

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE – 25 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 figures for the year to date (April to January) show a decrease of 20.5% for the Doon Valley Local Committee area from 526 crimes to 418.:-

- crimes of serious violence, down 22.2% from 27 crimes to 21;
- housebreakings and attempts thereat, down 14.5% from 62 crimes to 53;
- vehicle crime, down 31.7% from 41 crimes to 28;
- other dishonesties, down 22.8% from 70 crimes to 54;
- crimes of vandalism, down 31.7% from 243 crimes to 166; and
- drug offences, down 22.2%, from 22 offences to 21.

2.2 The number of drug possession offences are up 7 from 12 offences to 19, however supply offences are down 13 from 15 offences to 2.

2.3 Vehicle crime continues to be against the trend with a substantial reduction in the Doon Valley Area.

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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