

SUPPLEMENTARY UPDATE TO MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN 10 JULY 2018

COMMUNITY SAFETY IN MELCOMBE REGIS

Summary

Community Safety Accreditation Scheme Officers have been recruited and will be patrolling from July. Youth ASB remains at a relatively low level and we continue to monitor rough sleeper numbers as the summer arrives.

Crime & ASB Statistics

Below are Melcombe Regis quarterly statistics, Q1 for 2018-19 will be available for your next meeting.

	2017-18 Q1	2017-18 Q2	2017-18 Q3	2017-18 Q4	2018-19 Q1
Environmental ASB	26	19	17	9	next meeting
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 and the trend will be monitored this year with the advent of the CSAS scheme.

Issues

Town Centre Policing – An update on policing in Melcombe Regis was given by Superintendent Caroline Naughton at the Melcombe Regis Board meeting on 8 June 2018. Key features;

- high visibility evening & night patrols focusing on licenced premises hot-spots
- targeting of repeat offenders and use of dispersal powers & Criminal Behaviour Orders
- execution of drug warrants & disruption of drug County Lines activities (separate briefing to WPBC Members given on 13 June 2018)
- appointment of dedicated Melcombe Regis Development Officer
- Specialist Problem Solver role to be deployed in Melcombe Regis

Further information available from Graham Duggan gduggan@dorset.gov.uk

Youth ASB – Multi-agency work continues to show benefit and incidents remain low. Increased patrols and use of Anti-Social Behaviour Contracts continues. Ongoing work with DCC Children’s Services to ensure that the most appropriate supports are in place for young people with complex issues.

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

ASB Public Space Protection Order – Approved at Full Council and comes into effect this month. CSAS Officers will enforce with Police and other council officers. Report and maps via link below, 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)

<https://moderngovdcp.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/documents/g709/Public%20reports%20pack%2031st-May-2018%2019.00%20Weymouth%20Portland%20Borough%20Council%20Full%20Council.pdf?T=10>

Begging & Rough Sleeping – good weather is here (time of writing) and this usually leads to an increase in numbers. 10 out of 17 spaces taken on Bus Shelter. Rough sleeper outreach continues. Enforcement of begging provision in ASB PSPO will start this month, update to follow.

Community Safety Accreditation Scheme – 3 officers recruited with 1 to follow. Training underway and based at Weymouth Police Station they will focus on town centre; railway station & Rodwell Trail. With Police and council powers they will tackle ASB, be ‘eyes & ears’ for crime and assist businesses, residents & visitors. Reports on their work will feature in future updates. Follow link below for further information on what a CSAS is;

<https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/3314>

CCTV re-location – to help create a Dorset CCTV hub and leave the Peninsula site, the service is re-locating to Dorchester. Funded by the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner; Dorset Police; Dorset County Council & the Borough Council, the contract has been let and work will start imminently. As part of the project, a fibre link will be established between the monitoring station and Weymouth Police Station improving response and efficiency in relation to town centre issues.

Police & Crime Commissioners Policing Plan – at a meeting of the Dorset Police & Crime Panel on 26 June 2018, the PCC’s draft refreshed plan for 2017-21 was approved. How this plan translates into local policing will be a focus over the next months. The draft plan can be seen here;

<https://dorset.moderngov.co.uk/documents/g1289/Public%20reports%20pack%20026th-Jun-2018%2010.00%20Dorset%20Police%20and%20Crime%20Panel.pdf?T=10>

The Briefholder has recently met with the PCC and a number of town centre issues/initiatives are under joint discussion.

Purple Flag assessment starts - The accreditation process for the town centre has started. Led by the Town Centre Manager a small team of dedicated officers has been on the streets throughout the night. Their work will form part of the assessment and if successful, the award of the Purple Flag. What is Purple Flag?

<https://www.atcm.org/purple-flag>

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