search, he was dragged to the front and fully searched. The police provided no justification, only filming him while confirming his identity. During the search, he was asked if he understood why he was being searched, and when he said no, they mentioned concerns about identity concealment. He felt targeted and embarrassed, with no items confiscated.
129	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual alleges that he was aggressively detained while walking to the game, denied access to toilets, food, and water for over five hours. Police refused requests for basic needs and told him to "p**s yourself." After about 30 minutes, they explained a search would be required to move. He was pulled from the crowd, searched without knowing what they were looking for, and had his Celtic scarf confiscated. He felt dehumanized by the police's actions, which made him question attending football matches in the future.
130	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual was surrounded by police shortly after leaving the pub to walk to the game. Initially told they were being held until opposition fans entered the stadium, the situation changed to a mandatory search with ID and filming required. The police cited "Section 60" without further explanation. The individual's bag was searched, and others had scarves confiscated as potential face coverings. The individual believes the police had premeditated intentions to prevent them from attending the game.
131	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual was stopped while walking to the ground and told to wait for the away fans to enter. After a long wait, they were surrounded by police and detained. They were denied access to a toilet for several hours, despite multiple requests. The individual was eventually allowed to leave the cordon after complying with a search and providing ID while being filmed. The search was thorough, with no explanation

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				provided, and they were denied basic needs like access to a toilet, leading to having to urinate in a bottle.
132	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual was detained on London Road after leaving the CSA, despite no crime being committed. Communication from the police was poor, with officers shouting through megaphones. They were filmed while personal details were taken, including being asked for their driver's license, name, date of birth, and whether they had anything to conceal their identity. No items were found, but scarves and silks were confiscated from others without explanation. The individual described feeling treated like cattle and criticized the excessive use of resources for what they considered an abuse of power.
133	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual was immediately detained after leaving the social club to walk to the stadium, with no initial justification provided. They were denied access to a toilet and water during the detention. After two hours, they were informed they were being held under Section 60. The search was carried out without clear explanation of what was being searched for. Their snood was confiscated, and they were told it could be recovered later, but no details were provided on how. During the process, they were also questioned about personal information unrelated to the search. The individual was informed they were fined under Section 38 for a breach of the peace, but there was confusion and poor communication regarding the fine.
134	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual arrived at the CSA and was immediately surrounded by police while attempting to walk to the stadium, feeling the situation was premeditated. Initially, they were told they were being held until all Rangers fans had entered the ground, but this reason shifted to "concealing identities." They were not allowed to leave the cordon for food, water, or the toilet. During the search, their scarf was confiscated under the claim it could conceal their identity, and no instructions were given about how to recover it. The search was filmed, and they were made to state their personal details on camera. The individual described the treatment as inhumane, with no clear communication from police throughout the 5-hour detention.

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135	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	Upon arriving at the CSA, the individual and other fans were detained by police after only a short walk toward Celtic Park. The police had a heavy presence, including riot vans, mounted officers, and a helicopter overhead. The reason for the cordon was cited as Section 60 due to face coverings, though the police did not clearly communicate this. The individual was denied access to the toilet unless they consented to a full body search and provided ID. During the search, their hat and sunglasses were removed, and their ID and season ticket were taken and filmed. No items were confiscated, and no justification for the search was given. The individual also noted discrepancies in police documentation, as the stated search time did not match the actual time.
136	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	Upon leaving the Celtic supporters club, the individual and others were detained by police for over five hours without access to food, water, or toilets. Items such as water, juice, and snacks from members of the public were denied entry. The individual was searched, with details taken and a snood confiscated. No justification was provided for the search or seizure.
137	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual walked out of the supporters club and was immediately detained by the police, preventing them from going to the game. No justification for the action was provided. They were searched and had to provide their name and address on camera. The police were searching for face coverings, but nothing was found.
138	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual was harassed by the police when leaving the CSA and was subsequently detained on London Road for approximately 4.5 hours. They were filmed while being searched, during which they had to provide their name, address, and other details. A silk scarf was seized under the claim it could be used to conceal identity, with no instructions given on how to recover the item. The individual felt the police used bullying and harassment tactics throughout the process.
139	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual was detained while walking to the game, with the police providing little information initially. Later, they were told they were being held due to the potential concealment of identity. The police searched for items like scarves and sunglasses, claiming they could conceal identity. Water and food were denied for a long period, causing issues for those within the cordon.

