



# Adur & Worthing Safer Communities Partnership Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) Action & Enforcement

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## Freedom of Information (FOI)

### FOI definition:

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- Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) reports
- Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs)
- Community Protection Warnings (CPWs)
- Community Protection Notices (CPNs)
- Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs)
- Multi-agency Anti-Social Behaviour case review (also known as **Community Trigger**)
- Breaches and Enforcement/Penalty

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**Please note:** Throughout this document, due to statutory authority reporting criteria, the quarterly figures are added once they have been agreed and can run up to one quarter behind.

## Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) - report numbers

### ASB definition:

Antisocial behaviour is defined as 'conduct that has caused, or is likely to cause, harassment, alarm or distress to any person' (Antisocial Behaviour, Crime & Policing Act 2014) This definition is intentionally broad and can be seen as quite 'subjective' - but there is still a legal threshold that needs to be met for enforcement to be possible.

### What the Anti-Social Behaviour Team does not investigate:

- Noise made by children playing
- Normal family lifestyles (ie talking in garden, noise from children playing or friction between day/night workers)
- Occasional events like barbecues or fireworks
- One off events like religious celebrations or weddings
- DIY work (for further advice please visit <https://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/environmental-health/>)
- Noise from domestic appliances
- Transport noise or noisy vehicles
- Inconsiderate parking
- Disputes over property or boundaries
- Business activities associated with either commercial or private premises
- Pigeon or Seagull feeding (since 2022)
- Advice: Try speaking to your neighbour or giving them a polite note through their letter box advising them of how it has affected you or the community. Alternatively you can contact the [West Sussex Mediation Service \(WSMS\)](#) who can offer advice on how to cope with the issues

Year	Reports	Q1 Apr/May/Jun		Q2 Jul/Aug/Sept		Q3 Oct/Nov/Dec		Q4 Jan/Feb/Mar		Totals		
		Adur	Worthing	Adur	Worthing	Adur	Worthing	Adur	Worthing	Adur	Worthing	Total
2023/24	Reported	23	40	24	32	13	17					
2022/23	Reported	24	40	9	11	3	5	24	26	60	82	142 plus 2 Seagull reports
2021/22	Reported	25	41	26	42	20	31	24	26	95	140	235 plus 11 Seagull reports
2020/21	Reported	23	32	31	44	23	16	27	16	104	108	212 plus 40 during first lockdown Q1&2
2019/20	Reported	13	14	17	31	20	18	14	10	64	73	137
2018/19	Reported	3	10	3	6	3	8	3	4	12	28	40
2017/18	Reported	1	5	2	2	9	2	4	9	16	18	34

## Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs)

### PSPO definition:

Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs), introduced in 2014, sit amongst a broad range of powers and tools to help tackle anti-social behaviour locally. PSPOs are aimed at ensuring public spaces can be enjoyed free from anti-social behaviour and can be used to stop a person or a group of people committing anti-social behaviour in a public place, for example in a park. They are not about stopping the responsible use of the night-time economy or preventing young people from seeing their friends - but they do provide councils with another instrument to help deal with persistent issues that are damaging communities.

Anti-Social Behaviour Offences need to:

- have had, or are likely to have, a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality;
- is, or is likely to be, persistent or continuing in nature;
- is, or is likely to be, unreasonable; and
- justifies the restrictions imposed

A&W ASB Team deals with PSPOs in **Worthing Borough ONLY** for Public Space Drinking (alcohol) - Begging and Overnight Camping. Please refer to Public Space Protection for Dog related (fouling, leads, out of control), Fly-Tipping & Littering

Year	Q1 Apr/May/Jun			Q2 Jul/Aug/Sept			Q3 Oct/Nov/Dec			Q4 Jan/Feb/Mar			Totals			
	Public Drinking		Overnight Camping	Public Drinking		Overnight Camping	Public Drinking		Overnight Camping	Public Drinking		Overnight Camping	Public Drinking		Overnight Camping	Total
2023/24	0		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0
2022/23	Reviewed-Begging PSPO removed-One Unauthorised Camping at Goring Greensward approved-all others removed			0		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0
Reported	Public Drinking	Begging	Overnight Camping	Public Drinking	Begging	Overnight Camping	Public Drinking	Begging	Overnight Camping	Public Drinking	Begging	Overnight Camping	Public Drinking	Begging	Overnight Camping	Total
2021/22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2020/21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2019/20	Reviewed and continued			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2018/19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
2017/18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	3

## Community Protection Warnings (CPWs)

### CPW definition:

Community Protection Warnings (CPWs) were created under the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. This allows a council to issue a warning letter instructing the perpetrator to stop specific behaviours by a given date. It is dependent on the evidential threshold having been met.

Year	Q1 Apr/May/Jun	Q2 Jul/Aug/Sept	Q3 Oct/Nov/Dec	Q4 Jan/Feb/Mar	Year Total
	<b>Adur &amp; Worthing</b>	<b>Adur &amp; Worthing</b>	<b>Adur &amp; Worthing</b>	<b>Adur &amp; Worthing</b>	
<b>2023/24</b>	3	4	3	(2)	
<b>2022/23</b>	0	0	3	0	3
<b>2021/22</b>	0	5	0	0	5
<b>2020/21</b> 1st covid year	0	0	0	3	3
<b>2019/20</b>	14	17	8	0	39
<b>2018/19</b>	0	1	0	2	3
<b>2017/18</b>	0	0	1	1	2

## Community Protection Notices (CPNs)

### CPN definition:

If the Council obtains evidence that the CPW has not had the desired effect, a Community Protection Notice (CPN) can be served. A notice will be considered if the behaviour is having a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality:

- Is persistent or continuing in nature, and
- Is unreasonable

The decision whether behaviour is considered as any of the above will be taken on a case by case basis.

