

ASB FOCUS

FOR PRACTITIONERS TACKLING ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AND ITS CAUSES

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TACKLING ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IS A TOP PRIORITY

A message from Nick Brook, Head of the Anti-social Behaviour and Crime Prevention Unit in the Home Office.

Let me first welcome you to the new quarterly newsletter, specifically for practitioners tackling anti-social behaviour (ASB) at the front line. The purpose of this newsletter is to give you a summary of the work to prevent and tackle ASB taking place across Whitehall and at the front line.

Since joining the Home Office in the summer I know, from witnessing it first hand, just how much dedication and commitment you are putting in to making sure that our communities are not suffering from ASB. But I also know that with all the changes to the ASB landscape in the last 18 months; the creation of the Youth Task Force, the local area agreements (LAAs), the publication of the Youth Crime Action Plan, Drugs and Alcohol strategies and the new Neighbourhood Crime and Justice Group; you may be wondering where ASB sits within all this.

So let me be absolutely clear, ASB remains a top priority for the Home Office and the Home Secretary as it remains a top priority for your communities. We have made sure that this is reflected in the Home Office's Public Service Agreement 23, and the work that you do on challenging ASB and supporting individuals, making full use of the tools and powers which your communities have asked for, will make your neighbourhoods better places to live.

Just remember that through your continued efforts, we have seen independent reports - from the Home Affairs Select Committee (2005), the Audit Commission (2006), and the National Audit Office (2006) - all agree that the range of tools and powers available and the



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support and challenge structures put in place, confirm that we are making a difference. We haven't forgotten that. But we also know that we need to refocus our efforts to realise the challenging targets set by our communities and in our anti-social behaviour, alcohol, drugs and youth strategies.

This newsletter, the ASB website and ActionLine, and support from the centre are resources for you to use to help in your day-to-day work. I am committed to making sure that it is working for you. So, if you feel that you want to know more about a particular subject or issue let us know and we can provide you with the information. Also, if you want to share your work with us, and promote your good practices wider, then let us know as we can provide you with a platform. But remember, you do have the full commitment of the Home Office behind you in what you do, and I hope that we can continue to see anti-social behaviour and perceptions of it reduce.

Welcome

Welcome to your first quarterly issue of 'ASB Focus', sharing good practice to tackle and prevent anti-social behaviour.

It's brought to you by the Anti-Social Behaviour and Crime Prevention Unit in the Home Office, and the ASB ActionLine.

We hope you find it a worthwhile read. If you have any feedback or would like to make suggestions for the next issue (February 2009) you can email us at Asbfocus@bss.org.

Please feel free to forward this newsletter on to colleagues. Any practitioners wanting to receive the next issue can contact the ASB ActionLine on **0870 220 2000**.

ASB AND FIREWORKS

The fireworks season is upon us and the Home Office has published a new practitioner guide and recently ran a fireworks misuse workshop.

See page 6 for where to download the guide and material from the workshop.

CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP NEWS

QUARTERLY SURVEYS

The Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) survey is a quarterly survey completed by practitioners working in CDRPs and their equivalent in Wales, Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs).

The survey allows the Home Office to develop a picture of the national take-up of the tools and powers available to tackle anti-social behaviour and provides participants with data for management information.

The next survey

Quarter 2 2008/9 CDRP survey was launched on **27th October** and will close on **17th November**.

We strongly recommend you complete the survey online as this will be the easiest way of supplying information. We have emailed participants directly with a link to the [survey web page and guidance \(weblink\)](#). If you have any questions that relate to the survey, the collation of data or how it is completed then do not hesitate to contact the ActionLine on 0870 220 2000.

CASE STUDIES FROM LAST QUARTER'S SURVEY

As part of the survey, participants can document a successful case in their area from the previous three months, detailing where, when and how they tackled an anti-social behaviour problem effectively. This gives our service useful leads for sharing good practice. Some examples from the last survey are below.

Hounslow

Hounslow carried out a number of hugely successful clean up days following a consultation with local residents regarding perception of ASB in their area. Positive reports from residents following the clean up were widely publicised in local press and indicated how safe residents felt in their community after the clean up had taken place.