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140	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual walked out of the pub and was immediately surrounded by a large police presence. They felt the police were trying to provoke a reaction, stating, "I got the impression that police were trying to goad people into a reaction." For over three hours, they were denied access to water and food, and despite repeated requests, were not allowed to use the toilet. The individual had their glasses and scarf confiscated without explanation, and no instructions were given on how to retrieve them. They also mentioned, "I felt like they were trying to abuse their power" and expressed concern over their medical condition, saying, "I have one kidney, and I was dehydrated for long hours."
141	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	N/A	No Comment
142	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual was immediately detained after leaving the Celtic Supporters Club on London Road. They were not given any justification for the search or filming, and were told they had to comply or face arrest. The police claimed they were looking for face coverings, though no items were confiscated. The individual criticized the police for their hypocrisy, stating, "They were telling everyone to remove face coverings, whilst ironically wearing them themselves," and highlighted the lack of explanation for the search.
143	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	A group of individuals, including the person involved, were surrounded by a large police presence shortly after leaving the Celtic Supporters Association on London Road. Initially told they would be held temporarily due to an incident ahead, it became apparent after some time that they would not be allowed to proceed to the game. Eventually, they were informed that they would be arrested unless they complied with a search under Section 60. The search was conducted on camera, where personal details like name, address, and date of birth were recorded, though no explanation was given regarding what the police were looking for. No items were confiscated, although items like sunglasses and a scarf were noted during the search. The individual criticized the police for their unprofessional conduct, stating that the justification for their actions was untrustworthy.

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144	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Commenting	A group of individuals, including the person involved, was detained without explanation while trying to make their way to the game. During the detention, there was a refusal to allow individuals to use the toilet or access food and water. Those within the cordon were also threatened with arrest if they attempted to pass water into the area. Furthermore, women and children were not allowed to leave the cordon. Additionally, some merchandise was taken without any clear justification or information on how to recover the items.
145	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	Speaking as someone who was not involved in the cordon - fans were stopped by the police shortly after leaving the Celtic supporters' club, under the stated reason of allowing away fans into the stadium. There was no meaningful interaction with the police, but the individual was filmed without any justification. The person was pulled out of the cordon by three officers who held them by the arms and made them state their name and date of birth on camera. Despite being searched, no items were found, and they did not receive a letter or any further communication. The experience was perceived as an abuse of power against football fans
146	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	A person ended up in a police cordon simply for wanting to walk to a football game. At the beginning, they requested a bottle of water from a friend outside the cordon, but this was denied, with the police claiming the water bottle could be used as a "dangerous missile." The individual was informed that they were being detained under Section 60 for public safety, though they received no clear explanation for the extensive recording of every person. The individual was searched after leaving the cordon, having to state personal information on camera. A snood was confiscated under the claim that it could be used to conceal their identity, despite it being in their pocket and not actively used for that purpose. The experience was seen as an abuse of police powers and unnecessary.
147	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	A person arrived at the Celtic Supporters Association (CSA) over two hours before the match, where there was an unusually large police presence despite the area not being busy. As fans began leaving for the stadium, the police formed a cordon around the entrance and funnelled them into a cordon, with no other options for leaving. After being in the cordon for several hours, requests for water were denied

