

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE – 16 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 on crime figures throughout Strathclyde Police area.
- 2.1.2 The following crime statistics relate the area of East Ayrshire Beat 7 which relates to Bellfield, Shortlees, Riccarton and Kirkstyle.
- 2.1.3 They cover the period from 1 April 2004 to 31 January 2005.

	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	28	15	10	234	138	68
April 2004 – Jan 2005	50	10	28	137	243	52

Drug 'supplying offences' reported to the Procurator Fiscal rose from 9 to 29.

3. DISORDER OVERVIEW

- 3.1.1** Disorder offences, defined by the Scottish Effective 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 220 to 244 over the specified period.
- 3.1.3** The detection rate for group 1 – 7 crimes (all crimes and offences) in the Kilmarnock South area is currently running at 61%.
- 3.1.4** Community Police and shift patrol officers have continued to target youth disorder and antisocial behaviour in the Kilmarnock South area, with a number of persons arrested and reported. Significant quantities of alcohol have been seized and disposed of. The young persons involved have been referred to the youth alcohol scheme. The Community Wardens have also been busy when carrying out their public re-assurance duties. There is evidence to show that the activities of the wardens have displaced problems to other areas of Kilmarnock.
- Issues raised for police attention at Community Council meetings have been were of a minor nature and mainly traffic related, solved by working in partnership with the local authority.

4. PRO-ACTIVITY

- 4.1.1** Intelligence gathering continues on drugs related activity, in particular heroin and cocaine. Police officers are continuing to make an impact on this activity. A number of known youths are involved in car crime from Theft of Motor Vehicles to Theft from Motor Vehicles. These known youths are juveniles or under supervision and all have been charged with various offences. Whatriggs Road shops, continues as a standing complaint and has been given extra supervision.
- On a Monday evening (until 4th April 2005) in Central Ave, Shortlees the Up 2 You Bus” has been working well with Community Wardens, Police officers and Outreach workers attempting to divert local youths away from otherwise antisocial activities.

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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