Great Yarmouth, Operation Collective

A newly renovated park was overrun with groups of youths vandalising the gardens and equipment. Parents and children would not use the park and numerous complaints were made to authorities. The same group of youths went on to take part in crime and anti-social behaviour in other areas across the borough. A multi-agency operation was set in motion and the young people responsible signed acceptable behaviour contracts. As part of the operation, interventions were put in place to offer summer holiday activities to the 27 young people identified as involved. Children's services took five young people into care and the RSPCA removed 9 dogs and numerous animals from an address.

The operation resulted in a 31% reduction in incidents and the park is now being used to the full. As an early intervention measure before the upcoming summer holidays, 123 information packs were sent out to youths that had been identified across the borough as causing anti-social behaviour.

Solihull

This year Solihull set up a team to tackle anti-social behaviour in the private rented sector. The team has been in place since January 2008. Recently a private landlord approached the service for assistance after receiving complaints from neighbours about his tenants. Allegations were made about drug dealing and associated nuisance. The service opened a case and allocated an ASB Officer to investigate. This information was then shared with the police, and after a short operation, the private tenant was arrested and found guilty in court of being in possession with intent to supply cannabis. With the help and support of the ASB Officer, the landlord went on to make a successful application to court for possession of his property.

PREMISES CLOSURE ORDERS

Premises closure orders under the Criminal Justice and Immigration Act will commence on the 1st December 2008.

Section 118 and Schedule 20 of the Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008, introduced new powers for the courts to temporarily close premises associated with significant and persistent disorder or persistent serious nuisance. These new powers will commence on the 1st December 2008.

Based on the existing crack house closure powers and the Scottish closure power, the order is designed to tackle serious and persistent forms of anti-social behaviour. This includes excessive noise and rowdy behaviour related to frequent drunken parties or high numbers of people entering and leaving a property at all times of the day or night. It can also be used where anti-social residents are intimidating and threatening their neighbours and criminal families are running illegal business from their properties. It is an order of last resort to be used only when all other options have been tried and failed to work. Significantly, it is tenure neutral so it can be used to close homes that are privately owned.

Guidance is being sent to all anti-social behaviour co-ordinators and will be available to download from

www.respect.gov.uk/members (weblink).



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BOLTON TACKLES STREET SEX TRADE WITH ENFORCEMENT, PREVENTION AND SUPPORT

Bolton council responds to public demand for tough action on street prostitution and kerb crawling.

This issue's case study outlines the journey the council took to review its approach. It highlights the necessity to have a balanced approach with enforcement and support built in, and how consensus, rather than agreement, can be achieved with local communities to move forward on this complex issue.



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Bolton, like many other towns and cities has a long history of 'on street' prostitution. Local people in residential areas close to the town centre have been caused nuisance and distress by women soliciting and kerb crawlers buying sex.

Whilst Bolton's previous approach to tackling the issue saw some successes, in July 2006, residents presented a petition of over two thousand signatures to Bolton Council and partners, demanding a tougher response to on-street prostitution.

The petition provided impetus for change. Bolton decided to refresh its approach to tackling on-street prostitution and accelerate progress already made, establishing a task and finish Prostitution Policy Development Group in response to public concerns.

The review was supported by a learning event incorporating best practice from Middlesbrough and Ipswich. The new approach recognises that bringing on-street prostitution to end requires a package of interventions and partner agencies. Enforcement, prevention and support are equally important and part of the same solution.

Bolton's strategy

Aims:

- Protect communities - reducing nuisance caused to local people from street sex trade.
- Provide and accelerate routes out for women already involved.
- Prevent individuals, particularly young people, from being drawn in.

Objectives:

- Tackling demand by deterring and disrupting kerb-crawlers.
- Tackling drug supply.
- Targeting action to women who persistently solicit, loiter or commit other offences
- Developing and accelerating routes out of street prostitution.
- Preventing children and young people from being sexually exploited



BOLTON TACKLES STREET SEX TRADE

Bolton's approach to deterring and disrupting kerb crawlers

Sustained action and police operations ensure all offenders are arrested at the first offence, are fingerprinted and have DNA taken.

Structured awareness sessions

In a structured awareness session, the following takes place:

- ASB managers outline the impact of kerb crawling on communities, and hand out letters written by local residents
- A reach out service poignantly speaks on the lives of women involved in prostitution
- Child protection teams and social workers contribute to the awareness session.

Police inspectors issue formal police cautions advising that a second arrest will result in offenders going to court and receiving other sections such as loss of driving licence or an anti-social behaviour order.

