

## EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

### CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE - 3 NOVEMBER 2005

#### SAFER STREETS STRATHCLYDE POLICE REPORT

#### Report by Superintendent Elizabeth Weir, Sub Divisional Officer, 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 The following crime statistics relate to the area of East Ayrshire Beats 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46 and 47.

They cover the period from 1 April 2005 to 31 August 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 2004-August 2004	73	28	6	6	10	33
April 2005-August 2005	55	15	4	8	12	53

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 almost halving. Housebreakings to commercial premises show a slight increase, as does overall vehicle crime, however housebreakings to garages and sheds show a slight decrease. 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 drug related crimes.

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

	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-August 2004	37	6	3	4	4	5
April 2005-August 2005	40	6	1	2	6	8

There has been a slight increase in the number of crimes of violence up 3 from 37 to 40. It is pleasing to see the number of housebreakings to commercial premises, garages and sheds showing a marked decrease, and the number of housebreakings to dwellings remaining static. Vehicle crime shows a slight increase up 2 from 4 to 6. 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-August 2004	54	13	2	7	7	6
April 2005-August 2005	35	8	1	4	15	15

Once again 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, commercial property, garages and sheds. Vehicle crime 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-August 2004	35	8	7	9	9	8
April 2005-August 2005	19	3	2	11	5	14

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 of 16. It is also pleasing to see the number of housebreakings to dwelling houses, garages and sheds showing a marked decrease, as has vehicle crime. Housebreaking to commercial premises show a slight increase. 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-August 2004	19	5	3	6	15	8
April 2005-August 2005	10	4	2	6	4	2

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, garages and sheds and vehicle crime also show a decrease. Housebreaking to commercial premises remain 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 and Supply
April 2004-August 2004	18	2	2	1	3	1
April 2005-August 2005	17	0	0	0	2	3

Once again there has been a slight reduction in overall crime in the Muirkirk and Glenbuck area, Crimes of violence are down slightly. It is very pleasing to see the number of housebreakings to dwelling houses, commercial premises, garages and sheds drop to zero, whilst Vehicle crime shows a slight 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-August 2004	13	4	0	6	6	11
April 2005-August 2005	17	5	2	3	10	11

New Cumnock is the only area in the section to show an increase in overall crime. There is no set pattern to any of these crimes. 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 10 to 15, with serious assaults down from 3 to 2, however all but one of these crimes has been detected and persons reported to the PF. The number of housebreakings to dwelling houses, garages and sheds have shown a marginal increase and at the same time vehicle crime has showed a slight increase. Housebreakings to commercial premises are down from 6 to 3. 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.

- 2.2** 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 and garages & sheds all falling. Vehicle crime remains static. 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.
- 2.3** The detection rates 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.
- 2.4** The Ayrshire Division Control Strategy for 2005 – 2006 focuses 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, as defined by the Scottish Executive, include Breach of the Peace, Urinating in Public, Drunk and Incapable and Consumption of Alcohol in a Public Place.

- 3.2 Disorder offences rose slightly from 290 to 293 within the designated period. This increase is largely due to the amount of proactive policing within the Cumnock area.
- 3.3 Vandalism also rose slightly from 294 to 319 within the designated period and work continues with strategies and action plans being put into place to target the areas concerned.
- 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 Earl Grey Street, Mauchline, Barshare Road and the Town Centre area, Cumnock, The Castle and Highpark Avenue, New Cumnock, and Mill Square, Catrine.
- 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 The Anti Social Behaviour Unit and Police Anti Social Behaviour Liaison Officer are presently working towards several complaints from businesses and residents in the Cumnock area. There are presently five Anti Social Behaviour Orders in place within the Cumnock section. 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. PRO-ACTIVITY**

- 4.1 Regular patrols on foot, by vehicle and pedal cycle have been carried out in the section allowing greater visibility throughout the area. Additional resources through overtime patrols by community constables, shift personnel and special constables have targeted any identified hotspots in response to community concerns, relating to youths congregating and general disorder and these have resulted in areas quietening down effectively. Action plans for additional resources have been submitted and approved, allowing greater coverage and flexibility.
- 4.2 In the past few weeks a number of dwelling houses in the Cumnock area were targeted by housebreakers. Partnership working between the local Community, CID, Core groups and members of the Identification Branch resulted in a speedy apprehension of a male who was remanded in custody for the Housebreakings. Through partnership working and intelligence led policing a number of drug dealers in the area have also been targeted and as such there has been an increase in the number of people being reported for drugs offences.

**4.3** The Road Safety Action Plan is now up and running with the aims of influencing driver behaviour, reducing the number of road traffic accidents/fatalities/injuries and to allay fears of the community regarding speeding drivers. All community police officers are now trained in the use of hand held speed detectors and have already been out using these devices in the recognised areas in East Ayrshire where speeding is reported by various community groups or individuals, and as such a number of people have been reported.

## **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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