

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE- 7 SEPTEMBER 2006

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

- 2.1.1 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 30 June 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 2005- Jun 2005	33	8	2	6	6	26	4
April 2006- Jun 2006	41	6	2	11	23	22	2

There has been a slight increase in overall crime in the Cumnock area, particularly in crimes of violence. It is pleasing to see the number of housebreakings to dwelling houses continues to fall and housebreakings to garages and sheds have not increased, however housebreakings to commercial premises show an increase. Vehicle crime has also increased. 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 2005-Jun 2005	22	3	1	1	2	2	0
April 2006-Jun 2006	13	3	1	10	3	5	0

There has been a pleasing reduction in the number of crimes of violence in the Lugar, Logan, Netherthird and Craigens area. Housebreakings are showing an increase to commercial premises and schools etc. Vehicle crime also shows a slight increase. 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 2005-Jun 2005	21	3	1	3	6	7	4
April 2006-Jun 2006	17	2	1	3	3	9	5

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 a reduction 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 2005-Jun 2005	10	1	2	6	2	8	2
April 2006-Jun 2006	6	6	0	3	4	6	2

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 an increase to domestic property with a decrease of 6 to 3 in other areas including schools. Vehicle crime is showing 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	Supply
April 2005-Jun 2005	7	3	2	3	3	1	0
April 2006-Jun 2006	13	2	1	1	7	6	0

There has been a slight increase in crimes of violence in the Catrine and Sorn area. Vehicle crime also shows a slight increase. It is pleasing to note that housebreakings show a slight decrease in all areas. 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 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 2005-Jun 2005	12	0	0	0	1	0	0
April 2006-Jun 2006	5	0	0	2	2	2	1

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 has remained static with a slight increase in commercial premises, garages and sheds. Vehicle crime has also increased slightly. A proactive approach to drug related crime has shown considerable success in detecting drug -related crime.

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 2005-Jun 2005	16	4	2	2	3	4	2
April 2006-Jun 2006	6	1	0	2	5	4	0

There has been a reduction in crime in the New Cumnock area particularly crimes of violence falling from 16 to 6. The number of housebreakings to dwelling houses, garages and sheds have shown a decrease and at the same time housebreakings to commercial premises have remained static. Vehicle crime has increased. 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 69% which is an extremely favourable detection rate.

2.1.4 The Ayrshire Division Control Strategy for 2005 – 2006 focus' on Violent Crime, Domestic Abuse, Drugs 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, 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 168 to 197 within the designated period.

3.3 Vandalism has decreased from 204 to 181 within the designated period and continues to be a particular problem in this area.

3.4 There are currently 4 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

4.1 **Cumnock** - Action Plans throughout the summer have concentrated on reducing youth disorder by targeting known hot spots and licensed premises. High visibility patrols have concentrated on The Square and town centre area, Holmhead/Woodroad Park area and Barshare, with several youths being reported for various disorder offences. In addition, a number of parental alert letters have been sent. Community Officers, Community Wardens and EA Housing have liaised closely in relation to various issues in the Barshare area, resulting in a reduction in the number of complaints received from residents. A lengthy and focussed enquiry involving Community Officers and CID resulted in the reporting to the PF of an individual who had been responsible for a high volume of acquisitive crime throughout the area.

4.2 **Landward** - Weekend Action Plans continue to monitor disorder in Logan Avenue, Logan and Ryderston Drive, Netherthird, with several juvenile contact cards and parental alert letters having been submitted in relation to local youths. Ryderston Drive remains an area of standing complaint and a total of 7 ABCs are in force for youths identified as being problematic to this general location. A speed alert sign has been erected in Lugar, with Community Officers reinforcing the legislation by undertaking regular roadside checks.

- 4.3 Auchinleck** - Community Officers and general patrols have been responding to an increase in complaints involving youths congregating in the area of Well Road, causing annoyance to residents and acts of vandalism. Consequently the vicinity is now classified as an area of standing complaint, receiving regular visits from patrols. The immediate area around Ochiltree Primary School continues as a standing complaint. Patrols provide frequent visits during the evenings and particularly at weekends, with youths who continue to congregate there being the subject of parental alert letters.
- 4.4 Mauchline** – Officers continue to provide a high level of patrol to Loudoun Street and Earl Grey Street, which require close monitoring at weekends. Action Plans have concentrated on the wooded area at the rear of the Community Centre, Kilmarnock Road and these have resulted in the confiscation of large quantities of alcohol and the reporting of several youths to the PF and Children’s Reporter. Local Off Sales have received repeated visits, with support and advice issued to staff in an effort to reduce the availability of alcohol to persons under age.
- 4.5 Catrine** – A recent rise in complaints of disorder in St Germain Street, Newton Terrace and Sommerville Street have been noted by the Community Officer who is currently preparing Action Plans to address these problems. Offences in relation to the selling of alcohol to under age persons have been reported to the PF and as a result, one local store has introduced an over 21 sales policy. Targeting of Licensed Premises throughout the village will continue.
- 4.6 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.
- 4.7 New Cumnock** - Action Plans aimed at addressing concerns of speeding and failing to stop at red traffic lights at the temporary road works, resulted in a number of motorists being reported for various offences. Reports of youth disorder in the area of the Castle and Afton Bridge End continue and an increase of Police activity resulted in several youths being reported for street drinking and one male being apprehended for possession of a knife.

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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