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				unless fans agreed to be searched and have their personal details recorded. The individual was told that if they didn't comply with the Section 60 search, they would be arrested. During the search, a neck warmer with a Celtic badge was confiscated, even though it wasn't being used to conceal the individual's identity. There was no clear explanation provided for any of the actions taken by the police.
148	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	A person left the pub with a group, only to be instantly surrounded by police officers. There was minimal interaction, aside from the police speaking through a megaphone, though the message was largely inaudible. The individual was filmed without any clear justification, and was searched briefly, with officers looking for items that could be used to conceal their identity. Nothing was taken during the search, and no reason for the actions taken was provided.
149	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	A person, leaving the CSA with a group of fans, encountered an overwhelming police presence on London Road. The group was quickly surrounded by police just 50 yards from the CSA, with initial explanations changing from holding them temporarily for away fans to eventually being told they were detained under Section 60 for a "serious risk of disorder." Very little interaction took place aside from threats of arrest and police yelling through a megaphone. During the search, the individual was filmed, and their snood was seized without explanation, despite officers wearing their own snoods. The search receipt arrived weeks later with incorrect information, and the person also witnessed officers threatening to search children unless they provided ID, despite their obvious age.
150	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	An individual arrived at the Celtic Supporters Association to meet friends before heading to Celtic Park for the Celtic vs. Rangers game. The police immediately surrounded the group, and communication was sparse and inconsistent, with some officers making sarcastic remarks while others threatened arrest, though the reasons for detainment were never clearly explained. The individual was informed they were being held because other fans were still at the stadium, but this was never clarified further. When the individual was searched, their snood and scarf were confiscated, despite them being in their pockets and not covering their face. No information was provided on how to retrieve the items, and as of the report date, the individual had

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				still not been informed about reclaiming them, despite receiving the search receipt. The individual also expressed frustration with the ever-changing justifications for the cordon, highlighting that the decision to stop them from attending the game seemed premeditated rather than a legitimate safety concern.
151	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	An individual was at the front of their group as they prepared to leave the Celtic Supporters Association on London Road to head to Celtic Park. There was a heavy police presence, which felt intimidating and provocative, especially as the police line initially appeared to be an escort to the stadium. However, it became clear that the group was being contained with the reason given that they would not be allowed to proceed until opposition fans were in the stadium. After several hours, the individual was informed that they could only leave if they complied with a search. Water and food were prevented from being passed into the cordon, and officers made sarcastic remarks about the situation. Despite no clear justification, the individual was eventually searched, but nothing was found or confiscated. The police did not explain what they were looking for, and the entire process was described as humiliating and unnecessarily prolonged.
152	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	An individual left the supporters' club to walk to the stadium with other fans, initially held by the police, who claimed it was to allow away fans into the stadium. However, this reason changed multiple times, with the police communicating through a megaphone that if fans removed their sunglasses and hats, they would be allowed to proceed to the stadium. Eventually, they were told that failure to comply with a Section 60 order would result in arrest. The individual was filmed while leaving the cordon and during the search, but no justification was provided for the filming. The search was conducted without explanation, and a supporter scarf was confiscated under the claim that it could conceal identity, with no information given on how to recover it. The individual felt the police actions were unlawful and an abuse of power.

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153	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	An individual arrived at the Celtic Social Club to meet friends before walking to the stadium. After some time, the police surrounded the crowd and enacted a Section 60 order, stating fans would be detained until away supporters had entered the stadium. The individual was told they would need to submit to a search and provide personal details to leave. During the search, a snood was confiscated without explanation, and no receipt or instructions were given on how to retrieve the item.
154	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	An individual was caught in a cordon without prior indication or reason, as the initial plan was just to meet and walk to the ground. They were filmed without explanation and told the police were searching for items like pyrotechnics or face coverings. After a full search, nothing was confiscated, and the individual felt the police's actions were unjustified, with shifting reasons for the cordon. The individual described the situation as an abuse of power by Police Scotland.
155	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	An individual was surrounded by officers outside a social club and faced intimidation and scare tactics, with no explanation for being detained. Despite asking for clarification, no reason was provided, and they were threatened with arrest if they resisted. The individual had both scarves confiscated without explanation and was informed that they would be fined, though the officers had no paperwork. The individual expressed frustration and hopes the situation doesn't repeat.
156	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	An individual met friends at the CSA pre-match, but upon leaving, the group was surrounded by police and detained. When asked for a reason, the police cited Section 60, but provided no further explanation, only claiming some individuals had pyrotechnics. The individual was filmed leaving the cordon and fully searched without being informed of what the officers were looking for, and no illegal items were found. They also noted that police denied access to food and water, stating they could be used as "missiles," which the individual believes was a breach of rights.
157	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	An individual was stopped by police while walking to the game without any warning or reasoning. They were told they would not be allowed to proceed unless they agreed to a search and provided their details on camera. The police cited Section 60, but gave no specific reason for the search and were aggressive in enforcing the

