

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE – 30th January 2007 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 to the area of East Ayrshire Beat 35 Northwest Kilmarnock, which relates to Onthank, Altonhill, Wardneuk, Longpark and Knockinlaw, also Beat 36 New Farm Loch and The Dean.

- 2.1.2 They cover the period from 1 April to 30 November 2005/2006.

Beat 35 Northwest Kilmarnock

	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- Nov 2005	160	61	27	20	126	92	26
April 2006 – Nov 2006	171	54	23	20	68	72	33

- 2.1.3 Crimes of violence are showing an increase, the majority of which are petty assaults with no particular trend identified. HB's to homes and sheds are down and commercial remains the same, although patrols are giving attention to premises in the Western rd area as this has been identified as latest target for commercial HB's. Vehicle crime is down and detections for drugs possession are down however, there is a positive increase in detections for drugs supply.

Beat 36 New Farm Loch

	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- Nov 2005	109	17	9	12	55	59	34
April 2006 – Nov 2006	114	22	5	7	53	52	39

2.1.4 Crimes of violence show an increase this reporting period, again these are mainly petty assaults with no pattern identified. Housebreakings show an overall decrease, with HB's to homes showing a slight increase. Vehicle related crime has decreased. Pro activity in tackling misuse of drugs has resulted in continued success detecting drug related crimes, particularly, supply of drugs.

2.1.5 The detection rate for group 1 – 7 crimes (all crimes and offences) in the Kilmarnock North area is currently running at 66% average.

2.1.6 The Ayrshire Division Control Strategy for 2005 – 2006 focus' on Violent Crime, Domestic Abuse, Child Protection 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 rose from 457 to 604 within the designated period, the majority of which are Breach of the peace offences, 357 of which were reported due to the high proactivity of the disorder action plans implemented in these areas. There have been 62 disorder action plans implemented for these areas during this reporting period.

3.1.3 Vandalism has decreased slightly from 481 to 400 within the designated period. Increased patrols and the fact the schools are being used for diversionary activities, such as Night Leagues, this may have contributed to the fall in the current figures.

- 3.1.4** There are currently 4 Anti-Social Behaviour Orders, 8 Acceptable Behaviour Contracts and 8 Unacceptable Behaviour Notifications in place in the Kilmarnock North 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.
- 3.1.5** Wardens continue to work closely with the Community Officers providing valuable intelligence, particularly with regards to suspected drug dealing.
- 3.1.6** 39 Parent Alert letters have been sent out in the Kilmarnock North area, indicating to parents that their child has been involved or associated with others who have come to the attention of the police, whether through antisocial behaviour or criminal acts.

4 PROACTIVITY

4.1.1 NORTHWEST

Issues relating to antisocial behaviour in Tourhill Road and Ardgour Place show a steady decline and police attention in the area continues with 53 persons having been arrested and reported for various disorder related offences compared to 21 persons for the same period 2005. The police have had a meeting with two local residents to discuss the issues and implement further plans. The Community Safety Department has also provided East Ayrshire housing with a crime prevention survey making recommendations for the urban regeneration of Ardgour Place.

Youth disorder has also occurred around the Tesco store in Glasgow Road. Police action there has led to five individuals being reported for offences including Breach of the Peace and Street Drinking.

There was a spate of vandalism during which 19 windows at Hillhead primary school were broken. During subsequent enquiry 2 juveniles were reported. 17 streetlight boxes were broken into over a three night period and fuses stolen causing £6000 of damage, two juveniles were reported and boxes are now spot welded to prevent further incidents taking place. Extra police foot patrols were carried out since the recent murder on 08/12/06 within Dean Street, to re-assure the public and searches for offensive weapons were increased.

4.1.2 NEW FARM LOCH

Extra attention has been given to Russell Court, Kennedy Drive and Lindsay Drive for youngsters congregating in the area. A juvenile has been reported for smashing a bus window whilst the bus was driving along MacKellar Drive. Extra supervision was given to James Hamilton Academy on Friday evenings for the indoor football league as complaints were received regarding youths causing problems.

4.1.3 The refurbishment of Kilmarnock Police Office is now complete with an improved public reception area and Prisoner Management has now returned to the office.

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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