



ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR BULLETIN – FEBRUARY 2009

Welcome to the February 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 month of February the team received **37** new ASB enquires, resulting in a total for the year to date of **432**. These have come from members of the public contacting the ASB hotline and from our Partner Agencies such as the Police, RSL's (Registered Social Landlords) and Street Wardens. As expected, the key source of enquiries is the ASB Hotline (see figure 3).

Whilst the nature of the complaints remains varied, neighbourhood disputes is still the number 1 reason why people contact the ASB team (see figure 2). For this reason, the ASB team have recently received mediation training and will be able to provide low level mediation where appropriate.

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.

Figure 1

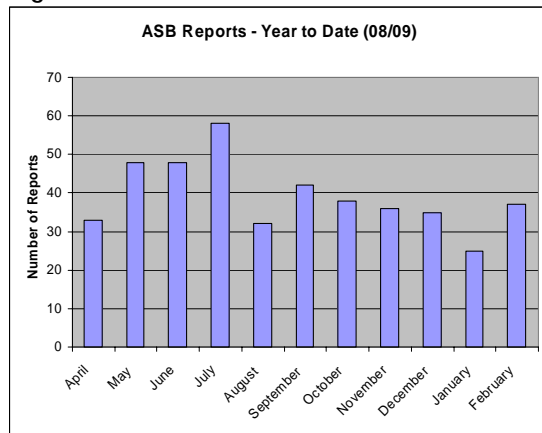


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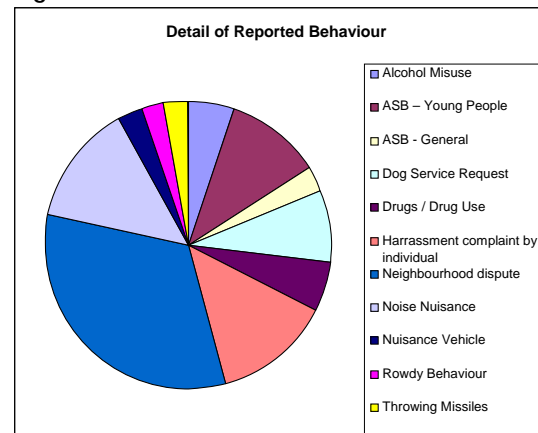


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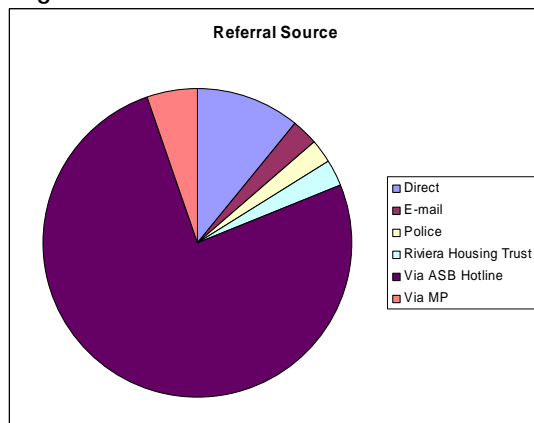
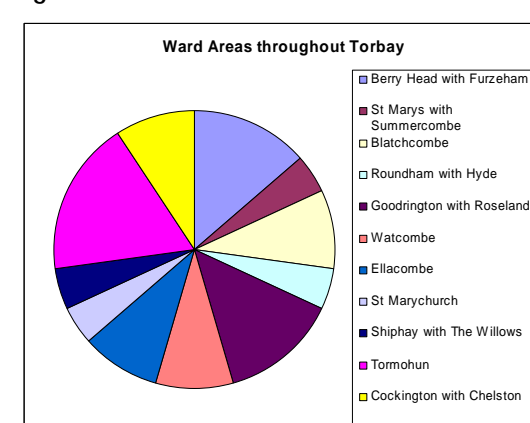


Figure 4



Current Caseload

At present, the ASB team currently have 32 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.

During this financial year, the ASB team have been able to successfully manage over 260 cases, with the remainder being referred onto other agencies.

ASB News

Pendennis Project Update

During February we started work in Lichfield. A case worker has been going round door-to-door talking to residents about how to tackle anti-social behaviour. To support this work, 2 events were held at the Acorn Centre.

The first one took place on 20th Feb and was especially aimed at young people. About 30 young people from Lichfield attended and as part of the event they were asked to identify what they thought was anti-social behaviour and what was good and bad about their area. The following Saturday saw an event held for adults and families. Residents were given a presentation on how anti-social behaviour is tackled, which agencies are involved, what the process is and what the community is expected to do. There were many discussions around anti-social behaviour and what can be done to keep young people occupied. Following this event, we will be working with the newly formed Lichfield Resident Group to look at organising sport based events for young people.

Neighbourhood Watch

On the evening of 5th February 2009 Gael attended the inaugural meeting of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme which is setting up in the Well Street, Princes Street and Brent Road area of Paignton. The area has been having issues with parking and anti-social behaviour which was raised at this meeting. Information was handed out to all attendees about Safer Communities and advice was also given out by PCSO Barrie Nolan and PCSO Tom Dayment on community messaging and the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

Community Partnership Meeting

During February, the team attended numerous Community Partnership meetings including ones at Goodrington, Roselands and Hookhills, Brixham, Preston and Blatchcombe. During these events we were able to inform the meetings what we as a team can do for the residents of Torbay, and how we can give advice on issues that are the same in all of the partnership areas.

Forthcoming events

Following the events we held at the Windmill Centre during January, we have decided to put on a family event at the Windmill Centre. Plans are underway to look at possibly putting on a quiz for residents, with the aim of bring young and old people together.

04/03/09	Paignton Community Partnership
04/03/09	Plainmoor follow-up event
05/03/09	Consultation Caravan event, Torquay High Street
09/03/09	Op Talents Launch
12/03/09	Churston with Galmpton Community Partnership
24/03/09	Joint walkabout with Riviera Housing in Tweenaway/Longstone Road area of Paignton
25/03/09	Preston Community Partnership
31/03/09	Joint walkabout with Riviera Housing in Foxhole area of Paignton
31/03/09	Goodrington, Roselands and Hookhills Community Partnership

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