

## EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

### KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE – 17<sup>th</sup> May 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 Mar 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-Mar 2005	203	54	16	32	164	63	31
April 2005 – Mar 2006	145	34	8	8	129	67	19

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 continued reduction in crimes of violence. Again, the number of housebreakings has dropped considerably. Vehicle related crime continues to fall in this period.

2.1.4 The detection rate for group 1 – 7 crimes (all crimes and offences) in the Southern area 66%, 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 268 to 229 within the designated period. This decrease is largely due to the continued proactive policing within the South area.

**3.1.3** Vandalism fell from 315 to 208 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 Bellfield** – No major problems in area. Extra attention being given to Carron Avenue at underpass re youths causing annoyance and throwing stones at houses & committing acts of vandalism. Problems re parking at Kirkstyle Primary School & general parking problems at other areas in Bellfield. Whatriggs Road area has remained quiete recently.

**4.1.2 Shortlees-** Continuing problems with youth disorder and anti social behaviour. Main hotspot is Central Avenue / Shortlees Crescent and apprehensions for Breach of the Peace have been made with two local youths recently remanded in custody. Mini motos still being utilised in area despite recent publication in Kilmarnock Standard, situation being monitored.

**4.1.3 Riccarton /Caprington** – No major problems. There is still some youth disorder and street drinking in Darnley Drive, Caprington & in the lane from Burnpark Road to Craigie Road, Riccarton. Extra attention is being given to theses areas.

## **5. 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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