Bolton council has used widespread press and radio coverage to support its new approach.

Outcomes

The following figures are accurate up to May this year:

- 143 arrests made for various offences
- 46 kerb-crawlers arrested
- 66 females arrested
- 4 kerb-crawling awareness sessions held
- Virtual elimination of street prostitution during the day
- Very few reports from residential areas
- Increase in women accessing exiting services
- 15 women completely exited lifestyle of street prostitution during 2007
- Residents and local businesses feel their voices have been heard

Partners tackling the street sex trade

- **Bolton Council's Community Safety Services**
- **Greater Manchester Police**
- **Bolton Urban Outreach (supporting vulnerable people)**
- **Haulgh Community Partnership (residents group)**
- **Great Lever Community Involvement Team (volunteers)**
- **Councillors**
- **Sexual Exploitation Group (multi-agency) Bolton's Child Protection team**
- **Bolton's Substance Misuse Service**

A full version of this case study is available online in [Share your experience > Case studies \(weblink\)](#)



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“ *The benefits of the Bolton initiative have been tremendous.*

From an area which was termed 'The Pits' a few years ago, we are seeing our neighbourhood transformed into an area in which we can live in peace and bring up our families in a reasonable manner. It was well worth fighting the war.

Haulgh Community Partnership ”

“ *Dispelling the myth that on-street prostitution is 'here to stay' lies at the heart of regaining the trust and confidence of local people. Partners in Bolton are committed to bring to an end on street prostitution and this work provides an excellent example of how a triple track approach will tackle this complex problem by using tough enforcement on kerb crawlers, non-negotiable support for women to exit prostitution, and prevent young people from being drawn in.*

Gill Hughes, Bolton's Reassurance and ASB Manager ”

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD CRIME AND JUSTICE GROUP

In August 2008, the Neighbourhood Crime and Justice Group was established by the Prime Minister to take forward the findings of the 'Engaging Communities in Fighting Crime' review and driving up public confidence in the Criminal Justice System

The Neighbourhood Crime and Justice Group is headed up by the Director General, Louise Casey, the author of the review. The group will lead a campaign of action that builds on the themes from the Policing Green Paper to improve public confidence in how crime is tackled and justice delivered.

Community Crime Fighters

On 22nd September 2008, the Home Secretary announced plans to invest £5m to fund the recruitment of 3,600 new 'community crime fighters'.

These volunteers will be members of the public who are already involved in helping their communities, but who want to be trained for more advanced work acting as a link between the public and the police.

Community crime fighters will receive a programme of ongoing training and support to enable them to gain in skills, knowledge and confidence to act as advocates within their local communities. We will train 3,600 with the aim of having a recognised community crime fighters linked to each neighbourhood policing team.

The Neighbourhood Crime and Justice Group at the Home Office is currently working with partners to finalise details of the Community Crime Fighters programme and will circulate more information in due course.



Louise Casey, Director General, Neighbourhood Crime and Justice Group (photo courtesy of Home Office)

Regional road shows BUILDING CONFIDENCE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME

Local people have less trust, faith and confidence in the police, local government and criminal justice agencies to support them; to tackle crime and to deal with offenders effectively. Building public confidence is essential in the fight against crime, as crime only be tackled effectively when the public, the police and these agencies work together.

The Neighbourhood Crime and Justice Group at the Home Office have joined forces with the social research institution Ipsos MORI to facilitate four regional road shows which are take place around the country in November and early December.

The events will draw on the recommendations from the Casey Review 'Engaging Communities in Fighting Crime'.

SEMINAR DATES

19th November 2008
BIRMINGHAM
10am-12.30pm

20th November 2008
SHEFFIELD
10am-12.30pm

26th November 2008
MANCHESTER
10am-12.30pm

2nd December 2008
BRISTOL
12.30pm-3.30pm

The review involved over 10,000 members of the public, and set out 32 proposals on areas such as the integrated delivery of neighbourhood policing, a stronger public voice on crime, better support for victims and witnesses, more visible and tougher 'community payback', and better information.

The events will also build on the thinking from Ipsos MORI's 'Closing the Gaps' report by highlighting some of the best practice for communicating effectively with the general public, and the benefits and pitfalls of public consultations.

Speakers at the seminars include:

- Louise Casey, The Government Advisor on Neighbourhood Crime and Justice
- Ashley Ames, Rhonda Wake, Annabelle Phillips from Ipsos MORI.

