

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE – 5th September 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 30 June 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 - June 2005	13	2	1	0	2	4	0
April 2006 - June 2006	6	0	2	0	5	6	3

Violent crimes show a marked decrease during this reporting period. Vehicle crime has shown a slight increase. Detections for Drugs possession and supply continue to show an increase due to continued Pro-activity.

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 - June 2005	36	1	1	2	6	2	0
April 2006 - June 2006	16	3	0	2	2	4	0

Violent crime has continued to show a significant. Housebreaking crimes to garages and schools remain the same. Vehicle crime has dropped slightly, a decrease of 4 crimes this reporting period. Drug related offences have shown a slight increase in detections for possession.

- 2.2.3** The detection rate for group 1 – 7 crimes (all crimes and offences) in the Doon Valley area is currently running at 77%, which is an extremely favourable detection rate.
- 2.2.4** The Ayrshire Division Control Strategy for 2005 – 2006 focuses on Violent Crime, Domestic Abuse, Drug related crime 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 68 to 56 within the designated period.
- 3.1.3** Vandalism fell from 48 to 44 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, which will commence in schools after the summer break, 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. ABC's are currently being pursued for persistent juvenile offenders.

4 AREAS REQUIRING POLICE ATTENTION

- 4.1.1 Drongan** – There has been a lot of good work carried out by the community officer resulting in many incidents of vandalism being detected. The incidents of youth disorder have also continued to decline resulting in a better quality of life for the residents.
- 4.1.2 Dalmellington/Patna** – There has also been a reduction in youth disorder incidents in both the villages of Dalmellington and Patna due to high visibility patrols. The use of quad bikes in the forest area adjacent to Patna continues to cause problems. An action plan utilising Road Policing Officers on off-road motorcycles to detect offenders will be put in place in the near future when these resources are available.
- 4.1.3 Dalrymple** – Youths are continuing to congregate in the area of the community centre and on the riverside walk at weekends causing general annoyance/ drinking in public. Numerous people have been reported for disorder offences, drinking in public and litter. High visibility police attention in this area will continue with a drive towards increasing foot patrols, which in turn will provide public reassurance.

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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