

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE –24th January 2007 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 the area of East Ayrshire Beat 37, which relates to Bellfield, Shortlees, Riccarton and Kirkstyle.

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

	Crimes of Violence	House breaking to homes	House breaking to garages and sheds	House breaking to Commercial premises, Schools etc.	Vehicle Crime	Drugs Possession and Supply	
						Possession	Supply
April 2005- Nov 2005	106	25	6	6	93	45	17
April 2006 – Nov 2006	117	13	7	10	70	24	8

2.1.3 Of the 117 crimes of violence committed 102 were of a minor nature and 90 were detected. Housebreakings to dwellings are down by almost half. There is a significant drop in vehicle related crime this period.

2.1.4 The detection rate for group 1 – 7 crimes (all crimes and offences) in the Southern area 60%, which is a favourable detection rate.

2.1.5 The Ayrshire Division Control Strategy for 2005 – 2006 focus's on Violent Crime, Domestic Abuse, Drugs and Antisocial behaviour. Efforts over the next year will impact positively on the above figures.

3. OVERVIEW ON ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

- 3.1.1** Disorder offences are 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 crimes increased from 149 to 186 within the designated period due to the amount of proactive policing within the South area.
- 3.1.3** Vandalism rose from 134 to 190 within the designated period. A review of vandalism is currently being carried out in order to identify any patterns or persistent offenders.
- 3.1.4** Targeted patrols are continuing to have a positive effect, which is being complemented by the work carried out by out 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** There are currently 4 ASBO's (antisocial behaviour orders), 9 ABC's (acceptable behaviour contracts) and 1 UBN (Unacceptable Behaviour Notice) in place in this area. The Anti Social Behaviour Unit and Police Anti Social Behaviour Liaison Officer continue to work together to address anti social behaviour issues in the South area.
- 3.1.6** Currently the Wardens are working closely with Community Officers providing useful intelligence, recently it has been more drugs related.
- 3.1.7** 15 Parent Alert Letters have been sent in this area.

4. PROACTIVITY

- 4.1.1 Shortlees** –There are still problems with youth disorder & anti social behaviour. The main hotspots remain Central Avenue & Loreny Park. Juveniles continue to be the main offenders and some youths are presently under curfew & tagging restrictions. Car crime is prevalent although named local youths are suspected & remain our main target and there have been additional action plans carried out in the area by the Road Policing Dept. The school has received numerous visits in the run up to Christmas at the request of staff.
- 4.1.2 Bellfield** – Whatriggs Road area is still being given extra attention although the extra police presence has been very effective & the area has been quieter of late. Vandalism still remains a problem & the area will receive continued police attention. The schools have received numerous visits in the run up to Christmas at the request of staff.

RECOMENDATIONS

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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