

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE – 24th August 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 39, which covers Stewarton, Dunlop, Kilmaurs, Lugton, Fenwick and Waterside North.

They cover the period from 1 April 2005 to 31 June 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	Supply
April 2005 - Jun 2005	37	7	2	3	19	2	5
April 2006 – Jun 2006	24	3	2	2	13	0	0

- 2.1.2 Through high visibility policing and good work from various departments within the police, violent crime is down on the same period last year. Domestic Housebreakings are down as are housebreaking at schools as well as other property. Vehicle related crime shows a decrease on last year's figures. Detected drug related crimes are down also this reporting period.

- 2.1.3 The detection rate for group 1 – 7 crimes (all crimes and offences) in the Northern area is currently running at 67%, which is an extremely favourable detection rate.
- 2.1.4 The Ayrshire Division Control Strategy for 2005 – 2006 focus's on Violent Crime, Acquisitive Crime, Vandalism and Anti Social behaviour. Efforts over the year will impact positively on the above figures.

3. OVERVIEW ON ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

- 3.1.1 Disorder offences, 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 dropped from 50 to 30 within the designated period, the majority of which were Breach of the Peace offences.
- 3.1.3 Vandalism has increased from 32 to 49 within the designated period.
- 3.1.4 There are currently no Anti-Social Behaviour Orders in place within the Northern Area. Local officers work closely with partner agencies including the Housing Department, Neighbourhood Disputes Team, SACRO mediation service as well as Atrium Homes to address local concerns at the earliest opportunity by the most effective means.

4. LOCAL IMPACT

- 4.1.1 As can be observed from the foregoing crime figures, violence and disorder have significantly reduced compared to the same period for the year previous. This is extremely encouraging.
- 4.1.2 When crimes are occurring, a great deal of effort has been made to detect those responsible and report them to the P.F. or Reporter to the Children's Panel as appropriate. This is reflected in the high detection rate, especially when considering the reduction in crimes of disorder and violence, which, by their very nature, tend to result in high detections.
- 4.1.3 Although there are no ASBO's currently within the Northern Area, there has been much communication and co-operation between local officers and the Anti-Social Behaviour team at Kilmarnock Police Office and East Ayrshire Council. This has resulted in two Acceptable Behaviour Contracts being signed, with further investigations being carried out.
- 4.1.4 Finally, two crimes of significance within the area recently have been the Wilful Fire-raising at the Wilson/Wylie disused factory in Rigg Street, Stewarton and the Vandalism to the War memorial and grave within Dunlop Cemetery. The juveniles responsible for both crimes have been charged and reports forwarded to the Reporter.

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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