

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** The period covered is 1 August 2004 to 30 September 2004 and are compared to figures for the corresponding period in 2003. Figures shown in brackets are crimes detected at the time of completing report.
- 2.3** A notable increase in some crimes, in particular vandalism, can mainly be attributed to the introduction of the Scottish Crime Recording Standard on 1 April 2004. Minor crimes not previously reported are now being recorded to reflect a truer picture. This enables Police Forces throughout Scotland to maintain a standardised and more accurate crime recording system.
- 2.4** It should also be noted that certain lines of enquiry are still ongoing into some undetected crimes, particularly those recorded in August, with a likelihood of detection after further enquiry. (Suspects to be traced, awaiting Forensic results etc.).

3. CUMNOCK

- There have been 6 (6) crimes of violence, up from 5.
- 9 (2) housebreaking crimes, up from 5.
- 2 (0) crimes in relation to motor vehicles, down from 4.
- 11 (7) crimes of other dishonesty, up from 5.
- 35(6) acts of vandalism, up from 11.
- 14 (14) drug offences, up from 13.
- 58 (45) disorder related offences, up from 23.

4. CUMNOCK LANDWARD INCLUDING LOGAN AND LUGAR

- There was 1 (1) crime of violence, up from 0.
- 2 (0) housebreaking crimes, down from 3.
- 1 (1) crime in relation to motor vehicles, down from 2.
- 9 (4) crimes of other dishonesty, up from 6.

- 18 (3) acts of vandalism, up from 14.
- 0 drug offences, down from 7.
- 24 (21) disorder related offences, up from 20.

5. AUCHINLECK AND OCHILTREE

- There was 1 (1) crime of violence, up from 0.
- 12 (5) housebreaking crimes, up from 5.
- 3 (0) crimes in relation to motor vehicles, no change.
- 15 (7) crimes of other dishonesty, up from 7.
- 18 (1) acts of vandalism, up from 12.
- 1 (1) drug offence, down from 3.
- 18 (13) disorder related offences, up from 16.

6. MAUCLINE

- There have been 4 (3) crimes of violence, up from 1.
- 15 (7) housebreaking crimes, up from 9.
- 4 (0) crimes in relation to motor vehicles, down from 5.
- 12 (5) crimes of other dishonesty, up from 5.
- 5 (0) acts of vandalism, no change.
- 1 (1) drug offence, down from 2.
- 12 (11) disorder related offences, up from 8.

7. CATRINE AND SORN

- There was 1 (0) crime of violence, no change.
- 6 (0) housebreaking crimes, down from 9.
- 6 (1) crimes in relation to motor vehicles, down from 9.
- 11(0) crimes of other dishonesty, up from 3.
- 14 (3) acts of vandalism, up from 6.
- 4 (4) drug offences, no change.
- 13 (13) disorder related offences, up from 11.

8. MUIRKIRK

- There have been no crimes of violence, the same as the corresponding period last year.
- 4 (0) housebreaking crimes, up from 2.
- 3 (0) crimes in relation to motor vehicles, up from 2.
- 0 crimes of other dishonesty, down from 4.
- 9 (0) acts of vandalism, up from 6.
- 2 (2) drug offences, no change.
- 6 (5) disorder related offences, up from 5.

9. NEW CUMNOCK

- There have been no crimes of violence, the same as the corresponding period last year.
- 2 (1) housebreaking crimes, up from 1.
- 1 (0) crime in relation to motor vehicles, down from 2.
- 4 (1) crimes of other dishonesty, up from 3.
- 14 (1) crimes of vandalism, down from 51. (Tyre slashing by 3 juveniles accounted for the high number in 2003).
- 11 (11) drug offences, up from 2.
- 7 (6) disorder related offences, down from 13.

9.1 In relation to the foregoing, the following notable detections have been made within the same period:

- 4 males arrested in connection with several crimes of dishonesty, including housebreakings, in the Mauchline area.
- 34 years old Cumnock male and female arrested on Petition Warrant in relation to drug dealing activity from their home address.
- 32 years old Cumnock male arrested for a domestic abduction and assault.
- 18 and 22 years old Mauchline males arrested for assault with intent to rob in Mauchline.
- An intelligence led drugs search in New Cumnock resulted in the recovery of a substantial amount of cash and drugs.
- 2 Lanarkshire males traced and arrested in connection with a high value Cumnock housebreaking. Public response to a press release in relation to this crime provided invaluable information, which assisted the enquiry team.

10. PRO-ACTIVITY

10.1 For the period 1 August 2004 to 30 September 2004, Officers based in the Cumnock area have reported 13 persons for the offence of drinking in public, searched 84 persons for drugs, carried out 472 weapon searches (with 8 offensive weapons recovered), carried out 337 visits to licensed premises, all aimed at reducing violence and maintaining order within the community.

10.2 In addition, 14 areas of local concern have been designated as Standing Complaints and these have been visited on 520 occasions.

11. DISORDER OVERVIEW

11.1 Underage drinking leading to anti-social behaviour is still by far the most prevalent type of disorder, particularly at weekends.

- 11.2 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.
- 11.3 Off Sales premises are also visited on a regular basis to advise and seek the support of staff in disrupting the supply of alcohol to under-agers.
- 11.4 Underage drinking and related behaviour accounts for the majority of our standing complaints.

12. PARENT ALERT SCHEME

- 12.1 26 parent alert letters have been sent out over the period where juveniles have been found in or near to locations where disorder is a concern to the local community. The circumstances, although not amounting to criminal activity, are highlighted to parents/guardians seeking support in respect of future conduct and child welfare.
- 12.2 98 Juvenile Contact Cards have also been submitted.

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