

# Dealing with Anti social Behaviour in South Gloucestershire

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# What is Anti Social Behaviour?

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 defines Anti Social Behaviour as:

**“acting in a manner that caused or was likely to cause harassment, alarm and distress to one or more persons not of the same household.”**



# What is Anti Social Behaviour?

## Harassment

## Alarm

## Distress

- Vandalism
- Threatening behaviour
- Abusive language
- Noisy neighbours
- Graffiti
- Fly Tipping
- Abandoned vehicles
- Prostitution
- Drug taking/ dealing



# What Isn't ASB?

- Young People
  - Playing football
  - Gathering with their friends
- Boundary disputes
- Parking
- Animal noises

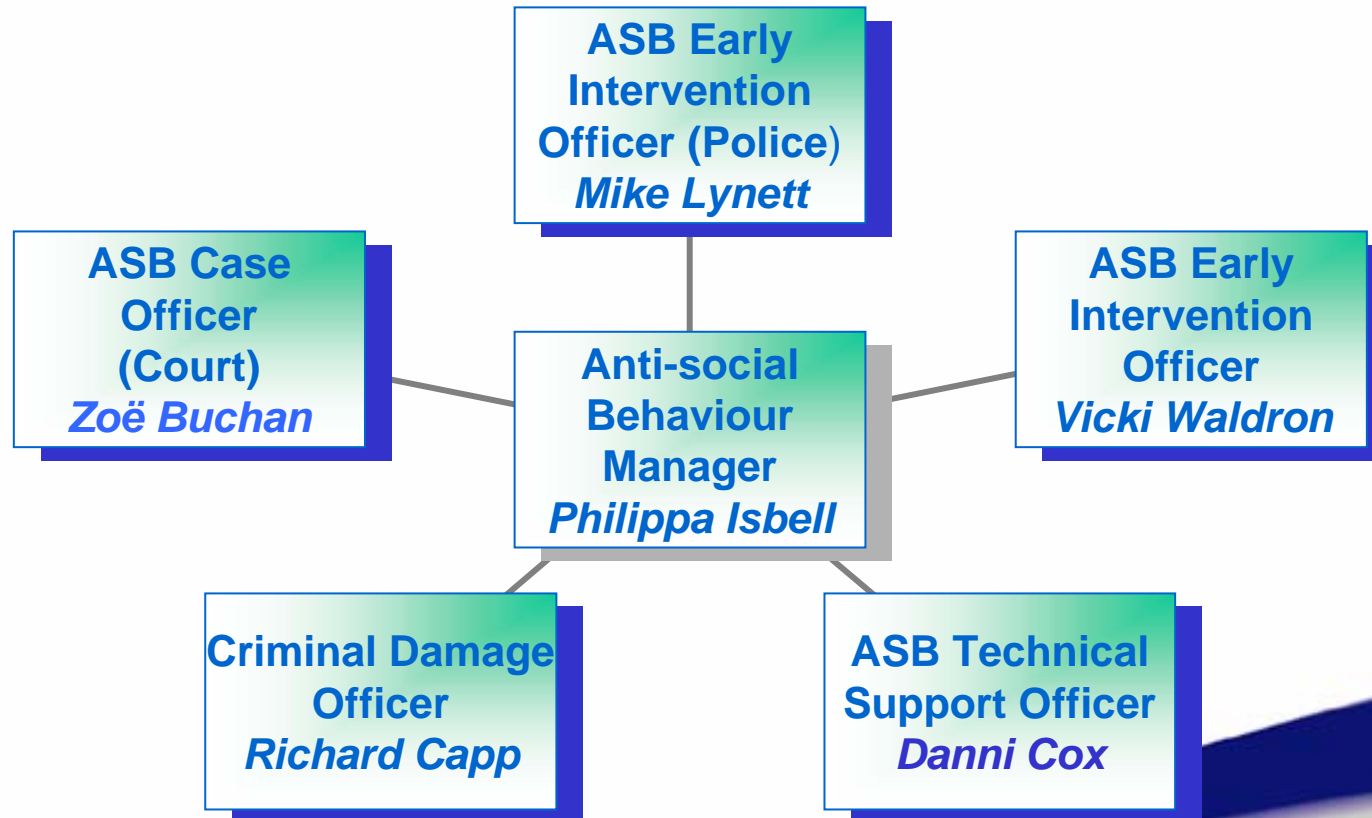


# Why Do We Tackle ASB?

- Statutory Duty:
  - Crime & Disorder Act 1998
  - Anti social Behaviour Act 2003
  - Police and Justice Act 2006
  - Criminal Justice & Immigration Act 2008
- Impacts on quality of life
- High monetary and emotional cost to society
- Strong links between ASB and Crime



# South Gloucestershire ASB Team



# Your Team - Working with You



# OUR VISION

***“To work together with individuals and communities to build confidence and satisfaction in how we deal with anti-social behaviour and to help keep our communities safe”***



# South Gloucestershire

The Reality:

Levels of ASB are low

Perceptions of ASB are greater

**Is a safe place to live**



# The Local Picture

- Between Sept 08 – Aug 09 the number of ASB incidents fell by 5.6%
- Seasonal trends affect ASB
- Rowdy nuisance behaviour accounts for 69% of all incidents
- 56 % offenders – male age 14 – 18 yrs
- ASB incidents increase on Friday and Saturday nights

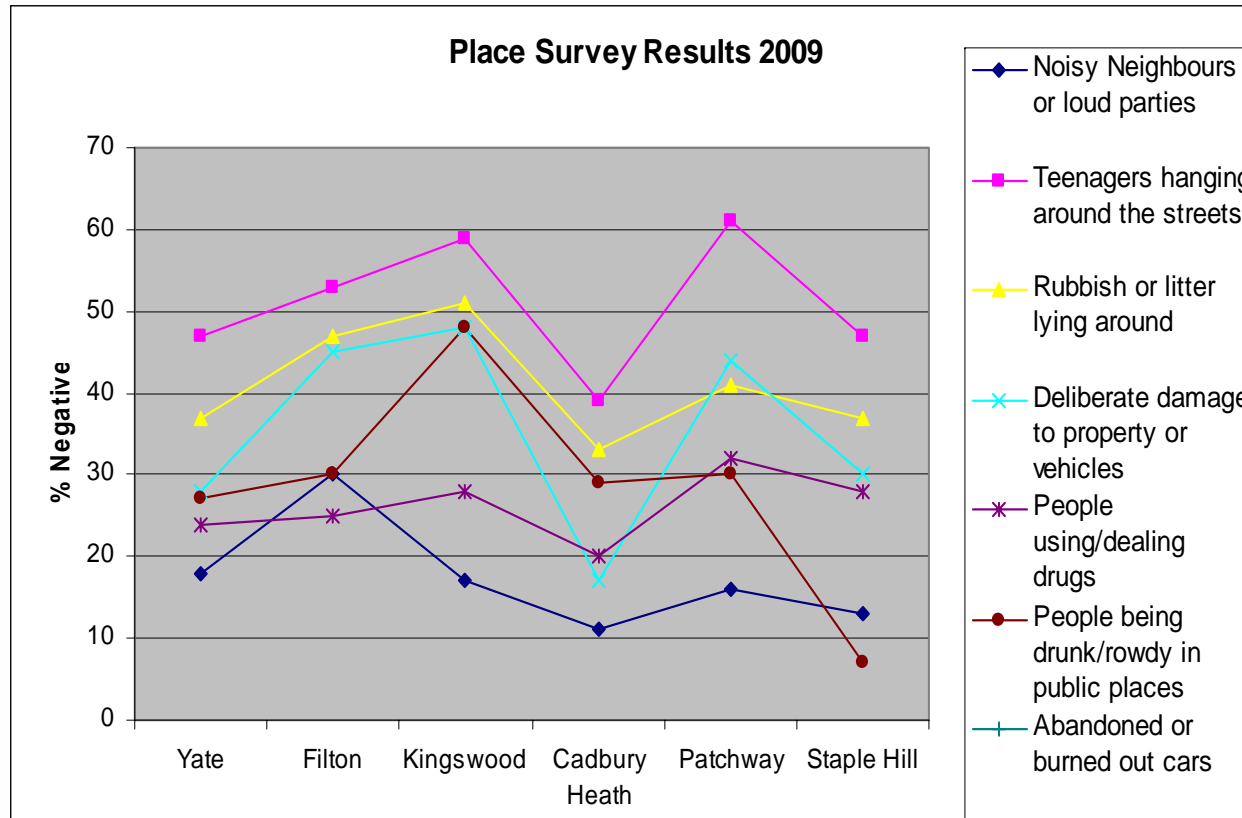


# The Local Picture

- Two strands
  - Night Time Economy
  - General ASB
- Alcohol is a contributory factor
- Priority Neighbourhoods
  - Kingswood Filton Cadbury Heath Patchway Staple Hill Yate
  - Experience Higher levels of ASB
  - Perceptions of ASB are Greater



# The Local Picture



# What do we do?

- A dedicated team working in partnership across all agencies –
  - To have an overview of all ASB
  - Establish effective interventions, procedures and protocols
  - Ensure Positive Action is taken by all agencies
  - Provide Advice to partner agencies
  - Support communities, victims and witnesses.
  - Take direct reports from members of public and investigate complaints



# What Do We Do?

- Coordinate a targeted response to ASB
  - Locations i.e Target hardening
  - individual perpetrators
- Work with communities
  - Safer, Stronger Community Groups
  - Individually
- Projects and Initiatives to tackle ASB



# Working With You, For You

- Listen and Take your complaint Seriously
- Allocate a dedicated Officer
- Investigate and gather intelligence
- Support Victims and Witnesses
- Help find local solutions to local problems
- Keep you informed
- Be Honest



# Tools and Powers

Consider all the Options:

- Early Interventions
- Enforcement Powers
- Target hardening
- Cross border initiatives
- Deployable CCTV



# Achievements

- Reduction in ASB
- Reduction in Criminal Damage
- Successful use of early interventions
- Improvement in perceptions
- Friday Night Project



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