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				process. Despite providing their details, no items were seized, and the individual felt the police actions were unjustified, invasive, and an exercise in unnecessary power.
158	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	An individual experienced excessive police presence prior to walking to the stadium, with inconsistent reasons given for being detained. Interaction with the police was minimal, and they were not provided with a clear explanation for being detained. The police claimed face coverings were a concern, despite no visible face coverings, and filmed the individual during a search without justification. The search was thorough, with no items confiscated, but personal information, such as place of work, was requested without any requirement for such details.
159	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	An individual was stopped by police after leaving the Celtic club, with the initial reason given as allowing away fans into the stadium. They had minimal interaction with the police but were filmed during the process, with no justification provided. Three officers physically led the individual out of the cordon, made them state their name and date of birth on camera, and no items were found during the search. The individual expressed concern that the police actions were an abuse of power against football fans.
160	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	An individual reported being detained without warning by police after leaving the social club on London Road to walk to the stadium. Interaction with officers was minimal until the end, when small talk was attempted before the search. The individual was searched under Section 60, with no specific reason or justification given, and was escorted by two officers who asked them to remove their hat and empty their pockets. A snood was confiscated without explanation or information on how to retrieve it, and the individual expressed concern about the lack of communication and the unjustified use of police powers.
161	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	An individual reported being detained by police while walking to a football match, describing the action as entirely without justification. There was no clear communication from officers regarding the reason for the containment or how long it would last. The person was filmed and searched without being given any

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				explanation or legal justification. They described police conduct as hostile, abusive, and dangerous.
162	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	An individual reported being detained by police after leaving the Celtic Supporters Association with others to walk to the stadium. Initially told the delay was due to a potential incident ahead, the group was later informed—via megaphone—that they were being detained under Section 60 without any clear reason. The individual was searched, filmed, and required to show ID, which they believe exceeded the legal scope of Section 60. They described the police conduct as hostile, excessive, and unprofessional, with allegations of taunting, denial of basic needs, and public humiliation during searches.
163	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	An individual reported attending the Celtic Supporters Club before heading toward the stadium with a group of fans. Upon departure, the group was contained by police, who initially stated this was due to the presence of opposing fans nearby. The containment lasted several hours, during which requests for water and toilet access were denied. The individual was filmed, searched, and asked to provide personal details; no prohibited items were found or confiscated.
164	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	An individual reported leaving a pub with other fans before being contained by police within seconds. During the containment, requests for water and toilet access were denied. The individual was later escorted by officers, filmed, asked for personal information including phone number and occupation, and searched without being informed of the reason. No items were confiscated, and the individual reported witnessing others having scarves removed without recovery instructions.
165	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	An individual reported being detained by police immediately after leaving a pub, stating that no face coverings were worn. The individual described being denied access to food and water during the containment period, which lasted approximately 4.5 to 5 hours. The person was searched by four officers, held by the arms, and filmed without being provided justification. No items were seized, and a receipt of the search was received.

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166	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	An individual stated that after arriving at the Celtic Supporters Association (CSA) around 9:45 AM, a heavy police presence was already in place. Around 11:00 AM, when the crowd began moving, police detained the group, giving inconsistent explanations such as allowing away fans to pass or concerns about face coverings. The individual was later searched and filmed without receiving a justification, and police confiscated a hat and scarf, stating they could be used to conceal identity. A fine was initially being issued but was cancelled by a senior officer before release; no receipt was provided for the search.
167	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual left the pub and began walking along a long London road when the police moved in. They were told that they were being held due to face coverings and snoods, although it took a while before they were informed about the reason for being detained. The individual described the situation as disorganized, with no clear explanation from the officers about when they would be allowed to leave. The individual was held by two officers, recorded on camera, and searched.
168	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual arrived at the Celtic Social Club at 10:15 am and left at 10:45 am, starting to walk to the stadium but was quickly surrounded by police. They were told that away fans were being escorted and they would be held until the away fans arrived. Throughout the five hours in the cordon, the individual overheard police officers and supporters, with the police seemingly unsure about the situation and making up reasons for holding people. The reason for the detention was stated to be the concealment of identity, even though only a few were wearing snoods, which were removed. The individual was patted down, and their season ticket and ID were taken without a clear explanation.
169	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual arrived at the CSA pub before the match and noticed an unusually heavy police presence, with riot helmets and police vans. After leaving with other fans to walk to the stadium, the group was surrounded by police, who provided no information for hours. The individual was filmed, asked for personal details, and subjected to a body search, during which a scarf was taken because it was allegedly a potential identity concealer, despite the individual's objection that many others had scarves. The experience lasted over four hours without clear communication or

