

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE –1st November 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 to 30 September 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-Sept 2005	86	22	6	5	58	35	9
April 2006 – Sept 2006	81	9	6	10	45	23	5

2.1.3 Through high visibility policing and good work from various departments within the police it has resulted in a reduction in Crimes of Violence, Housebreaking to homes and vehicle crime. There was only slight increase in housebreakings to commercial premises.

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 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 crimes increased from 117 to 125 within the designated period. Proactive policing will continue within the South area.
- 3.1.3** Vandalism rose from 96 to 135 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.
- 3.1.4** There are currently 4 ABC's (antisocial behaviour contracts) in place in this area. In addition there have been 7 Parental letters of Concern issued in this area to date. 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.
- 3.1.5** Currently the Wardens are working closely with Community Officers providing useful intelligence, recently it has been more drugs related.

4. PROACTIVITY

- 4.1.1 Shortlees** - Some problems with youth disorder & anti social behaviour, although the area has been quieter than of late. The main hotspot remains, Central Avenue. Several local youths are presently remanded in custody. A local youth was charged on 10 October with Road Traffic Offences in relation to his use of a Mini –Moto. As a result of a problem raised by the Fire & Rescue Service at the bi-weekly Problem Solving Group Meeting, Community Officers recovered a hydrant key which was being used to activate hydrants all over the area causing unnecessary callouts.
- 4.1.2 Bellfield** – The main area of police and public concern relates to the area surrounding Whatriggs Rd. Disorder in the area had built up over several weeks with a serious disturbance taking place on Saturday 23 September, where the two main instigators were arrested. during which a police officer was assaulted. Numerous vandalisms and disorder reports were made. The area will require continued police attention.

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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