

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE – 24th October 2006 SAFER STREETS STRATHCLYDE POLICE REPORT

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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 31 August 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 – Aug 2005	22	1	1	1	6	6	0
April 2006 - Aug 2006	9	0	2	0	10	11	3

Violent crimes show a decrease during this reporting period. HB's are down with the exception of HB's to garages and Garden huts. Vehicle crime has shown an 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 2005 – Aug 2005	64	3	1	2	7	7	2
April 2006 – Aug 2006	37	3	2	0	12	13	4

Violent crime has continued to show a decrease as have Housebreaking crimes to commercial premises. Vehicle crime has shown an increase during this reporting period. 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 76%, 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 114 to 112 within the designated period.

3.1.3 Vandalism rose from 74 to 80 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. This has resulted in one ABC being issued and Parental Letters of Concern have been sent to 18 parents in Dalrymple and 8 parents in Patna.

4 AREAS REQUIRING POLICE ATTENTION

- 4.1.1 Drongan** –There has been an increase in calls relating to youths causing annoyance in the area of GlenCraig Street shops. An action plan by the community officer has been put in place in an attempt to address this as.
- 4.1.2 Dalmellington/Patna** – An increase in violent disorder incidents and vandalism in the Patna area over the past month resulted in a high visibility action plan being put in place. This has had a positive effect in deterring such incidents. The area around Bellsbank Primary and the path Dalmellington are also requiring additional attention due to underage drinking.
- 4.1.3 Dalrymple** – Youths under the influence continue to cause general annoyance/vandalism throughout the village at weekends. A very positive meeting has taken place in relation to the youth club between partner agencies working towards diverting youth from this type of anti-social behaviour. Numerous people have been reported for disorder offences during the past few weeks. High visibility police patrols in the 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.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil.

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