

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE – 24 March 2004

**SAFER STREETS
POLICING REPORT
'U' DIVISION**

**Report by William Stafford
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on behalf of Superintendent Elizabeth Weir
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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise Members of crime figures relative to the Kilmarnock South Local Committee area.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Members previously agreed to make “Safer Streets” a standing item on the Committee’s agenda. Community Safety is the central theme that guides all policing in East Ayrshire.
- 2.2.1 This report gives a general overview of crime and policing activity in the Local Committee area. Community Constables will continue to report to their respective Community Councils with more detailed information, specific to that area. 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 will now be included in the report. The figure given is the sum total of these offences. Beat 35 refers to Northwest Kilmarnock

3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1 **Crime Trends** (all figures relate to the Local Committee area)

	House breaking to homes	House breaking to garages and sheds	House breaking to Commercial premises, Schools etc.	Vehicle crime	Vandalism	Drugs
April 2002 – Jan 2003	67	27	20	134	161	99
April 2003 – Jan 2004	28	15	10	234	138	68

3.1.2 The number of 'supplying offences' reported to the Procurator Fiscal fell from 47 to 9.

3.1.3 The number of disorder offences rose from 160 to 220.

3.1.4 The detection rate for Group 1–7 crimes (all crimes and offences) crimes is currently running at 69%.

4 BETTER NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES FUND

4.1 See attached quarterly evaluation report at appendix 'A'. Beat 37 refers to Kilmarnock South Local Committee Area

5 FINANCIAL/LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Nil.

6 CONCLUSIONS

6.1 Policing in East Ayrshire is designed to combat local concerns and problems. The involvement of Members and the local community is essential to reducing crime and the fear of crime.

7 RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 It is recommended that Committee: -

- i) identify any local problems which may be addressed by a local officers; and
- ii) otherwise note the content of this report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil.

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Appendix 'A'

BNSF EVALUATION: FINANCIAL QUARTER 1ST OCTOBER 2003 TO 30TH DECEMBER 2003

During the months of October to December, Better Neighbourhood Services Fund resources allowed extra policing patrols to continue in 2003 within the two pathfinder areas in North West Kilmarnock (Beat 35) and Shortlees/Riccarton area of Kilmarnock (Beat 37).

Action plans were prepared for approval by different departments in the Kilmarnock area including community policing, core groups, Criminal Investigation Department, road policing unit and the pro active crime team.

Problems targeted included all disorder, street drinking, standing complaints, vehicle crime, outstanding warrants and drug offences.

The focus was on public reassurance to provide a better neighbourhood in both these pathfinder areas to impact on a better quality of life for the residents.

Over the period, officers engaged in a total of 41 action plans conducted on 71 days shared between the two pathfinder areas.

The performance indicators shown hereafter relate directly to the nature of the plans and show how successful they were. The emphasis on pro active policing with high visibility patrols and operations resulted in many people being reported to the Procurator Fiscal all to prevent and deter detrimental consequences for the local communities.

The activity throughout these months produced the following incidents worthy of special mention-

In October, the pro active crime team carried out several house searches under warrant which resulted in a female being reported for drug possession under the Misuse of Drug act 1971 in beat 35.

A male and female in beat 37 were reported for being concerned in the supply of illegal drugs after their house being searched under warrant.

A male was found in possession of heroin with a street value of £700 and subsequently charged with drug offences.

Enquiry in beat 37 resulted in a male being reported for the reset of stolen property which had come from a housebreaking in Gatehead.

An action plan involving the core groups and the road policing unit resulted in 3 arrests under Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 Section 57.

The Criminal Investigation Department undertook a 5 day action plan to target housebreaking and vehicle crime. This resulted in a male being reported for theft of a motor vehicle and a quantity of stolen property was recovered. A male was reported following the discovery of cannabis plant cultivation at a house in beat 37. Enquiries made following a female found in possession of a quantity of clothing resulted in her being reported for theft by shoplifting. As a result of an interview, another male was reported for 2 housebreakings and fraud.

The Community Police carried out a warrants initiative resulting in 1 arrest and numerous warrant enquiries were updated.

In November, the pro active crime team searched a number of addresses under warrant leading to a number of drug seizures along with the removal of drug cultivation equipment. A number of people were reported for being concerned in the supply of illegal drugs which had an impact on drug availability and activity.

A male was reported for 7 vehicle related crimes.

Another male was reported for theft by OLP from a motor vehicle and fraud.

In December, the pro active crime team recovered £9700 cash and 4.7 oz heroin with a street value of £13500. This seizure had an impact in drug availability particularly in beat 35.

Uniform core groups working in conjunction with the road policing unit carried out a successful vehicle crime initiative which resulted in detections for disqualified driving, dangerous driving, possession of offensive weapons, executed warrants and numerous other driving

ACTION PLAN RESULTS

<i>Performance Indicator</i>	Bt 35	Bt 37	<u>Total</u>
<i>Serious violent crime detected</i>	3	0	3
<i>Negative Offensive weapon searches</i>	232	491	723
<i>Positive weapon searches</i>	4	9	13
<i>Negative MDA Searches</i>	30	66	96
<i>Positive MDA Searches</i>	7	12	19
<i>Vehicle crime detected</i>	6	20	26
<i>Reset Detected</i>	0	2	2
<i>Housebreakings detected</i>	9	19	28
<i>S57/58 arrests</i>	2	7	9
<i>Thefts detected</i>	12	21	33
<i>Warrants executed</i>	7	18	25
<i>Warrant enquiries</i>	45	91	136
<i>Visits to licensed premises</i>	36	76	112
<i>Reported for Breach of the peace/Related offences</i>	14	29	43
<i>Reported for street drinking</i>	14	47	61
<i>Alcohol confiscations</i>	22	37	59
<i>Reported for D&I</i>	2	4	6
<i>Road Traffic offences</i>	25	53	78
<i>Vehicle stops</i>	45	105	150
<i>Juvenile Contact Cards</i>	27	65	92
<i>Attempt to Pervert</i>	0	2	2
<i>Warnings</i>	31	74	105
<i>Missing Persons(Traced/Enquiries)</i>	3	0	3
<i>Standing Complaints Visited</i>	8	4	12
<i>HOURS SPENT</i>	678	1264	1942