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**Subject Crime & Disorder Scrutiny Panel Police Report – Redditch**

West Mercia Police have been asked to provide a Police report for the Crime & Disorder Scrutiny panel. The report will focus on four main themes.

- Overview of Crime and ASB within Redditch Borough.
- Anti-Social Behaviour interventions.
- Recent successes.
- Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) overview.

**Overview of Crime and ASB**

The district year-to-date figures surrounding the crime type/s that impact our communities the most, from November 2022-September 2024 are contained below;

Public Order Offences – reduction of 5%  
 Personal robbery - reduction of 29%  
 Shoplifting offences – no change.  
 Anti-social behaviour – reduction of 10%

\*\*Appendix A details the detail of the volume of the crimes and percentage difference.\*\*

**Anti-Social Behaviour Interventions**

The below ASB interventions for the Local Policing area (LPA) from the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023 - 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024 are contained below;

ASB STAGE 1	30
ASB STAGE 2	2
CAWN	5
CBO (CRIMINAL BEHAVIOUR ORDER)	3
COMMUNITY PROTECTION NOTICE	15

COMMUNITY PROTECTION WARNING	36
DVPN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTION NOTICE	3
DVPO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTION ORDER	17
INJUNCTION - NO POWER OF ARREST	2
NON - MOLESTATION ORDER	30
RESTRAINING ORDER	3
SEXUAL HARM PREVENTION ORDER	20
SEXUAL RISK ORDER	2
ASB CIVIL INJUNCTION (WITH POWER OF ARREST)	2
Slavery and Trafficking Prevention Order (STRO)	2

### **Recent Successes**

West Mercia Police work in close partnership with a range of agencies to reduce the impact of Anti-social behaviour. A few examples of recent successes that have reduced the impact of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour on our communities are contained below;

#### **West Avenue, Glover Street, Mount Street and Marsden Road – Drug related ASB.**

West Mercia Police have worked in close partnership with the community safety team and the monitoring centre on this issue. A number of re-deployable CCTV cameras were used to detect and deter crime in this area.

In April and July of 2024, seven drug warrants were executed within the Redditch area linked to disrupting drugs supply by the “Madz line”. This resulted in four arrests being made, £10,000 worth of cash has been seized, a taser and a small amount of illegal drugs being located.

Three subjects have been charged and are pending trial at Crown Court in January 2025.

#### **Retail Crime Action Plan.**

As part of the retail crime action plan, a Redditch Town Centre team was created which has one Sergeant, four Police Constables and three Police Community Support Officers (two in post, one awaiting to be recruited who will start in November 2024).

Some recent successes are detailed below;

- Arrest of a suspect for twelve thefts at a retail premises with Redditch Town Centre and other shops within the West Mercia Police. The total value of the thefts was recorded as £11,975.12 and the suspect was arrested, charged and pending trial in November 2024
- Four members of a shop theft group from Coventry were identified by the local team and arrested for four thefts with a value of £3827.78. The suspects were charged and remanded and pled guilty at court.
- Two West Midlands based offenders committed three thefts to the value of £1610.50. They were charged, remanded and sentenced to eight weeks imprisonment

## Hate Crime

A family have been targeted where on at least six occasions the suspect had smeared dog mess on the door handle and windscreen of their vehicle that was parked on the footpath. The victim/s believe that this was a racially motivated attack and following an investigation by the police, the suspect was caught and admitted causing the damage.

## Public Space Protection Order (PSPO)

Since 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023, West Mercia Police launched hotspot patrol within two areas of Redditch Town Centre, namely Unicorn Hill and Market Place. In total there have been a total of 543 proactive high visibility patrols recorded in this area as part of our ongoing commitment to increased visibility in the area.

West Mercia Police have worked with a number of partners to address some of the complex individuals that cause anti-social behaviour which includes.

- Joint visits with MAGG outreach worker.
- Joint visits with the outreach worker/s from Cranston.
- Seizing and removing alcohol from problematic street drinkers.
- A success Home Office bid via the hotspot fund worth £22,000 for Police Officer/s overtime for Redditch Town Centre to assist with additional visibility within Redditch Town Centre until March 2025.
- A pending funding bid to the Home Office hotspot fund for an additional CCTV camera within Redditch Town Centre.
- Five persons have been issued Community Protection Warnings linked to ASB within the PSPO.
- Ten persons have been dispersed from Redditch Town Centre following reports of anti-social behaviour.
- Four arrests linked to officer visibility around the PSPO for linked offences (public order offences, criminal damage, assaults etc)

This work is currently tracked and monitored via the Redditch Town Sub-group which feeds the partnership work into Safer Redditch which is part of the North Worcestershire Community Safety Partnership. The portfolio holder, Cllr Monica Stringfellow, attends Safer Redditch to ensure there is appropriate oversight.

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