

## EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

### KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE – 08 November 2005 SAFER STREETS STRATHCLYDE POLICE REPORT

**Report by Superintendent Elizabeth Weir**  
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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

2.1.1 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 2005 to 31 August 2005.

#### **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 and Supply
April 2004- August 2004	119	47	13	24	121	47
April 2005- August 2005	105	41	11	13	63	76

### **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 and Supply
April 2004- August 2004	130	17	3	6	42	74
April 2005 – August 2005	72	10	5	5	26	64

**2.1.3** Through high visibility policing and good work from various departments within the police has resulted in a reduction in overall crime and particularly pleasing is the dramatic reduction in crimes of violence. It is also pleasing to see an overall reduction in the number of housebreakings. Targeting those responsible for vehicle crime has resulted in a substantial decrease in vehicle related crime.

**2.1.4** The detection rate for group 1 – 7 crimes (all crimes and offences) in the North area is currently running at 63%, which is a favourable detection rate.

**2.1.5** The Ayrshire Division Control Strategy for 2005 – 2006 focus's 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 174 to 169 within the designated period. Although the drop is slight, it is still a positive reflection on the proactive policing carried out within the North area.

**3.1.3** Vandalism fell from 184 to 183 within the designated period.

**3.1.4** Targeted patrols are continuing to have a positive effect, which is being complemented by the work carried out by 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** Seven notices of intended eviction have been issued to those families whose children are causing the greatest concern in the Northwest area. These notices allow a 6 month period for the children's behaviour to improve or they risk being evicted. The 6 month period for monitoring started on 26 September 2005 and during this period 3 of the children involved continue to cause concern in the community area.
- 3.1.6** A juvenile who was giving cause for concern within the New Farm Loch area, has now been placed in a 'place of safety' after an emergency hearing and consultation between The Reporter, Police and Social Work department.

#### **4 PRO-ACTIVITY**

- 4.1.1** Regular patrols on foot, by vehicle and pedal cycle have been carried out in the area allowing greater visibility throughout the area. Additional resources through overtime patrols by community constables, shift personnel and special constables have targeted the hotspots in response to community concerns relating to youths congregating and general disorder and these have resulted in areas quieting down.
- 4.1.2** The Road Safety Action Plan is now up and running with the aim of influencing driver behaviour, reducing the number of road traffic accidents/fatalities/injuries and to allay fears of the community regarding speeding drivers. All community police officers are now trained in the use of hand held speed detectors and have already been out using these devices in the recognised areas in East Ayrshire where speeding is reported by various community groups or individuals. The areas targeted have been Northwest - Southcraigs Drive, Meiklewood Road, Kirkton Road, Knockinlaw Road, Craufurdland Road, and Glasgow Road north and south of the roundabout. New Farm Loch - Sutherland Drive, Nursery Ave, Grassyards Road and Culzean Crescent. 4 persons were reported for speeding and numerous warnings were given.
- 4.1.3** Youth Diversion from crime forms a large part of the Community Safety Action Plan and considerable work has been done over the last months by Community Planning Partners to provide opportunities in the Kilmarnock North Area. Trained leisure services youth workers attend at the MUGA (multi-use games area) in Meiklewood Road, Kilmarnock each Monday and Wednesday between 1900 / 2100. The target is 12 –18 year olds, to get them involved in different games within this facility.
- 4.1.4** An 8 week programme commenced on 26 August 2005 at the Northwest youth centre, each Friday evening, offering a wide range of activities to 10 – 16 year olds, including football, table tennis, pool, music and IT. Kilmarnock Police, Kilmarnock Football Club, East Ayrshire Council, Tesco and other agencies provided funding to this project which attracted many young people

and diverted them away from anti social behaviour. The project proved such a success that Kilmarnock police and the other agencies will continue to fund this activity until 31 March 2006

## **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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