There will also be additional presentations from key public sector figures.

The seminars will be interactive with plenty of time for questions and debate. The morning sessions will start at 10:00am and will finish at 12:30pm and will be followed by a light buffet lunch. The afternoon seminar will start at 12:30pm with a light buffet lunch and will finish at 3:30pm. The seminars are free to attend.

Registration

Registration is via [an online booking form \(weblink\)](#). You will receive confirmation details (including details of the venue) once you have booked your place.

FIREWORKS MISUSE NEW GUIDE AND WORKSHOP



Tackling Fireworks Misuse
View the 2008 guide ([weblink](#))



At the workshop: Home Office and ASB ActionLine/website, colleagues and presenters from Kent Police and Kent Trading Standards and Merseyside Fire and Rescue

Every year thousands of people enjoy fireworks to celebrate all sorts of occasions. While most people enjoy fireworks responsibly, in the wrong hands they can cause real misery.

With the Fireworks season upon us, October marked the release of new government guidance on tackling the misuse of fireworks.

'Tackling Fireworks Misuse: A Practitioner's Guide' has been developed by the Home Office and BERR, and covers the robust package of legislation in place to protect communities from the misuse of fireworks.

The illustrated guide looks in detail at actions to prevent misuse and sanctions that can be used when fireworks offences occur. A wide range of powers have been made

available to local agencies and it is essential that the problem of fireworks misuse is challenged through a targeted and sustained use of these powers. The guide also contains information on regulating the sale and supply of fireworks.

Legislation and good practice employed by agencies to tackle this problem was also covered at the recent Home Office Fireworks Misuse Workshop, which

took place on 10th October in London. Speakers from Kent Police, Merseyside Fire and Rescue and Trading Standards shared their experience and advice with delegates from a variety of agencies from around the country. Power point presentations from the day can be viewed online at [Resources>Training and workshops>Fireworks misuse \(weblink\)](#)

LOCAL AREA AGREEMENTS PUBLIC SERVICE AGREEMENTS

Information and updates on Home Office public service agreements (PSAs) and local area agreements (LAAs) associated with tackling and preventing anti-social behaviour

This section is to provide you with information and news relating to the Home Office's PSAs and LAAs associated with ASB. It is intended as a source of reference for you, and to include any applicable updates. We would be grateful on any comments that you may have on how we can make this content work better for you.

Public Service Agreements (PSAs) set out for the public and practitioners the Government's delivery priorities and how the Government will measure success. There are two key PSAs for 2008–11 for

crime reduction and community safety.

PSA 23 (Make Communities Safer) sets out the Government's priority actions for tackling crime and anti-social behaviour. Within this PSA, Priority Action 3 is to tackle the crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour issues of greatest importance in each locality, increasing public confidence in the local agencies involved in dealing with these issues. There are two indicators under Priority Action 3 under which ASB is important. Indicator 3 relates to public confidence in local

agencies dealing with the ASB and crime issues that matter to people in their local area, while Indicator 4 relates to perceptions of anti-social behaviour.

PSA 25 (Reduce the harm caused by alcohol and drugs), sets out how Government will achieve long-term and sustainable reduction in the harms associated with alcohol and drugs. It provides a real focus for tackling some of the key drivers of crime.

Looking at the perception targets under PSA23, this will be measured by the British

Crime Survey. Details on this survey can be found at <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/bcs1.html> ([weblink](#)). The perception measure is broken down into 7 strands, the same strands that are reflected in the Place Survey, and the Local Government User Satisfaction Survey before it.

You may have questions associated with the PSA and LAA their relationship, and we would like to use this section to answer those. Therefore if you have any comments or questions please send them to actionline@bss.org

INTERIM MANAGEMENT ORDER TAKEN OUT ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

Manchester City Council has recently become one of the first local authorities to use an Interim Management Order (IMO) to take over the running of a rundown property where the landlord failed to comply with housing law.

The power, under Part 4 of the Housing Act 2004, transfers the management of a residential property from a private landlord to the local housing authority for a period of up to twelve months.

The house in Manchester is occupied by six tenants and therefore is legally required to have a licence for houses in multiple occupancy (HMOs) which prescribes a range of health and safety regulations.

The landlord was warned about the health and safety condition of the property and about necessary repairs.

