

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE – 10 MARCH 2005 SAFER STREETS STRATHCLYDE POLICE REPORT

Report by Superintendent Elizabeth Weir Operations Commander East Ayrshire

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 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 Due to a National change in the method by which crimes were recorded in April 2004 there has been a dramatic increase on crime figures throughout Strathclyde Police area.
- 2.1.2 The following crime statistics relate the area of East Ayrshire Beat 39 which covers Stewarton, Dunlop, Kilmaurs, Lugton, Fenwick and Waterside North.
- 2.1.3 They cover the period from 1 April 2004 to 31 January 2005.

	House breaking to homes	House breaking to garages and sheds	House breaking to Commercial premises, Schools etc.	Vehicle crime	Vandalism	Drugs possession
April 2003- Jan 2004	30	13	18	62	105	17
April 2004 – Jan 2005	26	8	15	73	147	12
Drug 'supplying offences' reported to the Procurator Fiscal rose from 2 to 3.						

3. DISORDER OVERVIEW

- 3.1.1** Disorder offences, defined by the Scottish Effective as Breach of the Peace, Urinating in Public, Drunk and Incapable and Consumption of Alcohol in a Public Place.
- 3.1.2** Disorder offences rose from 107 to 132 within the designated period.
- 3.1.3** The detection rate for group 1 – 7 crimes (all crimes and offences) in the Northern area is currently running at 60%.
- 3.1.4** High Profile Patrols have continued targeting the main areas of concern within the Northern area as well as licensed premises. In total 116 visits to licensed premises were conducted in the month of January with no offences being disclosed. The continued co-operation of license holders is considered essential in combating alcohol related disorder. Once again no vandalism occurred at school premises in the Northern area, however, the remnants of small rubbish fires in doorways of Nether Robertland Primary School were reported by the Janitor and while no damage has been caused increased patrols are ongoing to help protect the school.

4. PRO-ACTIVITY

- 4.1.1** As can be seen above Housebreaking related crime continues downwards and proactive patrols to vulnerable premises continue to influence this figure. Of particular interest, on the 12 January 2 males were arrested after a Break in to the Post Office at Dunlop.
- 4.1.2** A Housebreaking to a dwellinghouse in Dean Street, Stewarton and an attempt to break into the Bowling Club at Dunlop Street, Stewarton on the 12th and 14th January are still being actively pursued.
- 4.1.3** Traffic and parking issues are a continued concern in the area and are receiving attention during patrols, unfortunately one driver has also been reported on a charge of Breach of the Peace due to his actions after being issued with a parking ticket.

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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