

## Briefing Note to the Riverside Area Committee



Wards: Drypool, St  
Andrews & Docklands,  
Newington & Gipsyville

12<sup>th</sup> January 2022

**Subject: Anti-social behaviour update 1/5/21 to 30/11/21**

### Briefing Paper of the Assistant Director, Public Health on behalf of Corporate Director for Public Health

#### 1. Purpose of the Paper and Summary

To provide the Committee with an update of the work undertaken by the Neighbourhood Nuisance (Anti-social Behaviour) Team in the Riverside area for the period 1/5/21 – 30/11/21. This report has incorporated the past 7 months because of the timing of the upload date.

#### 2. Issues for consideration

##### a. **Breakdown of cases per category**

	Drypool	Newington and Gipsyville	St Andrews and Docklands	Grand Total
Begging / Vagrancy	1		2	3
Criminal Behaviour	8	8	15	31
Drugs - Not Alcohol	3	4	25	32
Intimidation/Harassment & Verbal Abuse	12	11	36	59
Neighbour Dispute	5	1	9	15
Noise	21	14	53	88
Nuisance Caused By Pets / Animals	1	3	5	9
Nuisance From Property	5	5	15	25
Street Drinking / General Drunken Behaviour	4	2	6	12
Throwing Missiles	2	2	5	9
Vehicle Related Nuisance	2	4	4	10
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>293</b>

**b. Number and type of formal and informal actions which have been taken.**

These figures are not all the actions but represent the main actions taken by the team, including all formal/legal sanctions.

	<b>Drypool</b>	<b>Newington and Gipsyville</b>	<b>St Andrews and Docklands</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
ASB Warning Letter Sent	12	7	26	45
Community Protection Warning Issued	6		14	20
Perpetrator Interview	7	1	34	42
Refer To Legal Services For Enforcement		1		1
Referral to ASB Victim Champion		2	3	5
Victim / Witness Interview	20	3	44	67
Victim/Witness Interview (Retail/Business)	2		124	126
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>307</b>

**e. During this period the team have been involved in the following :**

Rough Sleeper Patrols – Great Thornton Estate

It was highlighted by the concierge team that there were rough sleepers again accessing some of the blocks of flats. Arrangements were made to provide training to the concierge team and refresher training for housing staff. We then agreed to set up an evening patrol working until 10pm with the Housing facility Supervisors, PCSO Tina Burn and Emmaus to patrol the flats and see if we could find any rough sleepers. We are now collating information as to when other rough sleepers are found and where and will then co-ordinate a targeted approach with partner agencies. Emmaus are also conducting weekly patrols in the blocks. So far the figures are showing that at present it doesn't seem to be as bigger problem as other years.

Tichbourne Close/Mendip Close

It was highlighted from residents that criminal activity was taking place in the area. Humberside Police and the Neighbourhood Nuisance Team have conducted several high visibility patrols, including on an evening up until 9pm. The Neighbourhood Nuisance Team has delivered around 60 letters asking residents to come forward with any information. Humberside Police have also delivered 100+ letters. Local PCSO's raised some bushes

were overgrown and being used to obstruct visibility, Housing Tenancy officers visited the area and arranged for some of them to be cut back.

During one of the evening patrols it was highlighted that lighting was an issue within the area, with only one of the underpasses being lit, and some of the cut throughs being quite dark. It was also highlighted that there were many overgrown shrubs in the area that could do to be cut right back, this would help with light and visibility. There will be a patch walk in January with The Neighbourhood Nuisance Team, Humberside Police, Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, Housing, Street Scene and Lighting to discuss the lighting issues, identify cutbacks of shrubbery and ownership of some of the areas as we may need to approach some of the housing associations.

We are also looking at a project to try and tidy the area up, create a safer environment for residents. This may involve funding to purchase security lighting for residents, possibly fencing some of the cut throughs and under passes or adding chicanes. This would involve consultation with local residents.

### Street drinkers – Sherburn Street and Holderness Road

During the summer months the reports from residents and retail outlets increased with regard the street drinkers causing problems along the Holderness Road corridor, specifically outside the Church, the corner of Village Road and around the grassed park area on Sherburn Street.

Weekly patrols of all areas were completed with Humberside Police. Initial warnings were given by Humberside Police, several of the drinkers refused, or became volatile, when asked for the alcohol. 9 Community Protection warnings were given in July/August for repeat perpetrators on Sherburn Street and the top of Village Road.

Visits to local retail outlets were completed and relevant contact details were given.

Civics were requested on two occasions to monitor two groups who were becoming quite volatile and abusive to one retail employee. Personal attack alarm was given to one young female who had been approached while going to her car.

### Buskers in the city centre

We have been working with our colleagues in Environmental Protection (EP) to deal with buskers who have been causing a nuisance to retailers by using amplifiers. A procedure has been set up whereby we call an EP and an officer will attend to determine whether the noise is a statutory nuisance. If it is an abatement notice will be served. If not a Community Protection warning will be served.

### The Interchange

There is ongoing work with BTP, Trans Pennine and Interchange staff to deal with issues that young people have caused in the Interchange. This has also included other partners including the Vulnerable, Exploited & Missing Team, Humberside Police and Outreach services.

### Begging in the city centre

A total of 14 community protection warnings have been issued for begging in the city Centre. This has been in conjunction with the work the Police have done in relation to Op Luscombe.

### St Pancras/Euston/Kings Cross area

Various work has been undertaken in relation to the issues raised by residents in the three blocks. This has included letter drops, door knocks and litter sweeps involving Love Your Street colleagues.

There was also an anti-social behaviour surgery held in the community centre on Bean Street.

This work is continuing with Housing, the Police, Love Your Street, the Area Team and residents.

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