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				adequate provisions, and the individual described it as their worst experience attending a football match, particularly due to the police's actions and restrictions, including preventing water from being passed to the detained group.
170	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual met friends at the Celtic supporters club and tried to leave, but they were stopped by police. They were not directly informed about the reason for being detained, only hearing information from others in the crowd. The police followed orders after the initial cordon, and the individual was not told why they were searched until later when more information appeared online. A stop and search receipt was later received by mail, which listed a location where the individual was not stopped or searched.
171	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual was at a pub with friends, preparing to leave for the stadium when they were surrounded by police. The person reported that there was "no justification" for the police presence and that the authorities did not provide a reason for their actions. It was noted that "nothing" occurred during the encounter, and the police did not communicate any official explanation. No further details were provided regarding the interaction.
172	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual observed a heavy police presence near the Celtic Club, including multiple riot vans and police officers, which they felt was "disproportionate." At approximately 10:45am, as fans began leaving the pub, police formed a cordon around the crowd, stating they would be allowed to proceed once away supporters had entered, but the group remained stationary until after 11:09am. Between 11:24am and 11:33am, individuals were told they could leave only if they submitted to a search, and minors were detained, searched, and asked to provide personal details on camera, which the individual believed to be unlawful. Later, around 1:40pm, the individual was physically removed, searched, and had items confiscated, including a scarf, but no reason was provided for the actions. The police presence remained until after 4:30pm, and the individual expressed that the policing during this incident was oppressive and unjustified, with no legal basis for the searches.

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173	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Commenting	Officers within the cordon refused to allow water or juice to be given to those inside, and also denied individuals the opportunity to leave the area to use the toilet. These actions were described as part of an overall display of "disgraceful" policing, with a perception that some officers were using their authority inappropriately.
174	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual was detained after leaving the CSA and was refused permission to use the toilet or get water. They were held by two officers, filmed, and asked to provide their name, date of birth, address, and identification, though no explanation was given for the search. The individual described the encounter as "very hostile" and noted that the officers did not state what they were searching for.
175	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual was detained by police outside the CSA, surrounded by officers, and told they would need to be searched, filmed, and have their details taken to be released. Despite being given the option to comply or face arrest, they were not told why they were detained, and no items were confiscated during the search. The individual expressed frustration over the lack of communication, especially as others were allowed to walk by without detention. They also raised concerns about being reported to the Procurator Fiscal despite following police instructions, and about the refusal of basic necessities like food and water during the incident.
176	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	Individual arrived at the Celtic Supporters Association and noticed a significant police presence, but saw no reason for concern given the usual setup for games. They were told they were being held in the cordon until opposition fans were escorted into the stadium, but it wasn't until two hours later that they were informed the police were acting under Section 60 powers. The individual was searched, had their details taken, and was filmed, but no explanation was provided for the actions. They expressed confusion over the lack of access to water and toilet facilities during the detainment and felt that the police's actions were pre-planned to cause disruption, leading to a loss of trust in the police.
177	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual left a pub with friends to head to the stadium but was detained by the police. They were told they could not leave without undergoing a search, with no further communication or justification provided. The individual was filmed, had to provide personal details, and was searched by two officers who emptied their

