

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE –25 OCTOBER 2005  
SAFER STREETS  
STRATHCLYDE POLICE REPORT**

**Report by Superintendent Elizabeth Weir**  
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**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 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 August 2005.

**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 and Supply
April 2004- August 2004	21	5	0	0	1	10
April 2005 – August 2005	22	3	1	2	6	6

Crimes of violence has shown a very slight increase up one whilst housebreaking crimes have shown a marginal increase of one. Vehicle crime has shown an increase.

## **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 and Supply
April 2004- August 2004	75	1	2	5	10	20
April 2005 – August 2005	64	3	2	2	7	9

It is particularly pleasing to note that crimes of violence have decreased. Housebreaking crime has decreased slightly whilst Vehicle crime has shown a decrease.

- 2.2** Through high visibility policing and good work from various departments within the police it has resulted in a reduction in overall crime in the committee area, and particularly pleasing is the reduction in crimes of violence.
- 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.
- 2.4** 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 139 to 112 within the designated period. This decrease is largely due to the amount of proactive policing within the Doon Valley area.
- 3.3** Vandalism fell from 105 to 74 within the designated period and work will continue to address this type of crime. With the new school term underway, local Community officers in the Doon Valley have begun attending their respective schools to re-inforce the anti-vandalism message.

- 3.4** The focus of police attention in relation to disorder over recent weeks has been Carnshalloch Ave/ Dalvennan Ave, Patna, The Square, Dalmellington and Mill O'Sheild Rd / Millmannoch Ave, Drongan. Additional patrols are being utilised in these areas at highlighted problem times.
- 3.5** 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.
- 3.6** The ASB team and Police ASB liaison officer are carrying out enquiries in the Rankinston area, which may result in further action being taken. 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 PRO-ACTIVITY**

- 4.1** Regular mobile and foot patrols have been carried out in the section allowing greater visibility throughout the area. Additional patrols by the Support Unit/ Anti Disorder Unit at weekend periods have targeted identified hotspots in response to community concerns. Action plans for continued additional resources have been submitted and approved, allowing greater coverage and flexibility.
- 4.2** The Road Safety Action Plan is now up and running with the aims of reducing the number of road traffic accidents/fatalities/injuries and to allay fears of the community regarding speeding drivers. The monitoring of driver behaviour will continue throughout the Doon Valley paying particular attention to those areas highlighted by local groups and individuals.
- 4.3** Youth Diversion from crime forms a large part of the Community Safety Action Plan and considerable work has been done over the last months by Community Planning Partners to provide opportunities in the Doon Valley Area. Building work is now near completion within Dalmellington on 'The Zone' which will provide a café style environment along with learning opportunities. This has been met with a very positive reaction from local youths who will benefit from this facility.

## **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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