

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE –21st March 2006 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 2005 to 31 January 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 2004-Jan 2005	39	6	2	2	5	11	0
April 2005 – Jan 2006	45	5	3	2	17	20	11

Crimes of violence and housebreaking crimes have shown a slight increase. Vehicle crime has shown a marked increase. Detections for Drugs possession and supply 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 2004-Jan 2005	136	7	2	12	16	24	5
April 2005 – Jan 2006	120	9	3	5	17	24	2

It is particularly pleasing to note that crimes of violence have decreased as have Housebreaking crimes to commercial premises. Vehicle crime has risen slightly by one during this reporting period. Drug related offences have shown a slight decrease.

2.2.3 The detection rate for group 1 – 7 crimes (all crimes and offences) in the Doon Valley area is currently running at 69%, 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 fell from slightly from 211 to 198 within the designated period.

3.1.3 Vandalism fell from 192 to 176 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 ASB 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.

4 AREAS REQUIRING POLICE ATTENTION

- 4.1.1 Drongan** - Numerous complaints have been made by residents regarding antisocial behaviour by groups of youths. With the youths involved coming from the area an action plan was put in place whereby a number were reported for acts of disorder. The local community officer PC Paul MacDonald has returned after a period on restricted duties due to an injury and I have no doubt this will prevent disorder reaching the levels of the past few months. High visibility patrols will continue in Drongan and Rankinston.
- 4.1.2 Dalmellington/Patna** - With the opening of The Zone in Dalmellington there has been a marked improvement in the incidents of youth disorder being reported. This shows the need for continued youth diversion projects throughout the area involving all partner agencies. The area of Patna primary school will be given extra attention due to an increase in acts of vandalism.
- 4.1.3 Dalrymple** - Youths continue to congregate in the area of the community centre at weekends causing general annoyance/underage drinking. Action has been taken in this area with person's being reported for disorder offences. The area will continue to be given police attention at the appropriate times in order to deter disorder. Again partner agencies are in the process of introducing local initiatives for youth diversion.

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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