

BROMSGROVE ASB & CRIME REPORT

Subject NWCSP Scrutiny Board - Police Report for Bromsgrove

West Mercia Police have been asked to provide a Police report for the Bromsgrove Overview & Scrutiny Board. The report will focus on three main themes.

- Overview of Crime and ASB within Bromsgrove District
- Anti-Social Behaviour Interventions
- Recent Successes

Overview of Crime and ASB

The district year-to-date figures surrounding the crime type/s that impact our communities the most from November 2022-November 2024 are contained below;

Public Order Offences – reduction of 1%
 Personal Robbery - reduction of 31%
 Shoplifting offences – reduction of 20%
 Anti-social behaviour – increase of 1%

Appendix 2A details the volume of crimes and ASB and the percentage difference.

Anti-Social Behaviour Interventions

The below ASB interventions for the Local Policing Area (LPA) from the 1st November 2023-30th September 2024 are contained below;

ASB STAGE 1	30
ASB STAGE 2	2
CAWN	5
CBO (CRIMINAL BEHAVIOUR ORDER)	3
COMMUNITY PROTECTION NOTICE	15
COMMUNITY PROTECTION WARNING	36

DVPN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTION NOTICE	3
DVPO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTION ORDER	17
INJUNCTION - NO POWER OF ARREST	2
NON - MOLESTATION ORDER	30
RESTRAINING ORDER	3
SEXUAL HARM PREVENTION ORDER	20
SEXUAL RISK ORDER	2
ASB CIVIL INJUNCTION (WITH POWER OF ARREST)	2
Slavery and Trafficking Prevention Order (STRO)	2

Recent Successes

West Mercia Police work in close partnership with a range of agencies to reduce the impact of anti-social behaviour. A few examples of recent successes that have reduced the impact of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour on our communities are contained below;

Joint Working with West Midlands Police.

West Mercia Police are continuing to improve and enhance our working relationship with West Midlands Police. This is achieved through the attendance at the cross border meeting every two months where we share crime trends, information and concerns and plan joint operational work.

At the start of 2024, West Mercia Police invited West Midlands officers to share a day of action. West Midlands officers came to Rubery, and we performed a number of foot patrols on the border areas where we had experienced ASB. Each patrol team were a mix of officers from both forces which has improved relationships and allowed for ideas to be shared. Following on from this we have worked closely, sharing information regarding a number of problems including - off road biking concerns, traveller encampments, dangerous dog/s incidents and wanted suspects.

West Mercia Police perform regular train operations with West Midlands Police, BTP and Safer Travel where knife arches are deployed at Birmingham New Street, Northfield, Longbridge and Bromsgrove. This is aimed to reduce the impact of knife related crimes and cross border offending.

ASB and Shop Theft – Rubery

The Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) for Rubery have worked to build relations with the stores that suffer higher shop theft. We actively encourage reporting when offences take place as this will assist in identifying the true picture of offences. One store received a visit from business and rural crime officers to discuss designing out the crimes in an attempt to prevent offenders committing these offences.

The team have been proactive and taken positive action when suspects have been apprehended. One persistent offender is now awaiting a court hearing following a significant number offences.

Other partnership work has taken place including a joint visit to a store selling vapes and illicit cigarettes. This resulted in the seizure of a significant quantity of illegal vapes/ cigarettes. Controlling and monitoring the activity and behaviour of these stores will seek to prevent young

people obtaining illegal vapes and consequently performing ASB. Recent meetings with partners have identified other locations to visit in the coming weeks/ months.

Bromsgrove Town Centre

Bromsgrove Town Centre has increased an increase in ASB around Windsor Street and the High Street where young people climbing on the roofs of buildings or entering empty building/s.

A Home Office bid via the hotspot fund was agreed where £13,000 worth of Police Officer/s overtime was granted to address the ASB concerns which will take place until March 2025. In addition, West Mercia Police have worked with the businesses, community safety team and the Town Centre manager in an attempt to design out the environmental issues. Lastly, Bromsgrove Hub are creating a new youth centre, where £17,000 was secured by West Mercia Police via the Home Office to part fund this initiative to reduce the impact of ASB within the area.

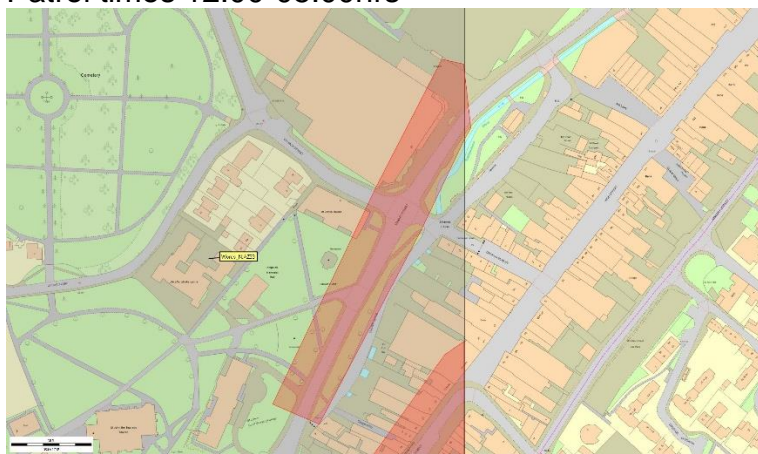
Hotspot Patrols

Two areas of Bromsgrove were identified as suffering from higher levels of serious violence and ASB. This is based on crime and call data from the last three years. The two hotspot areas are detailed below.

High Street, Bromsgrove
Patrol times 12:00-05:00hrs



Market Street, Bromsgrove
Patrol times 12:00-05:00hrs



Since the project went live on the 1st of June 2024, 595 pro-active patrols (as of 30/11/2024) have been completed at the relevant times to increase visibility within the Town Centre,

Schools Panel

Bromsgrove has a successful Schools panel where a range of partners meet to discuss children at risk of exploitation, concerns over crime and anti-social behaviour or children at risk of exclusion. This aims to map and reduce the impact of criminality and anti-social behaviour within the community.

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