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				pockets and wallet without giving any reasons for the search. No items were confiscated, and no further explanation was given for the actions.
178	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual walked a short distance and was cordoned by a large police presence without any apparent reason. They reported constant provocation by officers, who denied entry of water into the cordon and demanded face coverings be removed, despite wearing similar coverings themselves. After nearly an hour, the individual was informed they were being held under Section 60 due to safety concerns and potential harm to the public, with pyrotechnics mentioned. The individual was filmed, had their details recorded, and was searched by two officers, though no items were found. No justification was provided for the search or being filmed.
179	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual met friends outside the Celtic Supporters Club and noticed a heavy police presence, including riot gear and numerous vans. As they walked to the stadium, the police surrounded them, and it became clear they were being detained with no explanation, presumed to be to prevent confrontation with opposing supporters. After being held for over four hours with no communication from the police, the individual was forced to urinate in a bottle before being released. They were filmed leaving the cordon, asked to provide personal details, and searched thoroughly by officers, but no justification was given for the search, and no items were seized. The individual felt the police's actions were premeditated and disproportionate.
180	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual met friends at the Celtic Social Club and attempted to leave for the match but was denied. After being held for hours, they reported that a megaphone was thrown. They were then subjected to a full body search, with officers looking for a face covering, but no items were seized. No further explanation or justification was provided for the search.

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181	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual went to the Celtic Supporters Club before the match and noticed a heavy police presence, struggling to get past numerous vans to reach the pub. They were held until Rangers fans were inside the stadium and informed that they were being detained under Section 60 for a breach of the peace. During a 15-minute full body search, officers looked for sharp objects but found nothing. The individual had their hat, sunglasses, and neck warmer confiscated, with no explanation provided. They described the police as heavy-handed, with officers threatening younger individuals and attempting to intimidate them during the search.
182	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual arrived at the Celtic Supporters Club and noticed a heavy police presence, initially assuming it was a show of force. As time passed, it became clear that they were being held in a cordon under Section 60, with no one allowed to leave unless they consented to a full search and provided personal details while being filmed. The individual was searched by several officers, who went through their pockets, wallet, and took photos of their bank cards and season ticket, but no items were confiscated. The individual described the police's actions as disgraceful, noting it was the worst policing they had ever experienced in 25 years of attending football matches.
183	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual was with a group of supporters on their way to the match when they were detained by the police. They preferred not to speak to the officers. The police mentioned concerns about pyrotechnics, drugs, and other weapons, but no further details were provided. The individual was required to present their ID and undergo a full body and face search, but no items were confiscated. The individual described the police negatively.
184	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual was walking to the game to support their team when they were stopped and forcefully searched by the police. No justification or explanation was provided for the search, and no instructions were given. The individual described the experience as an abuse of power.

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185	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual was detained shortly after arriving and was given minimal information, mostly relayed from those at the front of the cordon. They were searched by two officers, who did not provide a clear justification for the search, and items such as a silk, snood, and sunglasses were seized without any instructions on how to recover them. The individual described the police's double standards, with officers having access to food, water, and restroom breaks while those in the cordon were denied such rights. They also witnessed officers expressing frustration that some supporters were raising concerns instead of complying without question.
186	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual was detained while meeting friends before the game, and despite requests, was not allowed to use the toilet or receive water, with the police appearing dismissive and finding the situation amusing. They were filmed as part of a Section 60 search, but no explanation was given for the search, and nothing was seized. The individual underwent a thorough search with no items found. The overall experience was described as appalling, especially as they were prevented from attending the match despite having paid for a ticket.
187	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual was outside the CSA and went to get their season ticket before returning to stand with friends who were being detained. When attempting to bring food and water to the group, they were stopped and denied the ability to deliver the items, with police citing the possibility of them being used as missiles. The individual was briefly patted down but did not face further interaction or searches.
188	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual and other supporters were immediately detained as they left the pub and told they would be held until away fans entered the stadium. After being detained for several hours without access to water, they were informed they would be searched and threatened with arrest if they did not consent. The search was conducted aggressively, filmed, and the individual was made to provide personal details on camera, with no justification given for the search.
189	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	N/A	No comment

