

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**CUMNOCK LOCAL COMMITTEE – 25<sup>th</sup> May 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 Mar 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	Supply
April 2004-Mar 2005	189	63	9	11	23	79	22
April 2005-Mar 2006	153	49	5	17	19	115	23

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 continues to fall as does housebreakings to garages and sheds, however housebreakings to commercial premises show a slight increase. Vehicle crime has decreased slightly. 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	Supply
April 2004-Mar 2005	78	11	4	9	14	13	3
April 2005-Mar 2006	82	10	3	4	12	28	7

There has been a slight increase in the number of crimes of violence in the Lugar, Logan, Netherthird and Craigens area. Housebreakings are showing a slight decrease in all areas. 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	Supply
April 2004-Mar 2005	104	26	9	10	14	23	3
April 2005-Mar 2006	95	13	3	8	25	35	7

There is an overall reduction in crime in the Auchinleck area. Particularly pleasing is the continued reduction in crimes of violence and housebreaking to dwelling houses, garages and sheds. 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	Supply
April 2004-Mar 2005	60	3	10	13	29	11	0
April 2005-Mar 2006	38	2	8	14	11	19	6

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. Housebreakings to dwelling houses, garages showing a decrease with an increase of 1 to schools. Vehicle crime is showing a downward trend. 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	Supply
April 2004-Mar 2005	46	10	3	14	27	9	0
April 2005-Mar 2006	28	12	3	10	10	11	0

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 show a slight increase whilst housebreakings to garages and sheds, commercial premises and vehicle crime all show a decrease or are static.

**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	Supply
April 2004-Mar 2005	37	3	2	1	11	7	0
April 2005-Mar 2006	32	2	0	1	6	9	2

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 continue to drop, whilst Vehicle crime also shows a 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	Supply
April 2004-Mar 2005	29	11	0	7	16	16	11
April 2005-Mar 2006	40	20	8	6	18	14	3

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 22 to 36, with serious assaults falling from 6 to 4, 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 increase. 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 67%, 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 577 to 655 within the designated period.
- 3.1.3 Vandalism has increased from 721 to 776 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. PROACTIVITY**

- 4.1.1 **Barshare** – Recent Action Plans have focussed on the Barshare area and have resulted in a reduction in the number of complaints received from residents with regards to anti-social behaviour and youth disorder. Regular visits have been undertaken to local off-sales licensed premises and advice and support provided to staff in an effort to prevent the supply of alcohol to juveniles. Community and core group personnel continue to provide high visibility patrols to the area and close liaison with community wardens, residents and other agencies will be maintained.
- 4.1.2 **Landward** - Disorder in Ryderston Drive, Netherthird, where youths congregate around the shops in Craigens Road continues. Several persons have been arrested and reported for various crimes and offences committed in the immediate vicinity. There are presently 7 ABCs in force for youths

identified as problematic to the area, with 2 of these currently under review for upgrade to ASBO status. This location remains an Area of Standing Complaint, receiving regular patrol visits and is the subject of weekend Action Plans.

A number of persons were noted for Road Traffic Offences in relation to the use of mini motor cycles in Logan. This was the result of targeted policing, in response to complaints received from residents in Boswell Crescent and Bryce Avenue.

- 4.1.3 Auchinleck** - A high volume of reports were received of vandalism and general disorder in the Barony Road/Church Hill area of Auchinleck. Local youths were identified as responsible, with several Parent Alert Letters being issued and this to an extent has alleviated the problem. Local rivalry between Auchinleck and Cumnock youths has occasionally surfaced with confrontation between groups occurring on the main Auchinleck/Cumnock road. This issue has the potential to persist over the summer months and will be closely monitored.

Reports continue to be received of youths drinking and causing general annoyance in Main Street and Mill Street, Ochiltree, with the vicinity of the Primary School remaining an Area of Standing Complaint. Consequently, regular patrols visit the area which features in weekend Action Plans. Several local youths have been the subject of reports to the PF in relation to street drinking offences.

- 4.1.4 Mauchline** – Acts of disorder and vandalism have been received from the areas around Connell View and Tanfield, with the local community officer liaising with residents in an attempt to identifying those responsible. The focus of Police attention in relation to disorder at the weekend continues to be Loudoun Street and Earl Grey Street.

- 4.1.5 Catrine** – Complaints continue of youths drinking and causing general annoyance in St Germain Street and Sorn Street, with these problems occurring mainly at the weekends. Targeted policing has resulted in several offences relating to disorder and street drinking being detected.

- 4.1.6 Muirkirk** – A number of persons were reported for offences relating to the use of quad and motor bikes in Furnace Road area. This was the result of Police activity in response to concerns expressed from local residents. Issues surrounding the use of quads, motor bikes and mini motor bikes have been raised throughout the Cumnock Section and are likely to increase during the summer months. Each situation will be monitored and appropriate action taken.

- 4.1.7 New Cumnock** - Community officers and core groups continue to provide regular patrols to The Castle in relation to reports of youth disorder, with several persons being reported for street drinking offences.

The local community officer is formulating an Action Plan to address concerns regarding motorists speeding in Pathhead and Afton Road.

## **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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