

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM – AGM - WEDNESDAY 1 JUNE, 2005

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. PRIMARY SCHOOLS

- 2.1 Visits continue to schools to talk to the teachers on the use of Streetsense.

Traffic Trails continue to be developed for primary schools.

3. JUNIOR ROAD SAFETY OFFICER (JRSO) SCHEME

- 3.1 Visits have been arranged to discuss various Road Safety topics with the Junior Road Safety Officers.

4. CYCLE TRAINING

- 4.1 Cycle clinics have been carried out in 25 schools, materials distributed and visits arranged to all schools involved in scheme.

A testing programme has been arranged for the month of June.

5. SCHOOL TRAVEL CO-ORDINATOR

- 5.1 The School Travel Co-ordinator has approached all schools on the Walk to School Week scheme which runs from 23 – 27 May. Over 8,500 pupils have registered to take part. All participating schools have been issued with a copy of the East Ayrshire Council Walk to School Resource Pack.

The first walking bus will operate during Walk to School week on the routes to Nether Robertland Primary School, Stewarton.

A cycle shelter has now been installed in Netherthird Primary, Cumnock and is being well used.

6. THEATRE GROUPS

- 6.1** A road safety play called Roddy Hogg aimed at S1 and a play called Legal Weapon aimed at S5/6 pupils is being offered to schools in the Winter Term.

7. KERBCRAFT

- 7.1** Child pedestrian training is being carried out in six schools.

8. PUBLICITY

- 8.1** A campaign on the A713 Route Action Plan was carried out January/February 2005. A leaflet distribution was carried out to all households on the A713. A distribution was also done of a 20's Plenty leaflet.

- 8.2** A similar campaign is planned for the A70 Route Action Plan.

- 8.3** Leaflet packs were supplied to Strathclyde Police in support of a speeding campaign in the Cumnock and Doon Valley areas.

9. EUROPEAN MOBILITY WEEK/IN TOWN WITHOUT MY CAR DAY

- 9.1** Further meetings have taken place to progress European Mobility Week and In Town Without My Car Day which will be held in September 2005.

10. BETTER NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES FUND

- 10.1** Talks to parents and children have been offered to playgroups in area. Pre-school groups are appointing a member of staff to promote the Childrens Traffic Club within their organisation.

- 10.2** Mini Traffic Trails are being developed for each Nursery School and Playgroup.

11. SAFER DRIVING

- 11.1** The talks on driving that were arranged for drivers employed at Scottish Coal depots in East Ayrshire were cancelled but are planned for a later date.

12. RECOMMENDATIONS

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

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