

The Act in action

Action can, and is, being taken to stand up to antisocial behaviour:

3 Dispersal Notices

Aberdeen – Beach Boulevard (Grampian Police)
Edinburgh – Hunter Square (Lothian & Borders Police)
Dingwall – Millbank Road (Northern Constabulary)

9 Closure of Premises

Fife Constabulary (4); Tayside Police (3); Lothian & Borders Police (1); Strathclyde Police (1)

Seizure of Vehicles – 366 Warning Notices

Fife Constabulary (198); Grampian Police (135); Tayside Police (32); Northern Constabulary (1)

16 Vehicles Seized

Fife Constabulary (9); Grampian (7)

Noise Nuisance – 688 Warning Notices

Edinburgh (361); Glasgow (128); Aberdeen (96); Dumfries & Galloway (90); North Lanarkshire (10); South Lanarkshire (2); East Lothian (1)

Noise Nuisance – 33 Fixed Penalty Notices

Edinburgh (14); Aberdeen (9); Glasgow (6); Dumfries & Galloway (4)

Fixed Penalty Notices for Antisocial Behaviour

In excess of 1,500 tickets issued
Tayside Police

28 ASBOs on conviction

Scottish Borders (16); Falkirk (3); Glasgow (3); Dumfries & Galloway (2); Aberdeenshire (2); Moray (1); West Lothian (1)

2 ASBOs for 12-15 year olds

Renfrewshire, Edinburgh

16 Electronic Monitoring for under-16s through the Children's Hearing System

Glasgow (6); Dundee (3); Moray (2); West Dunbartonshire (2); East Dunbartonshire (1); Edinburgh (1); Highland (1)

26 Community Reparation Orders

Dundee (10); Inverness (11); Greenock (5)

Restriction of liberty orders for young people under the age of 16

Glasgow

ASB ANNIVERSARY REPORT

Packed with examples of positive action to tackle antisocial behaviour, the ASB first anniversary report was launched one year after commencement of most of the measures in the Act. Copies can be downloaded from www.antisocialbehaviourscotland.com, or you can request a copy by emailing or phoning the Community Safety and Antisocial Behaviour Team at asbmail@scotland.gsi.gov.uk or 0131 244 4912.

CLOSING TIME

Nine closure orders have been granted across Scotland. They have given the surrounding community immediate relief from persistent antisocial behaviour. The closure orders were issued for premises that were the centre of acute antisocial behaviour. One resident in Montrose said: "It has been a living hell for all the rest of us. It will be bliss for the first time in months to have some peace and quiet". Closure orders have been used against premises in both the private and social rented housing sectors.

MAKING AN IMPACT

550 wardens are now on the streets of hard-pressed communities across Scotland. They are proving extremely popular and having an impact. In Peterhead, community wardens helped reduce reported incidents of vandalism and youth disorder by 50% over a 5-month period in 2004. And in Fraserburgh there was a reduction in reported incidents of 55% for youth disorder and 16% in vandalism for the same period.



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welcome

Welcome to "Standing up to Antisocial Behaviour" – the Scottish Executive's newsletter keeping you informed about the fight against antisocial behaviour up and down the country



Tackling antisocial behaviour is one of the top priorities of Scottish Ministers. Much is being done to deal with the antisocial minority who blight the lives of the law-abiding majority. The measures in the Antisocial Behaviour etc (Scotland) Act 2004, plus the new and improved local services to tackle antisocial behaviour, are being used across the country.

Over recent months, together with other Ministers, I have visited a number of communities to hear about action taking place to deal with antisocial behaviour. I am encouraged by the effort to tackle problems head-on and the drive of local agencies to deliver solutions. There are many examples of work

to tackle a range of difficult issues, but we need to build on these experiences and share good practice with all communities and local agencies in Scotland.

The 'Standing up to Antisocial Behaviour' newsletter, re-branded after consulting you – the Scottish public – will be produced at regular intervals. It will tell you about the positive action that is being taken to tackle antisocial behaviour. In this edition of the newsletter we are going to update you about:

- how and where the Act is being used;
- how we're rewarding people who have taken a stand against antisocial behaviour;
- the Antisocial Behaviour First Anniversary Report;
- and much more.

Antisocial behaviour is a serious problem – but here you can read about how the powers in the Act are being used wisely and widely, and the support that is available in Scotland. Working together we can help build a safer, stronger Scotland and foster a culture of respect – respect for our communities, respect for our neighbours and respect for ourselves.

Hugh Henry

Hugh Henry MSP, Deputy Minister for Justice

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watch this space

We will issue Standing up to Antisocial Behaviour at regular intervals throughout the year. By the time the next newsletter comes through your door we should be able to tell you about more action that has been taken to uphold the standards of decent behaviour and to protect the community. **We must tackle - not tolerate - antisocial behaviour.**

Tackling antisocial behaviour: What services are available in your local area?

