

## EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

### CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE - 8 SEPTEMBER 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 30 June 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- June 2004	45	17	2	3	1	18
April 2005 – June 2005	33	9	2	6	6	21

There has been a reduction in overall crime in the Cumnock area down 10.5% 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 remain static. Proactively tackling misuse of drugs has resulted in considerable success detecting drug related 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 and Supply
April 2004- June 2004	21	6	2	4	2	3
April 2005 – June 2005	22	3	1	1	2	2

There has been a reduction in overall crime in this area, down 18%. Crimes of violence have shown a marginal increase of 1. It is pleasing to see the number of housebreakings to dwelling houses, commercial premises, garages and sheds showing a marked decrease.

### **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- June 2004	34	7	0	3	4	3
April 2005 – June 2005	21	3	1	3	6	11

Once again there is an overall reduction in crime in the Auchinleck area down 11.7%. Particularly pleasing is the reduction in crimes of violence and housebreaking to dwellinghouses. Vehicle crime shows a slight 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- June 2004	23	7	1	6	3	3
April 2005 – June 2005	10	1	2	6	2	10

There has been a reduction in overall crime in the Mauchline area, down 28%. It is pleasing to note that crimes of violence have shown a marked decrease of 13.

It is also pleasing to see the number of housebreakings to dwelling houses showing a marked decrease. 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- June 2004	16	2	0	6	3	2
April 2005 – June 2005	7	3	2	3	2	1

Once again there has been a reduction in overall crime in the Catrine and Sorn area, down 38%. It is very pleasing to note that crimes of violence have shown a marked decrease. Housebreakings to dwelling houses, commercial premises, garages and sheds remain static and work will continue in an effort to reduce these numbers in keeping with the rest of the section.

**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- June 2004	12	1	1	1	3	0
April 2005 – June 2005	12	0	0	0	1	0

There has been a slight reduction in overall crime in the Muirkirk and Glenbuck area, down 27%. Crimes of violence have remained static. It is pleasing to see the number of housebreakings to dwelling houses, commercial premises, garages and sheds and Vehicle crime all showing a marked 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- June 2004	8	4	0	3	3	8
April 2005 – June 2005	16	4	2	2	2	6

New Cumnock is the only area in the section to show a marked increase in overall crime up 23%. There is no set pattern to any of these crimes. Crimes of violence have doubled; (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, however all but one of these crimes has been detected and persons reported to the PF. The number of housebreakings to dwelling houses, commercial premises, garages and sheds have shown a marginal increase and at the same time 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.

- 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 by 15% and particularly pleasing is the reduction in crimes of violence. It is also pleasing to see the number of housebreakings to dwelling houses almost halving.
- 2.3** The detection rates 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.
- 2.4** 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, 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 fell from 192 to 168 within the designated period. This decrease is largely due to the amount of proactive policing within the Cumnock area.
- 3.3** Vandalism fell from 212 to 205 within the designated period and work continues during the summer months with School Watch to address the seasonal effects on this type of crime.

- 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 center area, 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** 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** As you are no doubt aware, there is an increasing public concern over anti social behaviour and in particular the problems, which are caused by under-age and excessive consumption of alcohol. East Ayrshire Licensing board, East Ayrshire council, Strathclyde Police and other Community Planning partners are committed to addressing this problem and minimising the impact on the communities within East Ayrshire. It is recognised that many licence holders are being pro-active in this area and operating in a responsible manner. It can therefore be seen that a number of parties are already working in partnership. At the meeting of the East Ayrshire Licensing board in March 2005 it was decided that a further step forward would be for all Off-Sales licence holders to sign up to a voluntary code of conduct. Community Police and Trading standards officers have visited each off-sales premises and premises are now participating in the scheme almost without exception. The code covers issues such as: - no proof/no sale, proof of age, staff training, record keeping, irresponsible promotions and best practice.
- 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.

#### **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**

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