

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE - 29th March 2006 SAFER STREETS STRATHCLYDE POLICE REPORT

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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

- 2.1.1 The following crime statistics relate the area of East Ayrshire Beat 40, which relates to Hurlford, Crookedholm, Moscow, Galston, Newmilns, Darvel and Preistland.

- 2.1.2 They cover the period from 1 April 2005 to 31 January 2006.

	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	
						Possession	Supply
April 2004-Jan 2005	165	20	8	21	38	63	19
April 2005-Jan 2006	133	11	10	12	36	41	22

- 2.1.3 There has been an overall reduction in the number of housebreakings within the Irvine Valley area this reporting period. There has been a slight decrease in vehicle related crime. Drugs detections for dealing have increased with a slight decrease in detections for possession. These detections are as a direct result of proactive work by the police.

- 2.1.4 The detection rate for group 1 -7 crimes (all crimes and offences) in the Irvine Valley area is currently running at 65%, which is an extremely favourable detection rate.

2.1.5 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 92 to 59 within the designated period. This decrease is largely due to the amount of proactive policing within the Irvine Valley area.

3.1.3 Vandalism fell from 195 to 178 within the designated period.

3.1.4 Targeted patrols are continuing to have a positive effect that is being complemented by the work carried out by out community officers in all schools, youth clubs and organisations. These inputs are designed to encourage Good Citizenship and Positive Behaviour, while discouraging disorder, drunkenness and vandalism.

3.1.5 Partnership working is producing results on a number of fronts, and recent collaboration on Acceptable Behaviour Contracts is having a positive impact throughout the valley.

3.1.6 The Antisocial Behaviour Unit and police coordinator have been working at a pace gathering information and intelligence. They are presently pursuing Anti Social Behaviour Orders. Recently a second ASBO has been granted within the Hurlford area and others are currently being pursued through the legal system

4 PRO ACTIVITY

4.1.1 In response to the recent thefts of quad bikes, and related break-ins at farms in recent weeks, an intelligence-based operation has been set up in the area. There is also an ongoing "Farmwatch" scheme, run in conjunction with the NFU which has been advertised in local media, and through which crime prevention packs have been distributed.

4.1.2 Local officers have been concentrating on matters of general public concern, and as a result there has been an increase in persons reported for street drinking, breach of the peace, litter offences and speeding.

5 RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1.1 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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