

## EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CUMNOCK LOCAL COMMITTEE – 30 MARCH 2006

### SAFER STREETS STRATHCLYDE POLICE REPORT

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#### 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

- 2.1.1 The following crime statistics relate to the area of East Ayrshire Beat's 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46 & 47.

They cover the period from 1 April 2005 to 31 January 2006.

#### Beat 41 Cumnock

	Crimes of Violence	House breaking to homes	House breaking to garages and sheds	House breaking to Commercial premises, Schools etc.	Vehicle crime	Drugs Possession and Supply
April 2004-Jan 2005	161	55	9	10	16	83
April 2005-Jan 2006	105	41	5	15	17	115

There has been a reduction in overall crime in the Cumnock area, particularly pleasing is the reduction in crimes of violence. It is also pleasing to see the number of housebreakings to dwelling houses falling as does housebreakings to garages and sheds, however housebreakings to commercial premises show a slight increase. Vehicle crime remains fairly static. Proactively tackling misuse of drugs has resulted in considerable success detecting drug related crime with a rise in the number of persons being reported for this type of crime.

### **Beat 42 Lugar, Logan, Netherthird and Craigens**

	Crimes of Violence	House breaking to homes	House breaking to garages and sheds	House breaking to Commercial premises, Schools etc.	Vehicle crime	Drugs Possession and Supply
April 2004-Jan 2005	65	10	4	8	12	8
April 2005-Jan 2006	69	9	3	4	11	22

There has been a slight increase in the number of crimes of violence in the Lugar, Logan, Netherthird and Craigens area. Housebreakings to homes and commercial premises show a slight decrease, as does housebreakings to garages and sheds. Vehicle crime shows a slight decrease. Once again good proactive work has resulted in an increase in the number of persons reported for Drugs offences.

### **Beat 43 Auchinleck, Skares and Ochiltree**

	Crimes of Violence	House breaking to homes	House breaking to garages and sheds	House breaking to Commercial premises, Schools etc.	Vehicle crime	Drugs Possession and Supply
April 2004-Jan 2005	93	25	6	7	14	25
April 2005-Jan 2006	71	10	2	8	22	41

There is an overall reduction in crime in the Auchinleck area. Particularly pleasing is the reduction in crimes of violence and housebreaking to dwelling houses, garages and sheds. Housebreakings to commercial property shows a very slight increase. Vehicle crime also shows an increase and proactively tackling misuse of drugs has resulted in considerable success detecting drug related crime.

### **Beat 44 Mauchline**

	Crimes of Violence	House breaking to homes	House breaking to garages and sheds	House breaking to Commercial premises, Schools etc.	Vehicle crime	Drugs Possession and Supply
April 2004-Jan 2005	55	15	10	12	11	9
April 2005-Jan 2006	35	7	5	14	6	20

There has been a reduction in overall crime in the Mauchline area. It is pleasing to note that crimes of violence have shown a marked decrease. It is also pleasing to see the number of housebreakings to dwelling houses, garages and sheds showing a marked decrease, Housebreaking to commercial premises show a slight increase as has vehicle crime. Joint working between the various police departments and intelligence led policing in tackling misuse of drugs has resulted in considerable success detecting drug related crime.

#### **Beat 45 Catrine and Sorn**

	Crimes of Violence	House breaking to homes	House breaking to garages and sheds	House breaking to Commercial premises, Schools etc.	Vehicle crime	Drugs Possession and Supply
April 2004-Jan 2005	38	8	3	14	25	11
April 2005-Jan 2006	25	8	2	7	6	9

Once again there has been a reduction in overall crime in the Catrine and Sorn area, it is very pleasing to note that crimes of violence have shown a marked decrease. Housebreakings to dwelling houses remain static housebreakings to garages and sheds, commercial premises and vehicle crime all show a decrease.

#### **Beat 46 Muirkirk and Glenbuck**

	Crimes of Violence	House breaking to homes	House breaking to garages and sheds	House breaking to Commercial premises, Schools etc.	Vehicle crime	Drugs Possession and Supply
April 2004-Jan 2005	34	4	2	1	11	7
April 2005-Jan 2006	27	1	0	0	6	6

Once again there has been a slight reduction in overall crime in the Muirkirk and Glenbuck area. Crimes of violence are once again down. It is very pleasing to see the number of housebreakings to dwelling houses, commercial premises, garages and sheds drop to almost zero, whilst Vehicle crime also shows a marked decrease.

