

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE - SEPTEMBER 2003

STRATHCLYDE POLICE SPOTLIGHT 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

Crime figures for the fiscal year April to July 2003 show a decrease of 4.7% for the Doon Valley Area Local Committee Area from 170 crimes to 162 crimes.

- Crimes of serious violence are down 25% from 8 to 6 crimes.
- Housebreakings and attempts thereat are down 25.9% from 27 to 20 crimes.
- Vehicle crime is up 58.8% from 7 crimes last year to 17.
- Other dishonesties are up 4.3% from 22 crimes to 23.
- Vandalism is down by 8% from 75 crimes to 69.
- The number of drug possession offences are up 133% from 3 offences to 7 offences.

3. PRO-ACTIVITY

- 3.1** For the fiscal year April to July, Officers based in the Cumnock and Doon Valley Area have searched 332 persons for drugs. 1150 searches for weapons have also been carried out as well as 480 visits to licensed premises.

- 3.2** Over the same period Officers dealt with 692 offences of which 254 were disorder related. This is a 9.6% reduction on the previous year when there were 281 incidents of disorder.

- 3.3** The detection rate for the Cumnock and Doon Valley area stands at 45.5%.

4. RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1** The Committee are asked to note the report.

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