



ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR BULLETIN – MARCH 2009

Welcome to the March 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

Figure 1 shows the number of reports of ASB the team have received during the current financial year 2008/09. During the past month the team received **32** new ASB enquires, resulting in a total number of enquiries for the year of **464**. It is good to see that these enquiries are come from a wide range of sources. Work done by the ASB team with Partner Agencies on the ASB protocol is starting to pay dividends. Work will continue this year to drive this on. Neighbourhood disputes is still the number 1 reason why people contact the ASB team (see figure 2) although a large percentage of this months enquiries relate to ASB and young people.

Figure 4 shows ASB complaint by Ward area. Building upon the work already done by the ASB team, Community Action Days are now being planned for various communities through the Bay, this year. We will be working with other partner agencies to inform local communities what can be done to tackle ASB in their communities. This will complement the range of events the ASB team attend on a regular basis, which aim to keep to community informed of what is being done to tackle ASB. The first one is being held in QED, part of Blatchcombe.

Figure 1

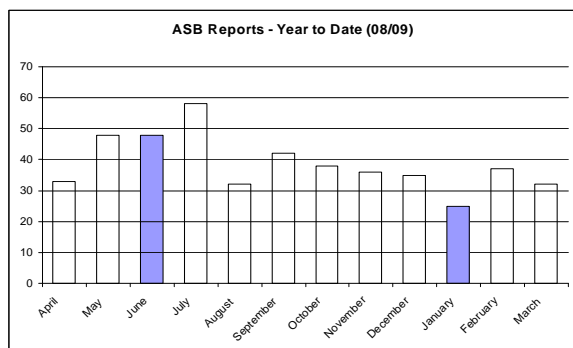


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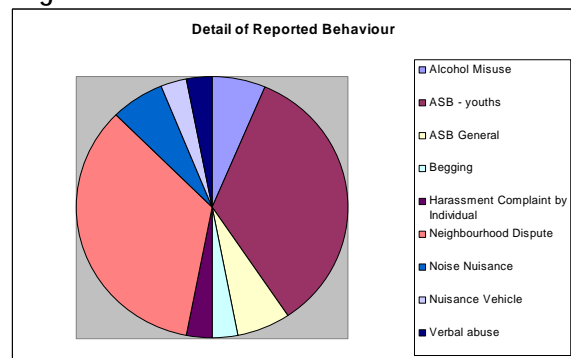


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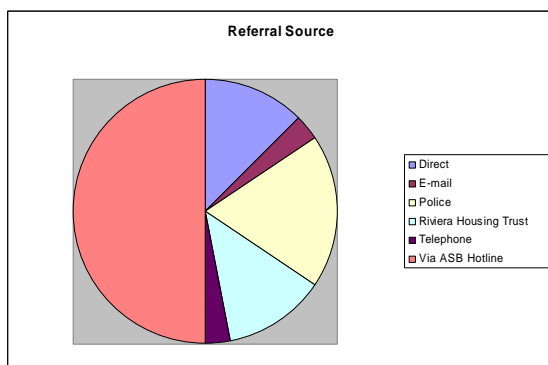
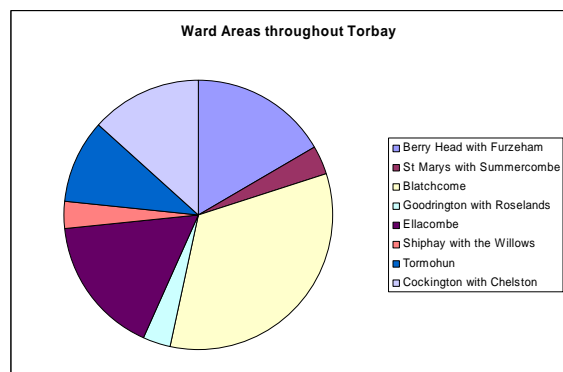


Figure 4



Current Caseload

At present, the ASB team currently have 34 active cases at various stages. We always work to try and prevent further ASB occurring using a range of tools and powers; however in some instances it is necessary to use enforcement powers. Each case is different; one case may be resolved quickly using only a warning letter, another may take several months involving many agencies.

ASB News

Community Partnership Meetings

March was a busy month for the ASB team who attended Community Partnership Meetings in Paignton, Preston, Plainmoor and Churston.

At the Paignton Community Partnership Meeting, the Partnership heard about the role of the ASB Case worker, as well as the wider role of Safer Communities Torbay.

The Plainmoor event was a follow-up from an event which took place during November 08. The feedback from the community was very positive with all the issues raised previously being resolved and ASB being down significantly in the area.

At each meeting, there was an opportunity for those attending to find out more about the service we provide the community as well as discuss any particular local issues.

Op Talents

The ASB team attended the launch of Op Talents, which is the partnership between the Co-operative stores and the Police to tackle anti social behaviour. Five stores have been chosen, two in Torquay, two in Paignton and one in Brixham to receive £500 from the Co-op, and £500 from the Police. The idea is for the PCSO for the area that the shop is located in, and the store manager to work together to spend the money on an activity that will help reduce anti social behaviour. Examples of current initiatives in Plymouth were given, and showed how this first £1000 can lead to other funding to provide excellent diversionary activities.

Sure Start

The Children's Centre which is run by Sure Start, is an opportunity for parents to attend the QED Community Centre with their children to access services, receive advice, meet other parents in similar situations and allows their children to play safely with other young children. This gave us an opportunity to attend and give advice on tackling ASB.

Following the success of the event at QED, the ASB Case Manager attended the Sure Start Children's Centre based at Oldway School and spoke with at least forty parents who attend the centre to allow their children to play, while they socialize with other parents. She spoke to people on an individual basis to discuss any concerns they had, to offer advice, and to ensure they knew how to access our service. The feed back was very positive that the parents appreciated being given information on how to make contact, and who to speak to.

Neighbourhood Watch

A meeting was arranged by Neighbourhood Watch for the Foxhole area of Paignton, to discuss the anti social behaviour in the area, and numerous questions and incidents were raised by the residents. Safer Communities, Riviera Housing and the Polcie were on hand to give advice to those concerned.

FLAVA

With support from the Police and Safer Communities, a dance group called FLAVA were able to attend Westlands School and give 100 children the opportunity to express themselves through movement. FLAVA is a dance group who came runner-up in 'Britain's Got Talent'. The children spent 3 days learning how to express themselves through dance and show how certain issues such as anti-social behaviour make's them feel. The event culminated in a performance given by the children to their parents.

Lichfield Resident Group

Following a recent project taking place in Pendennis and Lichfield, work started with the Lichfield Residents Group to look at what activities could be put on to engage children. By working closely with the Police, we've been able to set up a number of football camps in Lichfield, the first event attracting 22 children.

Anti Social Behaviour Orders

During March, the court order 2 ASBO's on Daniel Whitehead and Joshua Garrett following an indepth investigation into their anti-social behaviour in the Plainmoor/St Marychurch area. The ASBO's are in place for 2 years and details of their prohibitions have been circulated to schools, garages and shops around the Bay.

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:-

3 April	Op Staysafe (Foxhole)
8 April	St Marychurch & District AGM
16 April	Chelston Street Surgery
20 April	Ellacombe AGM
25 April	Disability Awareness Day
w/c 27 April	Be Safe Week
28 April	QED Walkabout

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