Councillor Paul Andrews, the executive member for neighbourhood services, said, "This is a rare move and really is a last resort. Manchester City Council will not allow landlords to flout vital health and safety laws. We tried on numerous occasions to work with this landlord to get the house brought up to a suitably safe standard. We had to issue an interim management order as the health and safety of the tenants is our primary concern."

MANAGEMENT ORDERS IN BRIEF

Under the Housing Act 2004, Interim and Final Management Orders must be used where:

- HMOs subject to mandatory licensing cannot be licensed
- HMOs subject to an additional licensing scheme cannot be licensed
- Private rented property subject to a selective licensing scheme cannot be licensed.

In the case of mandatory HMO licensing, councils have a legal duty to operate a licensing scheme and to apply for a management order when a licence cannot be granted.

An IMO transfers the management of the HMO to the council for up to 12 months. During this time the landlord and agents can no longer exercise



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management functions. Appeals against the decision can be made to a Residential Property Tribunal.

Existing occupiers are required to pay rent to the council, who take over responsibility for the management of the tenancies and the maintenance and upkeep of the property.

Management orders (special interim management orders) can also be used as a stand alone measure where landlords persistently refuse to tackle serious ASB emanating from their property.

For more details or advice on the use of these orders please contact the ASB ActionLine on 0870 220 2000 or go to Selective licensing on respect.gov.uk/members (weblink)

DIARY DATES

OCTOBER

28-29 Oct 08 London
10 National alcohol-enforcement skills development seminars.

Hosted by the Alcohol Strategy Unit (Home Office). More seminars in the same series will be confirmed. See below for November dates. Register at www.alcoholtrainingworkshops.co.uk (weblink).

NOVEMBER

6-27 Nov 08
Youth Taskforce national road shows

The Government presents its vision for tackling youth crime and anti-social behaviour.

6 November Newcastle
11 November Coventry
20 November Nottingham
25 November Brighton
27 November Manchester
[Information on roadshows online](#) (weblink)

18-19 November, Cambridge
10 National alcohol-enforcement skills development seminars.

Hosted by the Alcohol Strategy Unit (Home Office). More seminars in the same series will be confirmed. Register at the web link above.

19 November – 2nd December 08
Building confidence in the fight against crime

Facilitated by the Neighbourhood Crime and Justice Group (Home Office) with Ipsos MORI.

19th November 2008 Birmingham
20th November 2008 Sheffield
26th November 2008 Manchester
2nd December 2008 Bristol

For more detail see page 5

DECEMBER

1st December 2008
Premises Closure Orders commence

New powers commence for courts to temporarily close premises associated with significant and persistent disorder or persistent serious nuisance. See page 2 for more detail.

JANUARY 2009

CDRP survey quarter 3.

FEBRUARY 2009

Next newsletter.

Phillipa Wooldridge, Anti-social Behaviour Project Officer, Partners for Islington



How long have you been in your current role, and tell us about your career progression? I started at the end of June 2007. I previously worked as an advisor on the ActionLine, I decided that I needed a new challenge and wanted to get some front line experience.

As a Project Officer for Anti-social Behaviour I support tenancy officers, advising them on how to approach

their cases. I'm required to get involved directly in particularly difficult and high profile cases. I also develop good working practices and procedures.

What is the most difficult aspect of your role? Probably the real life stuff - seeing the impact of aggressive tenants on their neighbours and conditions vulnerable people especially children, sometimes live in. Trying to move as quickly as possible to take the right action and put protection in place.

What do you find most rewarding about working in ASB? You really feel like you can make a difference. It's great to be able to change people's lives and support them. We're doing lots of intervention work with children, getting them to engage with support and go back into school. It's really satisfying.

What is your proudest moment in your current role? Getting my first possession order as an outright possession. The case was long running and involved a horrific family who were well known in Islington. It was hard work but it was a classic case of all agencies working together and witnesses taking a stand, making it such a successful outcome.

If you could change anything about how you work, what would it be? Practically, there are frustrations with court processes, and sometimes working with other agencies. Although we are all working to the same end, other agencies may have different agendas or political constraints. Some agencies may view enforcement action as criminalising individuals – but all you want to do is resolve the problem.

If you weren't in this job, what do you wish you could be? I did an Art degree, so I should probably say an artist, as I got into enough debt because of it!

