

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE –16th May 2006 SAFER STREETS STRATHCLYDE POLICE REPORT

Report by Superintendent Elizabeth Weir
Sub Divisional Officer
East Ayrshire

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 March 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 - Mar 2005	49	7	2	2	7	13	0
April 2005 - Mar 2006	51	6	5	2	20	26	11

Violent crimes show a slight increase this reporting period. 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 - Mar 2005	158	11	3	14	18	25	5
April 2005 - Mar 2006	135	11	4	7	19	24	2

Violent crime has continued to show a decrease 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 242 to 240 within the designated period.

3.1.3 Vandalism fell from 244 to 209 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** – The problem with mini-motos in and around the Drongan area continues with an action plan being put in place not only to detect persons committing road traffic offences but also to highlight the dangers involved. There has been a slight reduction in calls relating to youths causing annoyance over the last month due to the pro-active work of the community officers.
- 4.1.2 Dalmellington/Patna** - The Zone in Dalmellington continues to have a very positive effect on youth disorder. The main area of concern is the problem of litter during lunchtimes. An action plan to address this along with partner agencies will be put in place. High profile foot and cycle patrols will be used in the Patna area in order to reduce the incidents of fires being lit in the forest adjacent to Carnshalloch Ave and the old Caravan Park.
- 4.1.3 Dalrymple** – Youths are continuing to congregate in the area of the community centre at weekends causing general annoyance/underage drinking. With the youth club now up and running again attempts will be made to divert the youth from this type of anti-social behaviour. During the last few weeks numerous person's have been reported for disorder offences, drinking in public and litter. High visibility police attention in this area 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.

Superintendent Elizabeth Weir
Strathclyde Police
Kilmarnock Police Office
10 St Marnock Street
Kilmarnock
KA1 1TJ

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil.

Implementation Officer – [mail to:Donald.McIntosh@east-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:Donald.McIntosh@east-ayrshire.gov.uk)
Sgt McIntosh can be contacted at Council Headquarters, London Road, Kilmarnock,
Tel 01563 576512.