

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**  
**COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM - 2 JUNE 2004**

**ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMME**

**Report by Executive Director of Development and Property Services**

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to inform the Forum of road safety education initiatives currently being carried out by the Department of Development and Property Services

**2. PRE-FIVES**

- 2.1** Talks on road safety have been given at nursery schools and playgroups.

- 2.2** Thanks to funding from the Coalfield Regeneration Social Inclusion Partnership (SIP) it has been possible to provide a resource box to nursery schools and classes in the SIP area. Pre-five establishments in North-west Kilmarnock and Shortlees have also been provided with these boxes under the Better Neighbourhood Services Fund Road Safety Education project. Ultimately, it is intended to provide all nursery schools and classes in East Ayrshire with a resource box.

- 2.3** Input to training courses for Nursery Nurses at Kilmarnock College was provided recently.

**3. PRIMARY SCHOOLS**

- 3.1** Talks and traffic trails continue to be carried out in primary schools. Health Fairs have also been attended. Planning for next year's Danger Detectives is underway.

**4. JUNIOR ROAD SAFETY OFFICER (JRSO) SCHEME**

- 4.1** Eight schools are currently in this scheme. The pupils (JRSOs) are very enthusiastic and have been addressing school assemblies, creating noticeboards and running competitions for other pupils.

**5. CYCLE TRAINING**

- 5.1** Six hundred children are currently being trained in 28 schools.

**6. WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK**

6.1 Twenty two schools took part in the Week which was held between 24-28 May 2004. Its aim was to encourage children and their parents to walk to school rather than come by car. This helps to reduce congestion, pollution and accidents and the children benefit from the exercise.

## 7. **SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

7.1 Performances of plays for S1 and S5/6 pupils are planned for next term.

## 8. **Older Road Users**

8.1 A performance of Urban Roadeo has been arranged for a club in Cumnock on October 20<sup>th</sup> 2004.

## 9. **KERBCRAFT**

9.1 Child pedestrian training continues in schools.

## 10. **SAFER ROUTES TO SCHOOL**

10.1 A travel survey of the final group of schools is currently underway and safety audits will be completed over the summer. A programme of engineering works is in place with further works planned.

## 11. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Forum is invited to note the terms of this report.

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## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

**Nil**

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