What is your idea of perfect happiness? World peace!

If you could go anywhere on holiday where would it be? I'd really love to travel across Russia on the Trans-Siberian Railway. Or I'd be equally happy on a white sandy beach in the sun somewhere!

Do you have any hobbies? Watching movies, playing squash, going to see art and dancing.... Well I try.

How do you unwind after a hard day at work? I like to enjoy myself with friends with the occasional drink.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS



Guide to gating problem alleys
Home Office, October 2008

[Download gating guide \(weblink\)](#)

Drawn up by practitioners with experience of using the orders, this guide will help you to decide whether to gate an alley and which legislation to use. The guide includes a process flow chart and case study examples.



Tackling alcohol-related disorder in London: what works

Government Office for London (with South Bank University), July 2008

[Download alcohol related disorder guide \(weblink\)](#)

This guide examines the nature and extent of the problem in London, the range of tools and powers available and barriers to using them.



Youth Crime Action Plan

Youth Task Force, July 2008

[Download Youth Crime Action Plan \(Weblink\)](#)

A comprehensive analysis of what the government is going to do to tackle youth crime. The plan sets out a 'triple track' approach of enforcement and punishment where behaviour is unacceptable, non-negotiable support and challenge where it is most needed, and better and earlier prevention.



ASB Tools and Powers Guide

Home Office, Youth Justice Board, Assoc. Chief Police Officers, May 2008

[Download tools and powers guide \(weblink\)](#)

This updated guide provides a summary of interventions, relevant legislation and supportive measures that can be implemented alongside enforcement. It also includes a detailed descriptions of all of the measures.



Supporting victims /witnesses in ASB cases in civil courts
Home Office, Ministry of Justice, Dept of Communities and Local Govt. May 2008

[Download victims and witnesses guide \(weblink\)](#)

Part one sets out how victims and witnesses should be supported and encouraged and directs readers to best practice in providing victim and witness support services. Part two advises on restorative justice methods.



Providing consistent advice to courts in ASBO cases
Youth Justice Board, Home Office, Ministry of Justice, Department of Children Schools and Families, May 2008

[Download youth offending team guide \(weblink\)](#)

Guidance for youth offending teams to help improve the decision making to ensure appropriate support is always provided in the interests of victims, the community, the young person subject to the ASBO, and their parents/carer.

ASB ACTIONLINE

Since inception, the service has become a reliable and quality based source of information for practitioners.

Advisors help practitioners by:

- advising on how to implement legislation
- researching and promoting good practice
- providing support and encouragement to those experiencing difficult cases at the cutting edge.

Recent queries to the line

Over the last quarter the ActionLine have advised a number of practitioners on freedom of information requests (FOI) from members of the public and the press.

These requests are proving to be an attractive way for house buyers and the media

to access data about ASBOs in particular.

The subject of FOI requests has caused concern amongst practitioners due to data protection issues and exemptions under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The Information Commissioner's Office has provided guidance on this type of request and there has also been some case law. If you would like further advice on this issue please give the ASB ActionLine a call.

Line opening times

The ActionLine is open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm.

At other times, you can leave voicemail or send an email and an advisor will contact you within 24 hours or the next working day.

From the editor

In this issue we have been lucky enough to hear from teams in Bolton and Manchester. We'd really like to hear from urban and rural areas across England and Wales.

Have you taken successful action which demonstrates an innovative approach?

Have you learnt something new through tackling a difficult case which you would like to share?

Some topics we'd like to showcase are below.

- Early intervention, mediation, and prevention
- Parenting orders with ASB trigger
- Environmental action
- Tackling ASB by adult perpetrators (especially complex cases)
- Special interim management orders on private properties
- Individual support orders with ASBOs
- Tackling ASB in the private rented sector
- Neighbourhood policing and effective work in the community
- Tackling ASB in connection with public transport or the night-time economy
- Effective work to engage and support witnesses
- Good examples of engaging and communicating with neighbourhoods
- Action in rural areas
- Action in Wales

Please tell us if you have thought of something we haven't or if you would like us to explore one of the above topics from a particular angle.

We know that **partnership working** can be problematic for many so tell us about your success in getting partners on board at a strategic or operational level to put in place enforcement, prevention and support.

Well, that's quite enough from us. If you have ideas about what you would like to see in the (February 2009) please email asbfocus@bss.org with your suggestion.

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