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JRSO army grows in South Lanarkshire

THE latest recruits to South Lanarkshire's army of Junior Road Safety Officers have been learning the importance of their new role.

This year 117 schools were involved, and with most schools appointing two JRSOs there are now at least 234 JRSOs in South Lanarkshire.

The pupils, from schools across the South Lanarkshire area, took part in an Information Session at Chatelherault Country Park recently, organised by the Council's Road Safety Education, Training and Publicity Team.

This session introduced the JRSOs to their role and helped provide them with the skills that they require.

Primary six or seven pupils are either interviewed or specially selected to hold the post of JRSO at their school for a period of one or two years.

The scheme links to the "Curriculum for Excellence" for schools and the main duties of a JRSO are:

- Maintaining a notice board
- Running competitions
- Highlighting road safety campaigns
- Speaking at assembly

Each JRSO was provided with a pack containing an activity book, year planner, pen and a lapel badge. Additional information and resources were provided to support them in their role.

The Road Safety Team also came up with a number of activities on the day, such as a traffic trail, road safety game as well as ideas and information about what should be displayed on notice boards in the schools. A Theatre in Education performance around the theme of the journey to school also entertained the children on three different occasions and this was funded by SSE Renewables.

Representatives from Strathclyde Police, SSE Renewables, Cycling Scotland, Argos and transport and logistics company Norbert Dentressangle were all in attendance.

Chair of South Lanarkshire Council's Roads Safety Forum, Councillor John Murray, said: "I am delighted that we have in place so many junior road safety officers for the rest of the school year.

"Most schools should have a junior road safety officer now and if not it's easy for them to nominate someone.

"It was great to see how enthusiastic the young people were about their new roles and I am sure they are desperate to share their knowledge with their fellow pupils.

"I hope that by giving young people a passion for road safety at an early age we are providing them with knowledge that will last them all their life.

"I would also like to thank our partners who turned up on the day and helped make the event such a success."