Tackling antisocial behaviour isn't just about getting tough – it's about working together to stand up to antisocial behaviour. It's about using the right intervention at the right time. The Antisocial Behaviour etc (Scotland) Act 2004 – and the millions of pounds of resources that have been made available – are already making a difference to people's lives. Up and down the country there are more services on offer than ever before and positive action is being taken to stand up to antisocial behaviour.

We think it's important to invest in these services that can make a big difference to your quality of life. And that is why we have allocated over £120 million to local authorities over 2004-08, so that your local agencies can continue to provide you with services to tackle antisocial behaviour.

Across Scotland councils are using the money to put in place a range of services to help local people such as:

- mediation services;
- community wardens;
- hotlines to report antisocial behaviour;

- dedicated antisocial behaviour teams;
- victim support;
- and other important services.

Services are already having a positive effect: 'You can actually see it's made a difference. You don't have so many kids running about causing trouble and there does seem to be less graffiti and vandalism', said a resident in Fraserburgh talking about community wardens.

As well as putting services in place, your council and police force are required to prepare plans for tackling antisocial behaviour in their area. And they must

also keep local people informed of the progress on the delivery of plans. This is part of the Antisocial Behaviour etc (Scotland) Act 2004.

If you would like to find out what your local council, police and other agencies are doing to tackle antisocial behaviour you should contact your council and ask for a copy of their strategy. You can also get involved in the ongoing review of your local antisocial behaviour strategy.

To find out more information about the Antisocial Behaviour Act look at our website:



Standing up to ASB awards scheme



Wednesday 5 October saw the high point of the first Standing Up to Antisocial Behaviour Awards. At a ceremony at the Merchants' Hall in Edinburgh, the Minister for Justice, Cathy Jamieson, presented 17 awards to groups and individuals who have taken a stand against antisocial behaviour in their community. Launched in February, by the Scottish Executive working together with the Co-operative Society, the Standing Up to Antisocial Behaviour Awards Scheme recognises the action taken by local people to tackle antisocial behaviour.

The aim of the scheme is to publicly reward those people who have made a special contribution to tackling antisocial behaviour and whose efforts have made a real difference to the lives of people in their community.

The closing date for applications for this year's awards was 15 April and that's when the judging began. The Scottish Executive received over 130 applications which were all of a high quality. The independent panel of judges were faced with a difficult choice but eventually they came to a decision and identified winners and runners up.

There were initially three award categories: individual/local groups and projects, community agents / wardens and young people. After receiving the applications it was very difficult to compare action taken by individuals to tackle ASB to action taken by groups. Therefore, this category was separated and meant that an additional category could be rewarded.

Each category has an overall winner, receiving an award of £5000, and a number of runners up who each get £1000. The award money has to be spent on an antisocial behaviour project which will bring visible and tangible benefits to their local neighbourhood.

The four overall winners are featured throughout the newsletter. If you want to find out about other schemes that have been successful or for more information about the Standing Up to Antisocial Behaviour Awards Scheme log on to:

www.antisocialbehaviourscotland.com

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award winners

Canonbie Youth Group, Dumfries & Galloway



Ten young people decided that young people in the area needed "something to do" to divert them from antisocial behaviour. They formed the Canonbie Youth Group and organised an under 18s

disco, car wash events and re-decorated the bus shelter. The money raised from these activities was then used to provide further diversionary activities for local young people, such as a youth football team and a website. There have been no further incidents of graffiti and the number of complaints about noise has decreased. The group has huge support from other young people, adults and local business people in the village.

Alan Morris, Glasgow



Alan was seriously injured by an attack on a bus when a brick was thrown through the window – something that unfortunately was

happening all too often in the area. Along with the police, Alan visited every school in Drumchapel to talk to children and young people about the devastating effects that this mindless action could cause.

Sighthill Library Initiative, Edinburgh



Young people were engaging in antisocial behaviour inside and outside Sighthill Library. Banning the youths had failed in the past, so the staff in Sighthill Library

decided to try a new approach. Instead they engaged with the young people and set up a teen area within the library with computer access and a special book and music section. This led to a positive response from the young people and the wider community. As a result antisocial behaviour in and around the library reduced.

Kingdom Off Road Motorcycle Club, Fife



A group of volunteers got together to try and resolve the problems of illegal off-road riding in Leven. The group campaigned tirelessly and received funding from Levenmouth

Regeneration Group and Communities Scotland. The club provides indoor and outdoor motorcycling facilities. Since the club has opened there has been a significant reduction, in the Fife area, of antisocial behaviour caused by illegal off-road riding.