

## EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

### KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE – 6<sup>th</sup> September 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 June 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-June 2005	45	8	4	5	41	13	6
April 2006 – June 2006	47	5	5	8	23	11	4

2.1.3 Through high visibility policing and good work from various departments within the police it has resulted in a reduction in Housebreaking to homes and vehicle crime. There are only slight increases in Violent Crime and other Housebreakings.

2.1.4 The detection rate for group 1 – 7 crimes (all crimes and offences) in the Southern area 58%, 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 increased by 2 crimes from 58 to 60 within the designated period. Proactive policing will continue within the South area.
- 3.1.3 Vandalism rose from 46 to 64 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 **Shortlees** - Some problems with youth disorder & anti social behaviour although area has been quieter than of late. The main hotspot is Central Avenue. Several local youths are presently remanded in custody. Mini - Motos are still being utilised illegally in area despite persons having been reported to PF. Usual summer problem of theft of garden ornaments. The new school building has started and this may cause extra work for police in future with regards to security i.e. possible thefts/vandalisms etc
- 4.1.2 **Riccarton/Caprinton** - Still some youth disorder in Darnley Drive Caprinton including street drinking. Extra attention is being given to these areas however, there are no major problems.
- 4.1.3 **Bellfield** - Shortlees youths are congregating at St Ninian's Church in Whattriggs Road and the area is being monitored. Wardens & police are displacing the Shortlees youths from Shortlees into Bellfield and further a field.

### 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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