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190	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Commenting	The individual was detained without being given a reason, and was denied access to the toilet, water, or juice. They were not informed of the justification for being detained and felt their basic human rights were denied.
191	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual and their friends were surrounded by a large number of police officers without any explanation. They were filmed without consent and told the search was for "public safety," but no clear justification was provided. The individual felt disrespected and treated poorly, with no items confiscated.
192	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Commenting	The individual observed the police holding around 200 fans for hours under Section 60, blocking traffic on London Road without warning. Fans had no access to food, water, or toilets, and attempts to pass in water were stopped. People who complied with police demands were searched, filmed, and had personal items confiscated, including those of young children. The individual described the situation as an abuse of power, with poor communication from the police and threats of arrest for those trying to move.
193	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Commenting	The individual described an excessive police presence from early in the morning, which caused significant disruption. Initially, the police provided no clear reason for the hold-up, and when an officer finally explained the situation, it was too late to make it to the match. Those in the cordon were subjected to thorough body searches, filmed, and had their IDs and phone screens recorded, including young children. The individual believes the entire operation was pre-planned, causing major inconvenience and distress to many fans, including elderly and physically challenged individuals, who were stranded far from the stadium.
194	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual described being detained shortly after exiting the CSA while heading to the stadium. During the cordon, the police were uncooperative, denying basic rights such as access to food, water, and sanitation. They were filmed and forced to reveal personal information, including their name, date of birth, address, and season ticket details, under threat of jail if they refused. The main concern was the extended denial of basic human rights for approximately five hours.

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195	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual was detained after meeting friends on London Road and attempting to walk to the stadium. Initially told they were being held to allow away fans into the stadium, they were later informed that failure to comply with a search and provide personal details under Section 60 would result in jail time. They were filmed, had their ID photographed, and were searched, with their scarf and snood confiscated without explanation. The individual felt the whole operation was pre-planned, involving excessive police force, intimidation, and a violation of civil liberties, with little communication or justification throughout.
196	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	The individual left the CSA and was immediately detained, with police forcefully surrounding them. They were told that if they wanted to leave, they would have to undergo a search, and their face coverings were confiscated. The individual expressed frustration, referring to the police negatively.
197	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Commenting	The individual describes a tense atmosphere with aggression and a lack of communication regarding what would happen or when they would be allowed out of the cordon. They were not filmed and felt that police were abusing their search powers, asking intrusive questions without justification.
198	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	A group of fans were detained by police outside the Celtic Supporters Club on London Road before the match, with no explanation given. The individual requested to leave the cordon to use the toilet but was denied, leading to feelings of sickness. They were then forcefully escorted by police, had their hat and scarf confiscated without reason, and their details were recorded. The police provided no justification for their actions or instructions on retrieving the confiscated items.
199	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	A group of fans were detained by police shortly after leaving the Celtic Supporters Club, with no explanation given. They were denied access to the bathroom and water, and it wasn't until several hours later that they were informed of the reason for being held. During the search, the individual had their sunglasses confiscated without proper explanation, despite challenging the decision. The overall experience felt like an abuse of power, with the police becoming increasingly flustered and unprepared as the situation unfolded.

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200	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	A family, including a 13-year-old daughter and 18-year-old son, was caught in a police cordon while heading to the stadium. They were told they couldn't leave until the away supporters had entered, and despite requesting to leave with his family, the father was told their daughter would be filmed under Section 60, which he refused. The family was held for 2-3 hours without access to water or a bathroom, and both the father and his children were searched and filmed without explanation.
201	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	Individual and his friend were surrounded by a large police presence shortly after leaving the Celtic supporters club. He was filmed, asked for his personal details, and had his jacket and sunglasses removed before being searched, with no explanation given for the search. Despite being told that refusal would result in arrest, the police made casual remarks about the situation, with the man expressing frustration at their arrogance.
202	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	Individual attended the Celtic Supporters Association Club before the Celtic V Rangers match, where she noticed a heavy police presence and was quickly detained with other fans as they tried to walk to the stadium. She was denied access to the toilet and water, and when she asked to leave, she was told she would have to undergo a body search. After agreeing to be searched, her scarf was confiscated because the police claimed it could conceal her identity. She was also denied a search receipt and faced confusion from officers who were unclear about the situation, leading her to feel the police's actions were unlawful.
203	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	N/A	No Comment
204	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	An individual attended the Celtic Supporters Association Club before the match and was detained along with other fans shortly after leaving. Initially, they believed it was to allow away fans into the stadium, but as time passed, it became clear there was no communication or explanation from the police. The individual was not allowed to leave to use the toilet or receive food or water. They were eventually searched and asked for identification but were given no explanation about the search or the reason for their detention.

