

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE – 23rd January 2007 SAFER STREETS STRATHCLYDE POLICE REPORT

Report by Superintendent Elizabeth Weir
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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1.1 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

2.2.1 The following crime statistics relate to the area of East Ayrshire Beat 48 which relates to Drongan, Dalrymple and Rankinston, also Beat 49 Dalmellington and Patna. Collectively known as the Doon Valley.

They cover the period from 1 April to 30 November 2005/2006.

Beat 48 Drongan, Dalrymple and Rankinston

	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 – Nov 2005	39	5	1	2	14	10	6
April 2006 - Nov 2006	34	2	3	2	16	19	2

Violent crimes show a slight decrease during this reporting period. HB's are down or static with the exception of HB's to garages and Garden huts. Vehicle crime shows a slight increase. Detections for Drugs possession continue to show an increase due to Proactivity.

Beat 49 Dalmellington and Patna

	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 –Nov 2005	102	5	1	2	12	19	2
April 2006 –Nov 2006	78	7	3	6	13	26	10

Violent crime has continued to show a significant decrease. Housebreakings in relation to all types of property have increased slightly as has vehicle crime. Drug possessions and supply have shown an increase due to Proactivity.

2.2.3 The detection rate for group 1 – 7 crimes (all crimes and offences) in the Doon Valley area is currently running at 73%, which is an extremely favourable detection rate.

2.2.4 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

3.1.1 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.

3.1.2 Disorder offences rose from 172 to 195 within the designated period, due to the Proactivity listed at 3.1.4.

3.1.3 Vandalism fell from 144 to 141 within the designated period and work will continue to address this type of crime.

3.1.4 Targeted patrols are having a positive effect on disorder, which is being complemented by the additional work done by our community officers in schools and youth clubs in the area. These inputs encourage good citizenship and positive behaviour while discouraging disorder, drunkenness and vandalism.

3.1.5 The Antisocial Behaviour team and local officers work closely with partner agencies including the Housing Department, Neighbourhood Disputes Team, SACRO Mediation Service to address local concerns at the earliest opportunity by the most effective means. This has resulted in one Acceptable Behaviour

Contract being issued and Parental Letters of Concern have been sent to 18 parents in Dalrymple and 8 parents in Patna.

- 3.1.6** There have been 4 Parent Alert letters sent out in the Doon Valley area as a result of contact cards being submitted by operation officers and community officers

4 AREAS REQUIRING POLICE ATTENTION

- 4.1.1 Drongan** –The Community Officer is at present attempting to arrange additional youth diversion projects, in conjunction with partner agencies to deter the recent increase in vandalism to private property within Drongan.
- 4.1.2 Dalmellington/Patna** – Complaints regarding the speed of vehicles, particularly in Patna have been received in relation to both private vehicles and goods vehicles. An action plan will be put in place to address this with static road checks by Community Officers and Officers from Road Policing. Also the problem of youths gathering at the Library. Townhead, Dalmellington, Bellsbank Primary School and Patna Primary School will be the subject of additional patrols in the coming weeks.
- 4.1.3 Dalrymple** –The Youth Express bus has been a positive step towards interaction with the young people in the village and has been well attended. This will continue as will the good work of our partner agencies working towards building up the youth club. Although there has been a reduction in the reports of youths causing annoyance and vandalism throughout the village at weekends, high visibility police patrols in the areas where youths congregate will continue.

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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