Year	Q1 Apr/May/June	Q2 Jul/Aug/Sept	Q3 Oct/Nov/Dec	Q4 Jan/Feb/Mar	Year Total
	Adur & Worthing	Adur & Worthing	Adur & Worthing	Adur & Worthing	
<b>2023/24</b>	1	1	0	(1)	
<b>2022/23</b>	0	0	0	1	1
<b>2021/22</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>2020/21</b> 1st covid year	0	0	0	3	3
<b>2019/20</b>	1	3	3	0	7
<b>2018/19</b>	0	1	1	0	2
<b>2017/18</b>	0	0	0	3	3

## Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs)

### FPN definition:

Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) have been created under the Clean Neighbourhood and Environment Act 2005 and the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. Several officers will be authorised to issue a FPN on the spot. If evidence is received that a CPN is breached and an offence has been committed, the A&W ASB Team can issue a Fixed Penalty Notice for the offence or take court action. An FPN can be hand delivered, delivered by a partner agency or delivered by post. If the ASB team receives enough evidence and decides an FPN is appropriate in the circumstances we can issue FPNs for the following offences:

- Breach of Community Protection Notice
- Breach of Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO), current PSPO

Year	Q1 Apr/May/Jun	Q2 Jul/Aug/Sept	Q3 Oct/Nov/Dec	Q4 Jan/Feb/Mar	Year Total
	Adur & Worthing	Adur & Worthing	Adur & Worthing	Adur & Worthing	
2023/24	0	0	0	0	0
2022/23	0	0	0	0	0
2021/22	0	0	0	0	0
2020/21	0	0	0	0	0
2019/20	0	1	0	0	1
2018/19	0	0	0	0	0
2017/18	0	0	0	0	0

## Multi-agency anti-social behaviour case review (also known as Community Trigger)

### Community Trigger definition:

The Multi-Agency Anti-Social Behaviour Case Review (Community Trigger) is a process that allows members of the community to ask Adur & Worthing Safer Community Partnership to review their responses to complaints about anti-social behaviour. Community Trigger is designed to make sure we work together to try and resolve any complaints about anti-social behaviour.

### We will do this by:

- Talking about the problem
- Sharing information
- Using our resources to try and reach an agreeable outcome

The Community Trigger should be used if you believe your complaint has not been properly looked at or no action has been taken by us.

**Please note:** The Multi-Agency Anti-Social Behaviour Case Review (Community Trigger) cannot be used to report general acts of crime, including hate crime.

It does not replace the complaints procedures of individual organisations or your opportunity to complain to the Local Government Ombudsman or Independent Police Complaints Commission.

Year	Adur & Worthing				Enforced Year Total
	Requested	Actioned	Type	Not Actioned	
2023/24	2	2	Full Review	0	2
2022/23	2	1	Full Review	1	1
2021/22	3	3	Full Review	0	3
2020/21	5	3	Full Review	2	3
2019/20	2	2	Full Review	0	2
2018/19	0	0	N/A	0	0
2017/18	2	1	Full Review	1	1

## Enforcement Conclusions & Frequently Asked Questions

Between 2010 - December 2021 the councils took enforcement action in 19 cases where we were able to find evidence of ASB (where PSPOs were counted once). There were other cases where the ASB team worked on and provided evidence for enforcement taken out by Sussex Police but these are not included here.

This enforcement was as follows:

Year	Q1 Apr/May/Jun	Q2 Jul/Aug/Sept	Q3 Oct/Nov/Dec	Q4 Jan/Feb/Mar	Enforcement	Year Total
	Adur & Worthing	Adur & Worthing	Adur & Worthing	Adur & Worthing		
<b>2023/24</b>	3	5	5	(2) CPWs	12 x CPWs, 3 x CPNs-(current total)	15
<b>2022/23</b>	0	0	3	1	3 x CPWs, 1 x CPN	4
<b>2021/22</b>	0	0	0	0	Lockdowns-street community housed	0
<b>2020/21</b> 1st covid year	0	3	0	0	3 x CPWs	3
<b>2019/20</b>	1	1	2	1	1 x CPW - Residential, 1 x CPN, 1 x FPN, 1 Partial Closure, 1 Injunction	5
<b>2018/19</b>	0	1	0	2	2 x CPWs , 1x CPN, 1 x Full closure	4
<b>2017/18</b>	0	0	1	1	Partial Closure Order - County Lines in a residential property	2

### Prior to March 2017:

- **2017** 1 x Interim Injunction
- **2017** 1 x Extension of ASBO - Extension to ASBO **2016\*** mention
- **2016** 1 x Undertaking - Partial closure
- **2016\*** 1 x ASBO - Public Place nuisance, drunken behaviour, intimidation to businesses
- **2016** 4 x PSPOs (Public Drinking, Begging, Overnight Camping, Dog Control) - Renewal
- **2016** 1 x CPN (Tarring Properties)
- **2015** 1 x Injunction - Related to drug supply in a residential address
- **2014** 1 x ASBO



## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

### **Are all ASB reports/enforcement available here?**

- *There are other cases where the councils' ASB team worked on and provided evidence for enforcement taken out by Sussex Police but these are not included here.*

### **Why was begging and all but one unauthorised camping PSPOs removed in 2022?**

- *Following the public consultation, there were several reasons for discontinuation:*
  - *In relation to begging - police powers are more robust for sustained begging issues.*
  - *In relation to unauthorised camping - there was either not enough evidence and/or public support to present to the committee for a renewal of all sites.*

### **Is there an average cost for carrying out a community trigger case review?**

- *Costs are met through staffing costs, no additional costs are incurred but we are considering bringing in an independent partner. Costs would be met for this through the Adur and Worthing Safer Communities Partnership.*