

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE – 12th September 2006 SAFER STREETS STRATHCLYDE POLICE REPORT

Report by Superintendent Elizabeth Weir
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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 31 July 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 and Supply	
						Possession	Supply
April 2005- July 2005	80	36	11	10	152	44	14
April 2006 – July 2006	96	26	15	5	126	47	27

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	
						Possession	Supply
April 2005- Mar 2005	51	9	4	5	24	24	16
April 2006 – Mar 2006	52	3	1	4	17	17	13

2.1.1 Crimes of violence remain constant this reporting period with an increase of one compared to the same period last year. Housebreakings show an overall decrease, although Garden sheds still appear to be a popular target. Vehicle related crime has shown a considerable decrease in both areas. Pro activity in tackling misuse of drugs has resulted in continued success detecting drug related crimes, particularly, possession of drugs.

2.1.2 The detection rate for group 1 – 7 crimes (all crimes and offences) in the Kilmarnock North area is currently running at 67% average.

2.1.3 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 204 to 285 within the designated period.

3.1.3 Vandalism has decreased slightly from 88 to 82 within the designated period.

3.1.4 There are currently 2 Anti-Social Behaviour Orders, 10 Acceptable Behaviour Contracts and 12 Unacceptable Behaviour Notifications in place in the 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.

4 PROACTIVITY

4.1.1 Northwest

In the Northwest Kilmarnock area residents are experiencing anti social behaviour in the Tourhill Rd and Ardgour PI areas. The police receive regular complaints of youth disorder, which includes fighting and drinking. These complaints are dealt with by the community officers and patrol vehicles on duty in the area. In Tourhill Rd we have identified that a significant proportion of the anti social behaviour relates to four separate addresses. Notices of intention to evict have been issued to the tenants of two of these addresses, whilst the other two addresses are being monitored by the anti social behaviour team. Both these areas have been discussed during the meetings of the multi agency problem solving group and a coordinated response established, utilising extra police patrols, involvement of the EAC leisure services streetsport express and review by the anti social behaviour unit.

4.1.2 New Farm Loch

In New Farm Loch youths continue to cause problems in the Russell Court area by loitering and playing football. This activity in this area is not as prevalent as in previous months but still requires attention. Community officer Ian Hilderley has had a meeting with the developer of the new build site at St Joseph's Academy regarding security for the site. When building begins security officers will be present. Community officer Lynne McNally is on protected duties and a replacement officer will soon be in position.

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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