

Police Scotland welcome 255 new officers at ceremonies across the country today

Police Scotland welcomed 255 new officers as they took their oath of office at ceremonies across the country today, Thursday 18 July.

The officers were sworn in at regional training centres in the communities they will deploy to after their training.

Chief Constable Jo Farrell said: "Taking the oath of office is a significant moment for our latest recruits.

"They are signing up to a hugely rewarding and demanding career where people will turn to them for help, often in the most critical and vulnerable circumstances.

"Taking on the responsibilities and duties of a police officer is a deeply considered decision and I thank every one of them for stepping forward to help safeguard Scotland's communities.

"When they do deploy to our communities, they must follow Police Scotland's values of integrity, fairness, respect and a commitment to upholding human rights at all times."

The officers will be ready to deploy to communities on 4 November 2024.

In a first for Police Scotland, non-residential training is being trialled to facilitate officers with caring demands and responsibilities, allowing them to return home each day.

The opportunity to complete the majority of training in a non-residential setting can provide real benefit for those who would otherwise have been unable to consider a role in policing.

The trial will be evaluated for future delivery of Police Scotland's ongoing recruitment drive.