

## ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR BULLETIN – September 2008

Welcome to the new look Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) Bulletin. The ASB Unit within the Safer Communities Team is responsible for tackling ASB across the Bay. This monthly bulletin has been developed to keep you informed of the ASB issues throughout Torbay and what proactive work is being done to prevent ASB and help keep the residents of Torbay safe.

### ASB Statistics

#### Reported ASB

Figure 1 shows the amount of reports the ASB Team have received for the current financial year 2008/09. As you can see from the graph the figures for each month fluctuate and this could be down to seasonal events. The team has received **44** new ASB enquires during September 2008. From April 2008 to September 2008 the ASB Team had **245** reports generated by members of the public contacting the ASB hotline and referrals from our Partnership Agencies such as the Police, RSL's (Registered Social Landlords) and the Street Wardens.

#### Types of ASB

Figure 2 shows the types of ASB that have been reported to the Team. As you can see the main reports have been with reference to ASB in local neighbourhoods.

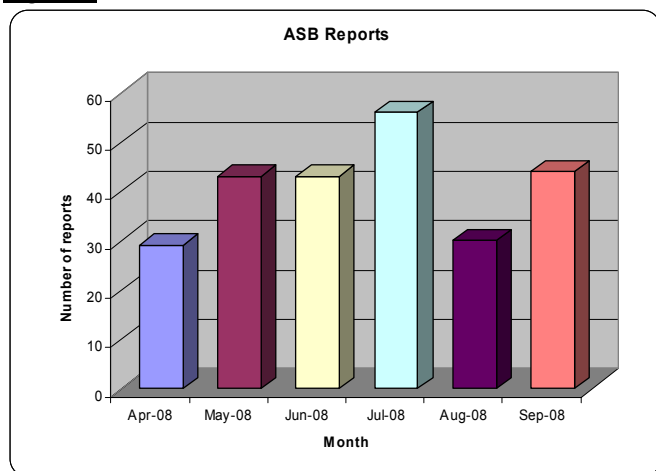
#### Source of referral

Figure 3 provides details of the referral source. The majority of incidents that have been reported have been received via the ASB hotline. We are working to increase the number of referrals from all agencies by providing training and advice and the ASB Team will be delivering this by the end of March 2009.

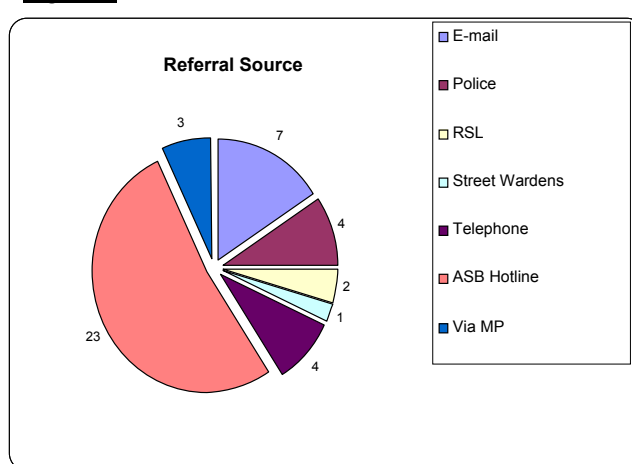
#### ASB reported by Ward

Figure 4 shows the different ward areas throughout Torbay that have reported incidents of ASB. It clearly identifies the hot spot areas - the main area being Blatchcombe in Paignton.

