

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE – 19 MAY 2005**

**SAFER STREETS  
STRATHCLYDE POLICE REPORT**

**Report by Superintendent Elizabeth Weir**  
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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** Due to a National change in the method by which crimes were recorded in April 2004 there has been a dramatic increase on 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 March 2005.

**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 2003-March 2004	73	34	6	20	43	78
April 2004 – March 2005	189	63	9	11	23	103

**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 2003-March 2004	46	14	2	17	18	21
April 2004 – March 2005	76	11	4	9	14	13

**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 2003-March 2004	35	17	4	4	25	52
April 2004 – March 2005	105	27	9	10	14	27

**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 2003-March 2004	13	21	26	14	25	15
April 2004 – March 2005	60	18	10	13	15	11

**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 2003-March 2004	31	13	1	19	40	16
April 2004 – March 2005	44	10	3	14	27	11

### **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 2003- March 2004	21	3	0	7	13	2
April 2004 – March 2005	38	4	2	1	11	7

### **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 2003- March 2004	23	9	10	5	13	23
April 2004 – March 2005	28	11	0	7	16	27

- 2.4** Through high visibility policing and good work from various departments in the police there has been an overall reduction in vehicle crime within the Cumnock area. Housebreaking crime remains static, within the section however there has been a 23.5% increase in detection's for this type of crime. There has been a reduction in detection's for drug related offences although it is believed that this is as a result of the amount of proactive work carried out by the police to date.
- 2.5** Violent crime is an area, which has been affected by the Scottish Crime Recording Standards, ensuring that there is a more accurate reporting and recording of these crimes. Domestic violence had an impacted upon these figures. Due to a number of high profile campaigns, victims feel more confident in reporting instances of Domestic Violence. Whilst this is having an impact on crime figures it is a positive step forward.
- 2.6** The detection rates for group 1 – 7 crimes (all crimes and offences) in the Cumnock area is currently running at 64%, which is an extremely favourable detection rate.
- 2.7** The Ayrshire Division Control Strategy for 2005 – 2006 focus's on Violent Crime, Acquisitive Crime, Vandalism and Anti Social behaviour. Efforts over the next year will impact positively on the above figures.

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

- 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 483 to 602 within the designated period. This increase is largely due to the amount of proactive policing within the Cumnock area.
- 3.3** Vandalism rose from 537 to 786 within the designated period. Vandalism is one of the areas most affected by the introduction of the National change in crime figures, as there is now more accurate reporting and recording of vandalism.
- 3.4** The focus of police attention in relation to disorder over recent weeks continues to be Logan Ave, Logan, Well Road and Church Street, Auchinleck, Loudoun street, and Mauchline primary school, Craigen Road, Ryderston Drive and Barshare Road, Cumnock, The Castle and Highpark Ave, New Cumnock.
- 3.5** 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.
- 3.6** Following a slight increase in youth disorder in the areas of Netherthird, Logan and New Cumnock, Community officers have provided additional attention to these areas, which has resulted in a reduction in the number of complaints being received.

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

- 4.1** 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.
- 4.2** 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.
- 4.3** A programme of education and enforcement relating to the possession and reckless discharge of air weapons in the Auchinleck area has been undertaken by the local community officers and information and intelligence will be gathered during this operation.
- 4.4** Road safety forms a large part of Strathclyde Police strategy, in an effort to influence driver behaviour, to reduce the number of road traffic accidents, and also to allay the fears of the community regarding speeding drivers, community officers have been trained in the use of hand held speed detection equipment. A programme of education and enforcement will be carried out which will include a

media campaign, high visibility patrols and roadside checks, with the distribution of information packs and also visits to local primary schools.

## **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**

**Nil.**

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