

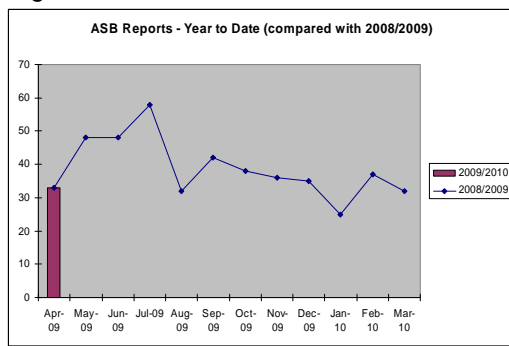
## ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR BULLETIN – APRIL 2009

Welcome to the April edition of the Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) Bulletin. The ASB Unit within the Safer Communities Team is responsible for tackling ASB across the Bay. The monthly bulletin aims to highlight not only the statistics relating to the amount of ASB being dealt with by the team, but also to point out the local events at which you will be able to meet the team and discuss any concerns surrounding Anti Social Behaviour that you, as residents of the Bay, may have.

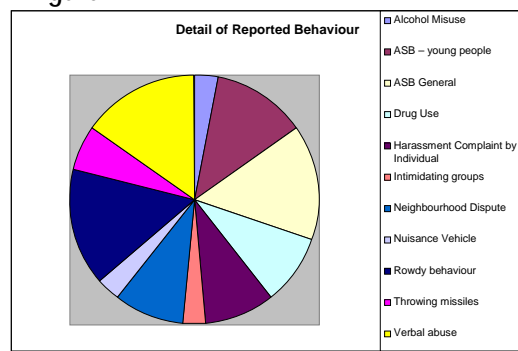
### ASB Statistics

We are of course at the start of a new financial year and Figure 1 shows the number of reports of ASB the team have received during the first month of the new year - 2009/10. During the past month the team received 33 new ASB enquires, which is the same number as this time last year. Figure 2 shows a wide variety of reported incidents which has potentially come about as a result of more awareness of how ASB can be reported and what constitutes ASB. Information about Safer Communities and the work we do is continuing to reach a wider audience and is being disseminated to the Bay communities by way of community events. More details of these can be found at the end of this bulletin.

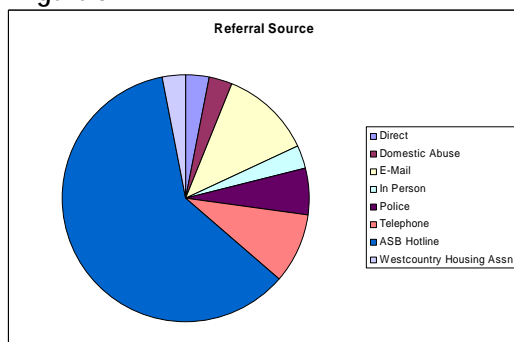
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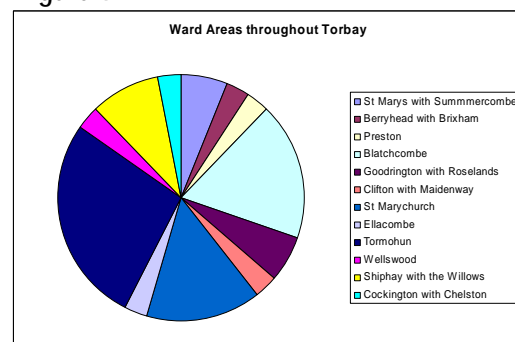
**Figure 2**



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### Current Caseload

At present, the ASB team currently have 47 active cases at various stages. We continue to work closely with our partner agencies with a view to reducing the incidences of ASB by reported offenders and monitor those cases where successful outcomes have been achieved.

## **ASB News**

### **St Marychurch & District AGM**

We attended the St Marychurch and District AGM on 8<sup>th</sup> April. The hard work undertaken by the ASB team in securing the anti-social behaviour orders (ASBO's) on the individuals in Plainmoor has had an extremely positive impact upon the community. We will continue to work with the Community Partnership to ensure we continue to tackle anti-social behaviour.

### **Pendennis Project**

With the assistance of funding from Government Office South West, Safer Communities Torbay together with the Police, Street Wardens, Riviera Housing Trust and the Windmill Centre have been able to do some intensive work in Pendennis and Lichfield to tackle anti-social behaviour.

