

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE – 22 MARCH 2006 SAFER STREETS STRATHCLYDE POLICE REPORT

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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 2005 to 31 January 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 2004-Jan 2005 | 171 | 50 | 10 | 28 | 138 | 50 | 29 |
| April 2005 – Jan 2006 | 121 | 33 | 7 | 8 | 114 | 51 | 17 |

2.1.3 Through high visibility policing and good work from various departments within the police it 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 the number of housebreakings has dropped considerably. Targeting those responsible for vehicle crime has resulted in a decrease in vehicle related crime.

- 2.1.4 The detection rate for group 1 – 7 crimes (all crimes and offences) in the Southern area 64%, which is an extremely 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 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 offences fell from 244 to 176 within the designated period. This decrease is largely due to the amount of proactive policing within the South area.
- 3.1.3 Vandalism fell from 244 to 114 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 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 Through high visibility policing and good work from various departments within the police there has been an overall reduction in the number of housebreakings within the South area and a decrease in vehicle related crime. 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.

4 PROACTIVITY

- 4.1.1 After the murder of Brian Drummond on Saturday 18 February 2006, police reacted swiftly to apprehend the persons responsible. Over 100 witness statements were taken and a considerable amount of work completed. The impact of this incident on members of the local community has been considerable and all efforts will be taken by the police to provide public reassurance. During the enquiry the value of community policing in the area could not be over emphasised, as the contribution of community officers Evelyn Brown and Dougie Hamilton proved invaluable.

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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