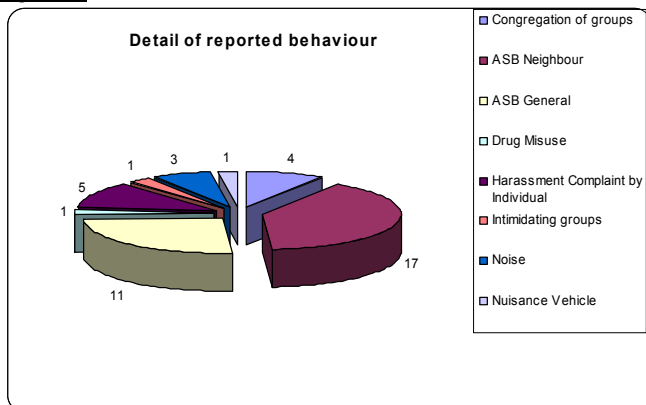
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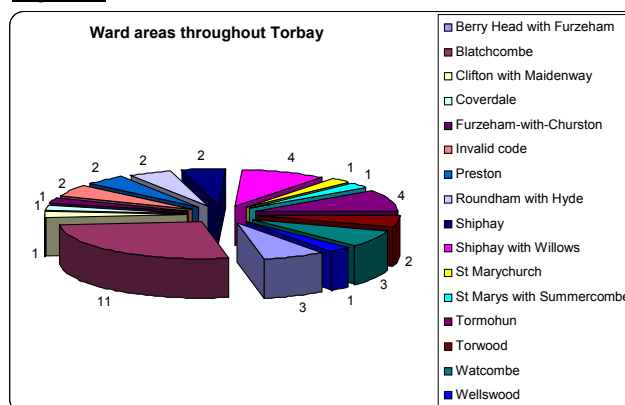
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**Figure 2**



**Figure 4**



### **Current Caseload (as of September 2008)**

The ASB Team are currently dealing with **59** cases, from the point of early intervention through to enforcement action. These actions include:

- Warning letters – to inform offenders of the behaviours being reported and the consequences of continued action.
- ABC (Acceptable Behaviour Contract) – Should behaviour continue following receipt of warning letters and/or visits, the next step is for the alleged offender to sign up to and acceptable behaviour contract (ABC). This is a voluntary contract which provides support to address the behaviours.
- Home visits – this occur to encourage offenders to stop their anti social behaviour and reinforce the consequences of continued behaviours; additionally the team visits victims to offer advice and support.
- Multi Agency meetings – these are held to discuss alleged on-going anti-social behaviour with key agencies where an action plan will be agreed to provide further support or to decide what action is to be taken should the anti-social behaviour escalate.

### **ASB News**

#### **Halloween 31<sup>st</sup> October 2008**

Safer Communities Torbay's Halloween and Firework Safety Campaign is back for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year running. There will be various events taking place including the use of the Games Bus in various locations throughout Torbay to engage young people. The Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service will be running a joint initiative with the Police in Ellacombe and will be handing out posters for the public to display regarding trick or treaters (see below). An organised Trick or Treat Event will be held by the Police at the Windmill Centre for members of the local community and there will be a barbecue after the event being held on the 4<sup>th</sup> November 2008. For further information please contact Pat Tyler on 01803 653719.



If you would like to display a poster at your property during the halloween period please visit the Devon and Cornwall Police Website <http://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/v3/crime/tricktreat/index.htm> where a printable version of the "No Trick, No Treat, No Thanks" poster can be found.

The ASB Team will be working in partnership with the Police to ensure a number of outlets receive the "Eggs and Flour" poster to display in their shop windows. This aims to prevent the misuse of eggs and flour as a Halloween 'trick' thus reducing alarm and distress to members of the public.

#### **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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## **Interim ASBO's served**

The ASB Team are pleased to inform you that on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2008 South Devon Magistrates issued four interim anti social behaviour orders (ASBO's) on Ben Bramall, Joshua Garrett, Daniel Whitehead and Dean Isaac of Torquay, who have been persistently harassing members of the public and acting in an anti-social manner in the Plainmoor area regardless of the ongoing support offered to assist them to change their behaviour.

These orders have only been achieved through the hard work of the ASB Team, Police Community Support Officers and Torbay Council Legal Services.

This work demonstrates the progress the team is making in using the full tools and powers available to them to ensure that we are reducing the anti social behaviour that has such a negative impact on our communities throughout Torbay and with our new working arrangements with the police we are striving to positively target known hot spot areas and offenders.

Posters and leaflets have been distributed in and around the exclusion zone, which runs from Reddenhill Road along Cary Avenue to Cary Park, down St Margaret's Avenue to Shirburn Road and then back along Bronshill Road. The posters and leaflets describe details of the prohibitions and include a map of the exclusion zone in order to ensure any breaches are reported to the Police by dialling 08452 777444.

The ASB Team have received positive feedback from the public regarding the 4 interim ASBO's. ***A comment received from a member of the community of Plainmoor stated that they now feel a lot safer knowing these orders are in place.***

The team will be organising a community event which will allow the public to ask any questions relating to the orders and any other concerns; also to provide the opportunity for the team to promote the work that they do.

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