As part of a programme of work, we were able to employ a community worker who visited all the households in Pendennis and Lichfield to discuss issues around anti-social behaviour. This included what anti social behaviour is, why it's important to local agencies, how to report it and the role the community plays in tackling anti-social behaviour. Over 80% of the households in Pendennis received a visit.

In addition, we also held 4 events at the Windmill and Acorn Centre; two sessions were aimed at young people and two for adults and families. We were able to talk with the young people about their understanding of anti-social behaviour and the effect it has on others; they also told us what they thought was good and bad about their community. Positive comments included the community centres in both Pendennis and Lichfield, friends and current youth activities; the list of what was bad was considerably longer and included issues such as lack of sport, run down parks, anti-social behaviour and litter.

At the event for adults and families we talked about tackling anti-social behaviour and the role the community plays. In Pendennis, it was pleasing to hear some positive feedback from residents on how the area has improved. We have been able to help the Lichfield Residents Group organise football sessions for young people in their community. At the first session, over 20 young people attended.

Through this project we have been able to financially contribute to the redevelopment of the play park by the flats. The Youth Service is currently undertaking some consultation about the project after which work on the park will start. It is very important for young people to have safe spaces to play in.

Reports of anti-social behaviour have reduced over recent months due to the efforts of all agencies involved.

### **Brixham Family Day**

We attended the Family Day, on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2009, held by Sure Start at Chestnut Primary School. It was a very well attended event with stalls offering face painting, arts and crafts, biscuit decorating and balloon making. We spoke with more than a hundred parents and children at the event, and promoted the service the anti social behaviour team provide to encourage people to take a stand and not tolerate anti social behaviour in their neighbourhood.

### **Blatchcombe Community Partnership Meeting**

We also attended the Partnership Meeting on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2009, to discuss the Community Action Day being held in QED on the 9<sup>th</sup> May 2009. We gave information about what activities were being provided on the day, and the results it is hoped will be achieved. Involving the Community Partnership in the event is important and the partnership agreed to take part on the day.

### **Be Safe Week**

The week ran from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April until Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2009 at South Devon College, with displays from various organisations. We provided information about Anti Social Behaviour, "Know the Code" (alcohol awareness) and Domestic Violence. We attended every day and were on hand to provide specific advice on anti social behaviour and answer any questions the students had.

### **Hele Street Surgery**

On 1<sup>st</sup> April and 22<sup>nd</sup> April we attended a drop-in surgery giving Hele residents an opportunity to discuss issues of concern. A mobile office van was situated in Salisbury Avenue on 1<sup>st</sup> April and Shrewsbury Avenue on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April from 12 noon to 7pm. Representatives from the local neighbourhood team including Torbay Council street wardens, police, safer communities and riviera housing -- were on

hand to welcome members of the public who wanted to come along and talk to them about anti-social behaviour or any other problems causing them concern.

### Police day of action – 29th April 2009

Representatives from the ASB team visited TCC and Westlands along with two police officers and two nurses from Torbay Hospital's A+E dept. The agencies gave a joint talk to over 150 14-15yr olds in total regarding underage drinking and the consequences this can have, particularly with regard to police action, ASB action and ultimately what could happen if the young person has to be taken to hospital. The key message was to educate young people on keeping safe but to also make them aware of the strain on resources underage drinking can have on emergency services and the effect on the local community. The talks were very well received at both schools and there are plans in place to make them a regular occurrence with a view to covering all pupils.

### ***Forthcoming Events:***

*Representatives from Safer Communities will be available at the following events if you would like to discuss your community issues with us over the coming months:-*

### **Queen Elizabeth Drive Community Event, 9<sup>th</sup> May**

Safer Communities is organising a Community Event in QED on 9<sup>th</sup> May, 10am-3pm. This will be a model event which will be replicated in other communities across the Bay. The day is designed to be a fun family day for local residents but is also an opportunity for residents to meet the agencies who play an active role in their community.

The event will take place in and around the Community Centre. Present will be Safer Communities, Youth Service, Street Wardens, Fire And Rescue Service, the Police, Drug and Alcohol Team, Local Housing Association, Voluntary Service and Sure Start. We will have a face painter, clown, bouncy castle, assault course to add to the entertainment and interactive displays which will already be present.

### **Be part of our ongoing bulletin**

We are keen to ensure this bulletin is useful to you. It would be appreciated if you could spend a few minutes to complete this electronic form (please click on the following link)

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