

SUPPLEMENTARY UPDATE TO MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN 14 AUGUST 2018

COMMUNITY SAFETY IN MELCOMBE REGIS

Summary

Reduction in ASB when compared to same period last year but total crime up. Community Safety Accreditation Scheme Officers training and patrolling. Youth ASB remains at a low level. Increase in rough sleeping and tents on public land coinciding with exceptional weather.

Crime & ASB Statistics

Melcombe Regis quarterly statistics;

	2017-18 Q1	2017-18 Q2	2017-18 Q3	2017-18 Q4	2018-19 Q1
Environmental ASB	26	19	17	9	25
Nuisance ASB	416	451	212	244	378
Personal ASB	41	33	26	28	40
Total ASB	483	503	255	281	443
Total Crime	466	561	424	444	626

Compared with the previous Q1, nuisance ASB has shown significant reduction whilst environmental and personal ASB have remained steady. It will be interesting to see what effect the CSAS officers have in reducing incidents of ASB. Total crime for Q1 comparison has increased as it has nationally. Additional policing measures have been taken to tackle this increase (see below).

Issues

Town Centre Policing (repeated from July update) – 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. On-going 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	July
Number of reported incidents	13	31	5	45	10	10	6

ASB Public Space Protection Order – Delay in provisions coming into effect due to potential legal challenge, will commence this month. Signage being erected to advise about;

- 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>

Councillor briefing on ASB took place on 2 August 2018, the presentation will be circulated to all Members.

Begging & Rough Sleeping – Exceptional good weather has boosted the seasonal increase in rough sleeping and tents on public land. 8 spaces taken on Bus Shelter (17 available). Homelessness outreach service and CSAS

Officers taking a firm approach with clients and illegal encampments. Squalid conditions often left behind and DWP now contracted to clear rather than parks staff. Problematic offender issued with Community Protection Notice to modify behaviour or face fine/arrest/conviction.

Community Safety Accreditation Scheme – Officers out training and patrolling. Based at Weymouth Police Station they focus on the town centre; railway station; Rodwell Trail & The Marsh. During training they have discovered ‘drug dens’ and provided information to the Police about dealing locations. With Police and Council powers they tackle ASB, are ‘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>

Night Time Economy Group – this is a multi-agency group (Police; Street Pastors; Pub Watch; BID; Council; Public Health Dorset; SWAST) that looks to help create and support a vibrant; pleasant and safe night time economy. It is the drive behind many initiatives including Purple Flag (see below). A business plan for the group is being developed and will be shared soon.

CCTV re-location – detailed timeline being drawn up with the contractor and re-location expected by December 18. Phase 2 of the project will be undertaken with the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner to enhance the service provided and link in other smaller schemes in Dorset to improve resilience and data compliance.

Police & Crime Commissioners Policing Plan (repeated from July update) – 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%2026th-Jun-2018%2010.00%20Dorset%20Police%20and%20Crime%20Panel.pdf?T=10>

The Briefholder has met with the PCC and a number of town centre issues/initiatives are under joint discussion. A further meeting is taking place on 15 August 2018 where representatives of the Weymouth Complaints Facebook Group may attend.

Purple Flag assessment – Following submission of the application, the independent assessment is taking place on 3-4 August 2018. Good news might be available for the meeting. For further information contact Ed Warr, Town Centre Manager. What is Purple Flag? - <https://www.atcm.org/purple-flag>

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