

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE – 2 February 2004

SAFER STREETS POLICING REPORT 'U' DIVISION

Report by William Stafford
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on behalf of Superintendent Jim Thomson
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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise Members of crime figure relative to the Kilmarnock North Local Committee area.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Members previously agreed to make “Safer Streets” a standing item on the Committee’s agenda. Community Safety is the central theme that guides all policing in East Ayrshire.

- 2.2.1 This report gives a general overview of crime and policing activity in the Local Committee area. Community Constables will continue to report to their respective Community Councils with more detailed information, specific to that area. 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 will now be included in the report. The figure given is the sum total of these offences. Beat 35 refers to Northwest Kilmarnock.

3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1 **Crime Trends** (all figures relate to the Local Committee area)

3.1.1 Northwest

	House breaking to homes	House breaking to garages and sheds	House breaking to Commercial premises, Schools etc.	Vehicle crime	Vandalism	Drugs
April 2002 – Dec 2002	113	38	35	224	201	174
April 2003 – Dec 2003	122	28	18	191	136	129

3.1.2 The number of 'supplying offences' in Northwest Kilmarnock reported to the Procurator Fiscal fell from 57 to 48.

3.1.3 The number of 'disorder' offences in Northwest Kilmarnock fell from 234 to 231.

3.1.4 **New Farm Loch**

	House breaking to homes	House breaking to garages and sheds	House breaking to Commercial premises, Schools etc.	Vehicle crime	Vandalism	Drugs
April 2002 – Dec 2002	31	15	33	189	135	62
April 2003 – Dec 2003	58	26	31	164	114	123

3.1.4 The number of 'supplying offences' in New Farm Loch reported to the Procurator Fiscal rose from 32 to 55.

3.1.5 The number of 'disorder offences in New Farm Loch rose from 127 to 131.

4 BETTER NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES FUND

See attached quarterly evaluation report at appendix 'A'.

5 FINANCIAL/LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Nil.

6 CONCLUSIONS

6.1 Policing in East Ayrshire is designed to combat local concerns and problems. The involvement of Members and the local community is essential to reducing crime and the fear of crime.

7 RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 It is recommended that Committee: -

- i) identify any local problems which may be addressed by a local officers; and
- ii) otherwise note the content of this report.

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15 January 2003
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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

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Appendix 'A'

BNSF EVALUATION

SEPTEMBER 2003

Uniform core group personnel, Community policing, Pro-Active Crime team and reactive CID carried out a total of 27 days engaged in the execution of 25 action plans during the month of September 2003, shared between Beats 35 and 37.

Areas targeted were Anti-disorder, Licensing, Vehicle Crime, Execution of Warrants, Youth disorder, Under-age drinking, Theft by Housebreaking and offences against the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971.

The action plans produced the following results;

<i>Performance Indicator</i>	<i>Bt 35</i>	<i>Bt 37</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Serious violent crime detected</i>	0	0	0
<i>Negative Offensive weapon searches</i>	167	115	282
<i>Positive weapon searches</i>	0	0	0
<i>Negative MDA Searches</i>	68	60	128
<i>Positive MDA Searches</i>	3	2	5
<i>Vehicle crime detected</i>	0	11	11
<i>Reset Detected</i>	1	1	2
<i>Housebreakings detected</i>	1	2	3
<i>S57/58 arrests</i>	1	0	1
<i>Thefts detected</i>	8	2	10
<i>Warrants executed</i>	12	9	21
<i>Warrant enquiries</i>	21	11	32
<i>Visits to licensed premises</i>	0	13	13
<i>Reported for Breach of the peace/Related offences</i>	7	8	15
<i>Reported for street drinking</i>	11	8	19
<i>Alcohol confiscations</i>	6	4	10
<i>Reported for D&I</i>	0	0	0
<i>Road Traffic offences</i>	5	3	8
<i>Vehicle stops</i>	12	4	16
<i>Juvenile Contact Cards</i>	11	14	25
<i>Arrested for Robbery</i>	0	0	0
<i>Warnings</i>	18	33	30
<i>HOURS SPENT</i>	178	198	376

Noteworthy Returns

The PACT/CID produced a number of notable detections: a car crime initiative was held on 3rd September, with a notorious criminal arrested and charged with 11 Thefts by OLP from vehicles in Beat 37. He was detained in custody. On 4th September, one male was arrested for 8 thefts and one Theft by HB in the Beat 35 area. Over the following weeks, known housebreakers wanted on warrant were targeted in efforts to reduce crime in both areas, with marked success: two were arrested on separate occasions, on the strength of 5 warrants each, all for Housebreaking. One male was also arrested for 2 housebreakings in Beat 37, with £700 worth of property recovered from him. A female was also arrested for stealing from an elderly woman in Beat 37.

The core groups also returned good results for the period, which include:

One male arrested and charged with 10 Thefts in the Beat 35 area- he received 6 months imprisonment.

One juvenile car thief was apprehended in Beat 37, having absconded from a Residential school, doubtless protecting the public and him from his criminal activities.

BNSF CRIME STATISTICS - BEAT 5

April 2003 - September 2003

	Crime Reported				Detection Rates			
	2002/03	2003/04			2002/03	2003/04		
			No. Dif	% Dif	No	%	No	%
Serious Violence	30	23	-7	-23.3	20	66.7	16	69.6
Serious Assaults	10	10	0	0.0	10	100.0	6	60.0
Weapons	18	24	6	33.3	18	100.0	24	100.0
Total Group 1	56	48	-8	-14.3	45	80.4	41	85.4
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Total Group2	4	9	5	125.0	3	75.0	5	55.6
			0					
HB d/h	78	86	8	10.3	15	19.2	12	14.0
HB Non d/h	34	25	-9	-26.5	8	23.5	3	12.0
HB Other	29	12	-17	-58.6	8	27.6	3	25.0
Total HB	141	123	-18	-12.8	31	22.0	18	14.6
Theft MV	67	36	-31	-46.3	32	47.8	8	22.2
OLP MV	98	68	-30	-30.6	10	10.2	10	14.7
Theft From MV	8	11	3	37.5	2	25.0	0	0.0
Total Car Crime	173	115	-58	-33.5	44	25.4	18	15.7
Theft by SL	10	16	6	60.0	7	70.0	11	68.8
Total Group3	430	366	-64	-14.9	129	30.0	102	27.9
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Vandalism	115	86	-29	-25.2	29	25.2	29	33.7
Total Group 4	125	105	-20	-16.0	37	29.6	39	37.1
			0					
Drugs	148	95	-53	-35.8	142	95.9	92	96.8
Drug Dealing	49	37	-12	-24.5	43	87.8	34	91.9
Total Group 5	180	129	-51	-28.3	173	96.1	126	97.7
Assault	73	83	10	11.2	60	82.2	62	74.7
BOP	98	109	11	11.2	95	96.9	104	95.4
Total disorder	228	170	-58	-25.4	212	93.0	165	97.1
Total Group 6	240	270	30	12.5	224	93.3	244	90.4
Group7	141	130	-11	-7.8	139	98.6	130	100.0
Total 1 - 5	795	657	-138	-17.4	387	48.7	313	47.6
Total 6 & 7	381	400	19	5.0	363	95.3	374	93.5
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Total 1-7	1176	1057	-119	-10.1	750	63.8	687	65.0