## **Beat 47 New Cumnock**

	Crimes of Violence	House breaking to homes	House breaking to garages and sheds	House breaking to Commercial premises, Schools etc.	Vehicle crime	Drugs Possession and Supply
April 2004-Jan 2005	22	8	0	7	16	26
April 2005-Jan 2006	34	14	7	5	14	17

There has been a slight increase in crime in the New Cumnock area. Crimes of violence have risen slightly (crimes of violence include Murder, Attempt Murder, Serious and Simple Assault). It should be noted that the only increase in this category is that of the number of simple assaults reported to the police, up from 15 to 29, with serious assaults falling from 6 to 5, The number of housebreakings to dwelling houses, garages and sheds have shown an increase and at the same time housebreakings to commercial premises and vehicle crime has showed a slight decrease. Through intelligence led policing, high visibility patrols in the area, and partnership working with the community, efforts will continue to reduce crime in line with the other areas.

**2.1.2** Overall in the Committee area, through high visibility policing and good work from various departments within the police it has resulted in a reduction in overall crime and particularly pleasing is the reduction in crimes of violence. It is also pleasing to see the number of housebreakings to dwelling houses, commercial property, garages & sheds and vehicle crime all falling. Through Joint working between various police departments and intelligence led policing in tackling misuse of drugs there has been considerable success in detecting drug related crime.

**2.1.3** The detection rate for group 1 – 7 crimes (all crimes and offences) in the committee area is currently running at 69%, which is an extremely favourable detection rate.

**2.1.4** The Ayrshire Division Control Strategy for 2005 – 2006 focus' on Violent Crime, Acquisitive Crime, Vandalism and Anti Social behaviour, has had a positive impact on those crimes of greatest concern.

### **3. OVERVIEW ON ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

**3.1.1** 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.

**3.1.2** Disorder offences rose from 513 to 595 within the designated period.

**3.1.3** Vandalism has increased from 614 to 670 within the designated period and continues to be a particular problem in this area.

**3.1.4** There are currently 5 Anti-Social Behaviour Orders in place within the committee Area. Local officers work closely with partner agencies including the Housing Department, Neighbourhood Disputes Team, SACRO mediation service as well as Shire Housing to address local concerns at the earliest opportunity by the most effective means.

#### **4. AREAS REQUIRING POLICE ATTENTION**

**4.1.1 Barshare** – A number of complaints had been received from residents regarding antisocial behaviour by youths in the Barshare area. This problem is not new and seems to feature at various periods throughout the year. Many of the youths involved reside in the Barshare area with the other youths coming from Netherthird and Craigens and areas throughout Cumnock. The local community police officers have worked well with residents and other agencies culminating in a police operation during January 2006. A number of arrests were made, juveniles taken home and parent alert letters issued. Disorder in the area has alleviated but will no doubt return, therefore police attention will continue.

**4.1.2 Catrine** – Reports have been made to the police from local residents and the Antisocial Behaviour unit regarding youths gathering in and around the St. Germain Street area drinking alcohol and causing general annoyance. This problem occurs mainly on Friday evenings and was given police attention on throughout the month of February 2006. Action was taken and the area will be given continued police attention at the appropriate times.

**4.1.3** Regular patrols have been carried out using both foot and pedal cycles in the area allowing greater visibility throughout the section. Additional resources through overtime patrols by community constables, shift personnel and special constables have targeted hotspots in response to community concerns relating to youths congregating and an increase in assaults. These targeted patrols are continuing to have a positive effect on disorder, which is being complemented by the work done by our community officers in schools and youth clubs in the area. These inputs are designed to encourage good citizenship and positive behaviour while discouraging disorder, drunkenness and vandalism.

**4.1.4** The police continue to focus on under age drinking and positive work has resulted in the licence holders co-operating with the police and the community to reduce the availability of alcohol to youngsters. This will have a direct impact on disorder and vandalism.

**4.1.5** The focus of police attention in relation to disorder over recent weeks continues to be Loudoun Street, and Earl Grey Street, Mauchline, Mill Square, Catrine, Barshare Road and the Town center area, Cumnock, and The Castle, New Cumnock.

#### **5. RECOMMENDATIONS**

**5.1.1** 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**

**Nil.**

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