

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE - 4 NOVEMBER 2004**

**STRATHCLYDE POLICE REPORT**

**Report by the Chief Inspector**

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1** To advise the Local Committee of crime trends and Police activity within their area.

**2. CRIME TRENDS**

- 2.1** The following crime statistics relate to the towns and villages within the Cumnock policing section, excluding the Doon Valley (separate report).

- 2.2** They cover the period from 1 October 2004 to 31 December 2004.

**2.3 CUMNOCK**

- There have been 18 crimes of violence.
- 25 housebreaking crimes.
- 4 crimes in relation to motor vehicles.
- 33 crimes of other dishonesty.
- 71 acts of vandalism.
- 37 drug offences.
- 112 disorder related offences.

**2.4 CUMNOCK LANDWARD INCLUDING LOGAN AND LUGAR**

- There have been 8 crimes of violence
- 6 housebreaking crimes.
- 4 crimes in relation to motor vehicles.
- 6 crimes of other dishonesty.
- 22 acts of vandalism.
- 1 drug offence.
- 22 disorder related offences.

**2.5 AUCHINLECK AND OCHILTREE**

- There have been 8 crimes of violence.
- 10 housebreaking crimes.
- 4 crimes in relation to motor vehicles.
- 13 crimes of other dishonesty.
- 20 acts of vandalism.
- 10 drug offences.
- 37 disorder related offences.

## **2.6 MAUCLINE**

- There was 1 crime of violence.
- 4 housebreaking crimes.
- 2 crimes in relation to motor vehicles.
- 9 crimes of other dishonesty.
- 17 acts of vandalism.
- 1 drug offence.
- 16 disorder related offences.

## **2.7 CATRINE AND SORN**

- There have been 5 crimes of violence.
- 6 housebreaking crimes.
- 5 crimes in relation to motor vehicles.
- 7 crimes of other dishonesty.
- 18 acts of vandalism.
- 2 drug offences.
- 18 disorder related offences.

## **2.8 MUIRKIRK**

- There have been 4 crimes of violence.
- 0 housebreaking crimes.
- 4 crimes in relation to motor vehicles.
- 3 crimes of other dishonesty.
- 14 acts of vandalism.
- 5 drug offences.
- 18 disorder related offences.

## **2.9 NEW CUMNOCK**

- There was 1 crime of violence.
- 4 housebreaking crimes.
- 10 crimes in relation to motor vehicles.
- 2 crimes of other dishonesty.
- 12 crimes of vandalism.
- 7 drug offences.
- 16 disorder related offences.

## **3. NOTABLE DETECTIONS**

### **3.1** In relation to the foregoing, the following notable detections have been made within the same period:-

- 36 year old Auchinleck male arrested for a number of serious crimes including carrying of knives, threats and a petrol bomb attack on a house in Logan;

- 40 year old Catrine male arrested for cultivating cannabis plants within his dwellinghouse;
- 38 year old Cumnock male arrested for a serious assault on another male who will probably lose the sight of an eye;
- 19 and 17 year old males along with a 17 year old female from Muirkirk arrested in connection with an armed robbery (knife) on a bus driver in Muirkirk;
- 33 year old Auchinleck male arrested in connection with a number of housebreakings committed in Auchinleck. Currently serving a prison sentence for these crimes;
- 32 year old Cumnock female reported for a number of Frauds using a stolen credit card;
- 30 year old Cumnock male arrested for committing 4 housebreakings in the same night, 2 at homes of elderly persons. Arrested shortly afterwards and currently in prison for these crimes;
- 32 year old New Cumnock male arrested for various drug offences. Large sum of cash also recovered and proceedings ongoing to have cash forfeited; and
- 2 Cumnock males arrested after a daytime bag snatch.

#### **4. PRO-ACTIVITY**

- 4.1** For the period 1 October 2004 to 31 December 2004, Officers based in the Cumnock area have reported 19 persons for the offence of drinking in public, searched 97 persons for drugs, carried out 640 weapon searches (with 10 offensive weapons recovered), carried out 634 visits to licensed premises, all aimed at reducing violence and maintaining order within the community.
- 4.2** In addition, 20 areas of local concern have been designated as Standing Complaints and these have been visited on 922 occasions.
- 4.3** 140 Juvenile Contact Cards have also been submitted.

#### **5. PARENT ALERT SCHEME**

- 5.1** 33 Parent alert letters have been sent out with regards to young persons.
- 5.2** The following explains this procedure; If a young person is found at or near a location where youth disorder is a concern and in circumstances not amounting to a criminal act, a "Parent Alert" letter is sent out to the respective parent/guardian. This outlines the circumstances, highlights problematic areas and seeks parental support regarding future conduct and welfare of the child.

## **6. DISORDER OVERVIEW**

- 6.1** Underage drinking leading to anti-social behaviour continues to be the most prevalent type of disorder, particularly at weekends.
- 6.2** To target this weekly action plans are formulated and additional high visibility foot patrols carried out along with an educational approach in the form of schools visits by Community Police Officers.
- 6.3** A force-wide initiative "Safer Scotland" ran during this period aimed at Vandalism, weapons and under age drinking and some notable results were achieved throughout the force area. Part of the initiative involved an increase in visits to Off Sales to enrol the support of staff in disrupting the sale/supply to underagers. A continuation of targeting underage drinking and related anti social behaviour will continue in the new year.
- 6.4** Locally and throughout December high visibility uniformed patrols allied with a CID/Plain clothes initiative targeted active criminals and achieved positive results. This allowed for a greater pro-active approach in the prevention and investigation of crime and disorder.
- 6.5** On 4 December a Scottish Junior cup-tie played at Auchinleck called for a major Policing operation in response to intelligence received that a large contingent of rogue travelling supporters were intent on causing serious disorder. An operational order was drawn up utilising local officers assisted by mounted branch, dog section and traffic officers.
- 6.6** A number of hostile supporters turned up as expected but due to Police planning and adequate numbers no serious incident occurred. 2 persons were arrested for minor disorder offences. Police efforts in preventing serious disorder were acknowledged by the local community and representatives of both teams involved.

## **7. RECOMMENDATION**

- 7.1** The Local Committee are asked to note the report.

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