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205	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	An individual left the pub with friends to walk to the stadium, but was detained by the police. During this time, a few girls at the back of the cordon asked to leave, but the police insisted on parading them to the front for searches, which the individual felt was humiliating. The police made no attempt at communication beyond shouting orders, and no explanation was provided regarding the situation or the actions taken.
206	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	An individual was dropped off near the Celtic Supporters Club and proceeded to walk towards the stadium but was soon detained by the police. Communication was limited and inaudible, but it appeared the police's main message was that individuals could only leave if they were searched, which the individual refused, believing it would imply guilt. The individual was asked for personal details, including employment information, but no search was conducted. The police were dismissive of the needs of others, particularly women and children, who wanted to leave to use the toilet and were told they could only do so if they agreed to a search.
207	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	An individual and others were detained by police while waiting to walk to the match for no apparent reason. The police seemed to take enjoyment in ensuring that hundreds of fans missed the game. The individual was informed that stop and search powers were temporarily granted, and underwent a full body search, though the reason was unclear. The experience was seen as an unjust exercise of power, especially since the away fans were already in the ground and there was no risk of trouble.
208	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Commenting	An individual described the police response as heavy-handed and out of control, emphasizing that football fans should not be treated like animals. This incident, though highlighted by social media and the press, is seen as part of a recurring pattern of aggressive behaviour by Police Scotland towards football fans, which the individual views as a consistent and unjustified issue. They argue that no other sporting fan base would be treated in such a manner.

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209	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	An individual described being surrounded by police while walking to the stadium, where they were held in a cordon for nearly five hours. Despite being denied water and the chance to sit down, they were told they could leave only if they agreed to a search and provided personal information. The police gave no clear reason for the detention, and the individual was subjected to a full body search. They criticized the entire operation as unnecessary and a waste of taxpayer money
210	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Commenting	Not in attendance but describes events from the London Rd Incident as "shocking."
211	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Commenting	An individual criticized the police tactics, describing them as a disgrace. Fans were held without clarity or explanation, preventing them from watching the match, and no clear communication was given about when or if they would be allowed to proceed to the stadium. The individual expressed strong disapproval of Section 60, labelling it as a law that gives the police unchecked powers to act inappropriately.
212	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	An individual described being detained without reason while attempting to attend the football match. They were searched and made to wait for hours, though no further details were provided about the interaction.
213	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Commenting	An individual was not directly held within the cordon but was in close proximity to it and filmed by the police, who were criticized for concealing their identities. The individual expressed concern about the over-policing, highlighting the abuse of power by the police in detaining fans without access to basic necessities like food, water, or toilets, and emphasized that fans should not be treated as criminals.
214	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	An individual was detained with no clear explanation and experienced issues with the police using the excuse of identity concealment to justify actions. Despite being removed, no instructions were given during the process, and the individual expressed frustration with the police's misuse of power.
215	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Directly Involved	An individual describes being detained by the police while heading to a match with no explanation provided. The police eventually announced it was a Section 60 stop and search, though no clear reason was given for the action. The individual was searched by two officers, had their ID filmed, and felt the process was chaotic and unclear. Despite following orders to remove items like sunglasses and hats, the

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				reasons for the detention remained vague, and the whole situation seemed disorganized, with some officers appearing to take pleasure in the process.
216	30.04.2025	Direct Mailbox	Commenting	An individual expresses frustration with the police's treatment of Celtic fans, claiming that most officers in Glasgow harbor a strong dislike towards them. They describe the police's actions as intentionally provocative, aiming to create incidents that could lead to harassment and arrests.