

## EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

### CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE - 9 NOVEMBER 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 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 to 31 August 2005/2006.

#### **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 2005-Aug 2005	49	15	4	8	12	52
April 2006-Aug 2006	70	5	4	16	30	42

There has been an increase in crimes of violence in the Cumnock area, however there has been no obvious reason identified for this increase. Housebreakings to dwelling houses continues to fall, with break-ins to garages and sheds remaining static. Housebreakings to commercial premises show an increase. Vehicle crime has increased significantly. 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.

Vandalism in Beat 41 has decreased significantly from 121 reported incidents in the period from April-Aug 2005 to 83 incidents in the same period for 2006.

### **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 2005-Aug 2005	40	6	1	2	6	8
April 2006-Aug 2006	23	4	2	9	5	13

There has been a decrease in the number of crimes of violence in the Lugar, Logan, Netherthird and Craigens area. Housebreakings are showing a slight decrease in domestic dwelling houses, however housebreakings to garages and sheds and Commercial premises have increased. 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.

Vandalism in Beat 42 has also shown a slight decrease from 55 reported incidents to 49 incidents.

### **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 2005-Aug 2005	35	6	1	4	15	15
April 2006-Aug 2006	28	6	1	3	4	25

There is an overall reduction in crimes of violence and to vehicles in the Auchinleck area. Housebreakings overall remain static with a slight decrease in housebreakings to commercial premises and schools. 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.

Vandalism in Beat 43 has risen from 46 incidents to 56 reported incidents.

### **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 2005-Aug 2005	19	3	2	11	5	15
April 2006-Aug 2006	9	9	1	3	4	9

There has been a general reduction in overall crime in the Mauchline area. Crimes of violence have shown a marked decrease. However, there has been a increase in domestic housebreakings but housebreakings to commercial premises showing a noticeable decrease. Vehicle crime is also showing a decrease as has the number of persons reported for drug offences.

Vandalism for Beat 44 has increased slightly from 15 incidents to 20 incidents.

### **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 2005-Aug 2005	10	4	2	6	4	2
April 2006-Aug 2006	25	3	1	6	13	12

There has been a increase in crimes of violence, vehicle related and misuse of drug offences in the Catrine and Sorn area. Housebreakings to dwelling houses and garages have decreased and housebreakings to commercial premises and dwelling houses remain static which is pleasing.

Vandalism has shown a decrease in beat 45 from 35 incidents to 27.

### **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 2005-Aug 2005	18	0	0	0	2	3
April 2006-Aug 2006	17	0	0	2	2	3

Once again there has been very little change in overall crime in the Muirkirk and Glenbuck area. Crimes of violence are once again down. Housebreakings to dwelling houses, garages and sheds drop to almost zero, whilst housebreakings to commercial premises have increased slightly. Vehicle crime and misuse of drugs offences have remained static.

Vandalism has shown a significant decrease from 22 reported incidents in the time period last year down to 9 for the same period this year

### **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 2005-Aug 2005	17	5	2	3	10	11
April 2006-Aug 2006	12	4	0	5	6	6

There has been a decrease in crime in the New Cumnock area. Crimes of violence have fallen. The number of housebreakings to dwelling houses, garages and sheds has shown a decrease and at the same time housebreakings to commercial premises have increased slightly. 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.

There has been an increase in Vandalisms in the New Cumnock area from 28 reported incidents to 35 incidents

**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. 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 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.

**2.4** The Ayrshire Division Control Strategy for 2006 – 2007 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** Disorder offences are 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 513 to 595 within the designated period. Action plans have been put in place to tackle off-sales premises in order to try and combat these offences as well as vandalism.
- 3.3 Vandalism has increased from 614 to 670 within the designated period and continues to be a particular problem in this area.
- 3.4 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. PRO-ACTIVITY

**Cumnock** – In response to complaints of youth disorder, police patrols have increased in the areas of Keir Hardie Hill and Wylie Crescent, resulting in two apprehensions for possession of offensive weapons. The town centre and Broomfield Park are incorporated into weekend action plans, with large quantities of alcohol being confiscated from under age drinkers and parental alert letters being distributed.

**Cumnock Landward** – There has been a reduction in the number of incidents in the vicinity of Craighens Road although the area continues to be monitored particularly at weekends. Sporadic reports of anti-social behaviour at the shops in Logan Avenue persist, and the area is visited regularly by patrolling and community officers.

An initiative aimed at addressing concerns regarding speeding motorists in Glaisnock Road, Netherthird and Park Terrace, Lugar resulted in several warnings being issued.

**Auchinleck/Ochiltree** – Youth disorder in Main Street, Auchinleck and Main Street, Ochiltree continues to be addressed with both recorded as areas of standing complaint and receiving high visibility patrols particularly at weekends. This has resulted in several youths being reported for street drinking and breach of the peace offences.

A total of 22 motorists have been noted by traffic officers for speeding in Barony Road, Auchinleck.

**Mauchline** – The Cross continues to be incorporated into weekend action plans and there has been a reduction in the number of instances of disorder reported. A total of 9 motorists were warned due to excessive speed in Kilmarnock Road.

**Catrine** – An increase in reports of anti-social behaviour is currently being addressed by the Community Officer, with additional evening patrols being concentrated throughout the village, including the siting of the mobile office. Early results are encouraging and this initiative in addition to close liaison between Police and Housing Officers will continue in the coming weeks.

**Muirkirk** – In response to the reports of several crimes of violence and disorder during the summer, a pro-active initiative by community officers utilising the mobile office during peak times has had a positive effect throughout the community. This resulted in reducing complaints and enhancing public re-assurance.

**New Cumnock** – A joint approach by the local community officer and CID in relation to disturbances in Afton Bridgend produced a positive outcome, with one individual being apprehended on numerous charges, including assault and possession of an offensive weapon. Community officers continue to carry out speed checks throughout the village to combat concerns raised by community representatives.

At weekends, a pro-active approach is adopted throughout the Cumnock & Doon valley with targeting off-sales premises with regular visits being undertaken in an effort to provide support and advice to staff and disrupt the supply of alcohol to persons underage. It is believed this strategy produces positive results and reduces anti-social behaviour amongst youth.

## **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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