

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE – 22 MARCH 2005 SAFER STREETS STRATHCLYDE POLICE REPORT

Report by Superintendent Elizabeth Weir Operations Commander East Ayrshire

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 Due to a National change in the method by which crimes were recorded in April 2004 there has been a dramatic increase in crime figures throughout Strathclyde Police area.

- 2.1.2 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.

- 2.1.3 They cover the period from 1 April 2004 to 31 January 2005.

Beat 35 Northwest Kilmarnock

	House breaking to homes	House breaking to garages and sheds	House breaking to Commercial premises, Schools etc.	Vehicle crime	Vandalism	Drugs possession
April 2003- Jan 2004	134	31	21	207	153	92
April 2004 – Jan 2005	86	17	32	183	358	77

Drug 'supplying offences' reported to the Procurator Fiscal fell from 54 to 31.

Beat 36 New Farm Loch

	House breaking to homes	House breaking to garages and sheds	House breaking to Commercial premises, Schools etc.	Vehicle crime	Vandalism	Drugs possession
April 2003- Jan 2004	60	26	38	171	130	76
April 2004 – Jan 2005	40	4	15	104	229	67
Drug 'supplying offences' reported to the Procurator Fiscal rose from 64 to 66.						

3. DISORDER OVERVIEW

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 Northwest Kilmarnock

3.1.3 Disorder offences fell from 251 to 243 over the specified period.

3.1.4 The detection rate for group 1 – 7 crimes (all crimes and offences) in the Northwest Kilmarnock area is currently running at 54%.

3.1.5 Community Police and shift patrol officers continue to target youth disorder and antisocial behaviour in the Northwest area, with a number of persons arrested and reported. There are now 5 Acceptable Behaviour Contracts / Unacceptable Behaviour Notifications in force for 4 juveniles and 1 adult in the area. Attention will be given to Tourhill Road at the shops, Kirkton Road, Morven Avenue at the shops and Dean Street shops.

3.1.6 New Farm Loch

3.1.7 Disorder offences rose from 156 to 215 over the specified period.

3.1.8 The detection rate for group 1 – 7 crimes (all crimes and offences) in the New Farm Loch area is currently running at 66%

3.1.9 Community Police and shift patrol officers continue to target youth disorder and antisocial behaviour in the New Farm Loch area, with a number of persons arrested and reported. There are now 5 Acceptable Behaviour Contracts / Unacceptable Behaviour Notifications in force for 5 juveniles in the area. The areas of Fraser Walk and Kerr Road have been the subject of complaints regarding youth disorder. Number 54 Fraser Walk is the main

source of complaints, where extra supervision was given, youths identified and warned. Although MacPhail Drive has been the subject of youth disorder calls, the area has been quieter recently due to the main instigators being issued with behaviour contracts.

4. PRO-ACTIVITY

4.1.1 Northwest

Heroin remains the prevalent drug with its sale and supply being prominent in the area. Cocaine and to a small extent crack cocaine is now infiltrating the area. Intelligence relating to this activity is very good, enabling packages to be made up to target the relevant locations. The number of persons reported for supplying controlled drugs remains steady.

4.1.2. Notable arrests for recent break-ins have led to a decrease in this crime type. Compromised credit card fraud remains an issue and individuals involved in this crime will be targeted.

4.1.3. As of the 7 March 2005 Constable Ben Lord will replace Constable Jamieson as community police officer in the Northwest area.

4.1.4. New Farm

The police pro-active unit, in relation to the supply of controlled drugs searched two houses in the area. 1 person was reported for the sale and supply of drugs.

4.1.5 On the 23 February a seven a side football tournament took place at St Josephs Community wing, run by staff of the "Youthie". It was well attended with children in the age group 12 – 16years attending from youth clubs in New Farm, Shortlees, Stewarton and Galston. There was medals for everyone and a Trophy for the Winners. PC's Hilderly and Burns attended the event with the "Up 2 U" bus which was well utilised by the competitors.

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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