

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE – 23 MARCH 2005 SAFER STREETS STRATHCLYDE POLICE REPORT

Report by Superintendent Elizabeth Weir, Operations Commander, East Ayrshire

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise Local Committee Members of Crime Figures and Police activity within their area. Community Constables will continue to report to their respective Community Councils with more detailed information. This meeting will also provide an opportunity for members to provide feedback to Strathclyde Police on areas of concern and to have these concerns addressed.

2. CRIME TRENDS

- 2.1 Due to a National change in the method by which crimes were recorded in April 2004 there has been a dramatic increase in crime figures throughout Strathclyde Police area.
- 2.2 The following crime statistics relate to the area of East Ayrshire Beats 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46 and 47.
- 2.3 They cover the period from 1 April 2004 to 31 January 2005.

Beat 41 Cumnock

	House breaking to homes	House breaking to garages and sheds	House breaking to Commercial premises, Schools etc.	Vehicle crime	Vandalism	Drugs possession
April 2003- Jan 2004	24	4	7	9	107	57
April 2004 – Jan 2005	41	8	2	6	217	67

Drug 'supplying offences' reported to the Procurator Fiscal rose from 2 to 16.

Beat 42 Lugar, Logan, Netherthird and Craigens

	House breaking to homes	House breaking to garages and sheds	House breaking to Commercial premises, Schools etc.	Vehicle crime	Vandalism	Drugs possession
April 2003-Jan 2004	7	0	10	7	91	20
April 2004 – Jan 2005	7	2	4	2	89	8
Drug 'supplying offences' reported to the Procurator Fiscal remained at 0.						

Beat 43 Auchinleck, Skares and Ochiltree

	House breaking to homes	House breaking to garages and sheds	House breaking to Commercial premises, Schools etc.	Vehicle crime	Vandalism	Drugs possession
April 2003-Jan 2004	13	4	3	12	118	20
April 2004 – Jan 2005	18	3	5	13	75	21
Drug 'supplying offences' reported to the Procurator Fiscal fell from 14 to 3.						

Beat 44 Mauchline

	House breaking to homes	House breaking to garages and sheds	House breaking to Commercial premises, Schools etc.	Vehicle crime	Vandalism	Drugs possession
April 2003-Jan 2004	13	21	9	20	30	14
April 2004 – Jan 2005	13	5	9	11	62	9
Drug 'supplying offences' reported to the Procurator Fiscal remained at 0.						

Beat 45 Catrine and Sorn

	House breaking to homes	House breaking to garages and sheds	House breaking to Commercial premises, Schools etc.	Vehicle crime	Vandalism	Drugs possession
April 2003- Jan 2004	9	1	10	21	30	10
April 2004 – Jan 2005	5	2	8	22	62	9
Drug 'supplying offences' reported to the Procurator Fiscal fell from 2 to 0.						

Beat 46 Muirkirk and Glenbuck

	House breaking to homes	House breaking to garages and sheds	House breaking to Commercial premises, Schools etc.	Vehicle crime	Vandalism	Drugs possession
April 2003- Jan 2004	3	0	5	12	19	2
April 2004 – Jan 2005	2	2	0	11	55	7
Drug 'supplying offences' reported to the Procurator Fiscal remained at 0.						

Beat 47 New Cumnock

	House breaking to homes	House breaking to garages and sheds	House breaking to Commercial premises, Schools etc.	Vehicle crime	Vandalism	Drugs possession
April 2003- Jan 2004	4	4	1	11	74	15
April 2004 – Jan 2005	6	0	6	16	55	15
Drug 'supplying offences' reported to the Procurator Fiscal rose from 8 to 11.						

3. DISORDER OVERVIEW

- 3.1** Disorder offences, defined by the Scottish Executive as Breach of the Peace, Urinating in Public, Drunk and Incapable and Consumption of Alcohol in a Public Place.

- 3.2 Disorder offences rose from 374 to 487 over the specified period.
- 3.3 The detection rate for group 1 – 7 crimes (all crimes and offences) in this area is currently running at 68%.
- 3.4 Underage drinking continues to be an area for concern leading to anti-social behaviour and vandalism. This however, is being addressed by Community Police Officers and Core Groups, who execute action plans to tackle problems in local areas, carrying out high visibility foot and mobile patrols. Community Police Officers continue to educate youngsters by means of school visits.
- 3.5 There are currently three Anti-Social Behaviour Orders and several Acceptable Behaviour Contracts in force for the Cumnock area. Details of several youths have been forwarded to East Ayrshire Council with a view to applying Acceptable Behaviour Contracts to these individuals. These measures appear to be having a positive effect.

4. **PRO-ACTIVITY**

- 4.1 During December an initiative was carried out in Cumnock town center by both Community Police Officers and Core Group personnel carrying out high visibility foot patrols, visiting licensed premises and shop keepers. All assisting in reassuring the public and deterring crimes of dishonesty.
- 4.2 A traffic campaign was also carried out during the same period with numerous routine stops carried out in an effort to detect and deter persons from drink/drug driving.
- 4.3 A number of areas of local concern have been designated as Standing Complaints and these have been visited on a regular basis.
- 4.4 The **Parent Alert Scheme** falls under the banner of Youth Diversion. The success of the scheme depends totally on the children identified and the parents of the children.
- 4.5 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. To date a number of letters have been sent out.

5. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 5.1 It is recommended that the Committee:-
- (i) identify any local problems which may be addressed by local officers;
 - and

(ii) otherwise note the content of this report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

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