

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE – 24<sup>th</sup> October 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 31, 32, 33, 34 and 38, which relate to Kilmarnock Town Centre, Bonnyton, Piersland, Grange, Bentinck, Howard, Gargieston, Crosshouse, Knockintiber and Gatehead.

- 2.1.2** They cover the period from 1 April 2005 to 31 August 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	Supply
April 2005 – Aug 2005	118	21	5	21	56	38	24
April 2006 - Aug 2006	162	16	2	14	44	67	30

- 2.1.3** Housebreakings have shown a decrease as has vehicle related crime. Pro activity in tackling misuse of drugs has resulted in continued success in detecting drug related crimes with 67 crimes being reported compared to 38 in the same period last year.

**2.1.4** The detection rate for group 1 – 7 crimes (all crimes and offences) in the Central area is currently running at 77%, which is an extremely favourable detection rate.

**2.1.5** The Ayrshire Division Control Strategy for 2005 – 2006 focus' on Violent Crime & Domestic Abuse, management of Registered and Non-Registered Sex Offenders, Child Protection, Drugs and Anti Social behaviour. Efforts over the 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 increased from 218 to 346 within the designated period.

**3.1.3** Vandalism has increased from 107 to 119 within the designated period.

**3.1.4** There are currently 2 Anti-Social Behaviour Orders in place within the Central Area (Bonnyton and Kilmarnock Town Centre). There are currently no ABCs or UBNs in the Kilmarnock central area. Local officers work closely with partner agencies including the Housing Department, Neighbourhood Disputes Team, SACRO mediation service as well as Atrium Homes to address local concerns at the earliest opportunity by the most effective means.

### **4. AREAS REQUIRING POLICE ATTENTION**

**4.1.1** The Scott Ellis playing fields, Samson Ave and Piersland Park areas continue to be quiet with only one notable incident during the period. The St Andrew's church area continues to be monitored for drug related activity.

**4.1.2** Within the Gargieston area there were few calls relating to youth disorder during the period although during the weekend of the 29 and 30 September, four youths went on a vandalism spree starting in the Mount House area and ending in Barbadoes Place. Five separate reports of vandalism were made.

**4.1.3** Kilmarnock Town Centre continues to be policed by 4 police officers, using high profile and plain clothes duties. Numerous shoplifting arrests have been made.

**4.1.4** From Friday 13 October 2006 the custody area of Kilmarnock Police Office will be closed for refurbishment. Custody facilities elsewhere across Ayrshire are being used to detain prisoners during the refurbishment. This will have no adverse effect on policing in the area, which continues as normal."

## **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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