

SUPPLEMENTARY UPDATE TO MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN 5 JUNE 2018

COMMUNITY SAFETY IN MELCOMBE REGIS

Summary

The problem of youth ASB is reducing following multi-agency interventions. A watch is being kept on rough sleeper numbers as the warmer weather arrives.

Numbers

Below are Melcombe Regis quarterly statistics for 2017-18. Monthly statistics have been requested from Dorset Police (via the Dorset Community Safety Partnership) and these will be available for the next update.

In 2016, The Home Office revised how crime and ASB is recorded and this is making comparison to previous years very difficult. One incident may be the subject of multiple reports. This is a national issue and is being considered by the Dorset CSP.

	2017-18 Q1	2017-18 Q2	2017-18 Q3	2017-18 Q4
Environmental ASB	26	19	17	9
Nuisance ASB	416	451	212	244
Personal ASB	41	33	26	28
Total ASB	483	503	255	281
Total Crime	466	561	424	444

The nuisance ASB numbers show a marked increase in the spring & summer months. The picture is comparable to benchmark resort towns. The next update will focus on types of crime.

Issues

Policing Plan – An update on the Policing Plan for Melcombe Regis is being given by the Police to the Melcombe Regis Board at their meeting on 8 June 2018. A summary will be given at your next meeting.

Youth ASB – has been a feature in the town centre over the past weeks. Community Safety has been working with Dorset Police to get measures in place including increased patrols and use of Anti-Social Behaviour Contracts (ABC's). We have liaised with DCC Children's Servicers to ensure that the most appropriate supports are in place for this specific group of young people.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
Number of reported incidents	13	31	5	45	10

As can be seen from the table above, action is having results.

ASB PSPO – to Full Council on 31 May 2017 and if agreed comes into force in July 2018. Covers...

- confiscation of alcohol from individuals behaving in an anti-social manner
- begging
- feeding of gulls
- cycling (in effect allows limited cycling on The Esplanade)

Rough Sleeping – has been reducing in part due to the Bus Shelter project and the cooler weather. However, there has been an increase in May and agencies are monitoring the situation. Housing are providing outreach to deter rough sleeping and the Bus Shelter is available to those who meet their criteria. There are currently 5 spaces taken on the bus.

Community Safety Accreditation Scheme – approved by Management Committee, initial recruitment of 2 officers is underway. Based at Weymouth Police Station they will spend the majority of time in the town centre and on the Rodwell Trail. With Police and council powers they will tackle ASB, be 'eyes & ears' for crime and assist businesses, residents & visitors to the town. More information about the role can be found at;

<http://intranet.wdwp.local/sites/home/news/Pages/Vacant-Position-Community-Safety-Patrol-Officer.aspx>