Redditch Crime & Disorder Scrutiny Panel

Anti-Social Behaviour Overview

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Overview

• How do we:
  • Define Anti-Social Behaviour?
  • Measure it?

• What patterns can we observe?
  • Incident types
  • Seasonal
  • Geographical
  • Neighbourhood

• How can we find out more?
Defining ASB

• Home Office, 2014

  • “Behaviour likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to any person. This will apply for example where the ASB has occurred in a public place… and where the behaviour does not affect the housing management functions of a social landlord or people in their homes.” (p22)

  • “Conduct capable of causing nuisance or annoyance to a person in relation to that person’s occupation of residential premises or the conduct is capable of causing housing-related nuisance or annoyance to any person.” (p22)

  • “..activities carried out, or likely to be carried out, in a public place: have had, or are likely to have, a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality; is, or is likely to be, persistent or continuing in nature; and is, or is likely to be, unreasonable.” (p47)
Defining ASB

- Redditch Borough Council, Anti-Social Behaviour Statement of Policy & Procedures

  - “Anti-Social Behaviour covers any behaviour by an individual or group which makes another person or group feel harassed, alarmed, threatened or distressed.”

  - “It includes a variety of behaviour that can blight the quality of community life and is based on individual perception.”

  - “Anti-Social Behaviour may constitute a nuisance and annoyance, harassment or criminal activity.”
Measuring ASB

• Police National Incident Recording Standard
  • Nuisance – “causes trouble …to the local community in general”
  • Personal – “…deliberately targeted at an individual or group…”
  • Environmental – “…have an impact on their surroundings…”

• Registered Social Housing Providers
  • “ASB or Nuisance Report Forms”
## Incident types

**Antisocial Behaviour in North Worcestershire between 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2019**

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Source: West Mercia Police OIS Types of ASB Incidents – August 2019
Seasonal Patterns

Antisocial Behaviour in North Worcestershire between 1 April 2015 to 28 August 2019

Overall, activity has declined since 2017, establishing a downward trend.

The volume of incidents consistently increased during the summer months and declined during winter.

Performance Dashboard, accessed August 2019
# Redditch Ward Patterns

## Antisocial Behaviour in Redditch between 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2019

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Source: West Mercia Police OIS Incidents of ASB – August 2019
Clusters of activity were focused upon the town centre and residential areas with a higher density of population.

**Key Location**
**Fever Nightclub, Market Place (n = 33).** Incidents occurred inside and outside the premises. Many involved door staff requesting police assistance following fights.

**Key Location**
**The Alexandra Hospital (n = 32).** Many incidents related to patients in Accident and Emergency who were violent or aggressive. Alcohol was an aggravating factor in a number of incidents.

*Adapted from North Worcestershire Community Safety Partnership Strategic Assessment, unpublished August 2019.*
District Data

2017 to 2018

There were 6% fewer incidents of antisocial behaviour recorded across North Worcestershire between 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2019 than during the same period the previous year.

All districts recorded a reduction in incidents of antisocial behaviour.

2018 to 2019
ASB Tools & Powers

- Partnership funded two day ASB & Environmental Crime training session delivered in Jun 2019. Further date planned in Nov, to be part funded by local Housing Assoc.
- Cross service officer group established to implement a corporate approach to ASB enforcement.
- To date 1 Community Protection Warning drafted but not issued as possession proceedings to be taken.
- 5 Community Trigger applications received in Redditch to date – 4 completed, 1 in progress.
- Development of multi-agency ASB and Complex Case group to address most serious and complex issues and concerns.
Find out more

User-friendly crime & ASB information can be found online at www.police.uk

Regular liaison and joint action with all CSP agencies coordinated by Redditch Community Safety Team – Tel: 01527 534187 communitysafety@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk