

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE - 27 MARCH 2003

STRATHCLYDE POLICE REPORT

Report by the Chief Inspector

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise the Local Committee of crime trends within their area.

2. CRIME TRENDS

- 2.1 Crime continues to fall within the Cumnock Area Local Committee area with a decrease of 12.7% from 1,818 crimes to 1,587 crimes for the fiscal year to date (April - January):-

- crimes of serious violence, down 64.6% from 82 crimes to 29;
- housebreakings and attempts thereat, down 29.5% from 278 crimes to 196;
- vehicle crime, up 55.3% from 197 crimes to 306;
- other dishonesties, down 28% from 407 crimes to 293;
- crimes of vandalism, down 23.7% from 515 crimes to 393; and
- drug offences, up 18.7%, from 160 offences to 190.

- 2.2 Vehicle crime is still the main problem in the area, however, several arrests over the last two months have reduced the increase by 30% with unofficial February figures showing another overall reduction in vehicle crime.

- 2.3 Drug supply offences are up 36.8% from 38 to 52 with possession offences also up 9% from 121 to 132.

- 2.4 Serious assaults are down 62.7% from 51 to 19 in the Cumnock Area Local Committee area and down 52.7% in the Cumnock and Doon Valley Area as a whole from 74 to 35.

3. PRO-ACTIVITY

- 3.1 For the year to date (April to January), Officers based in Cumnock and Doon Valley searched 985 persons for drugs. 5,662 searches for weapons have also been carried out as well as 2,277 visits to licensed premises.

- 3.2 Over the same period, Officers dealt with 2,066 offences of which 530 were disorder related. This is a 13.9% reduction on the previous year when there were 616 incidents of disorder.

- 3.3 The detection rate for the Cumnock and Doon Valley area stands at 47.9%

4. RECOMMENDATION

4.1 The Local Committee are asked to note the report.

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