

TACKLING ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Anti-social behaviour can destroy lives and shatter communities. Basically, it is behaviour that is generally agreed to be unacceptable by others. If it is not dealt with, anti-social behaviour can seriously damage people's quality of life through fear of crime and the long-term effects of harassment and intimidation.

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 explains that anti-social behaviour is acting in a way that causes or is likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to one or more people outside the household. Being "different" is not anti-social behaviour, however, the general way you behave in public can intimidate people.

Examples:

- Dumping rubbish and misuse of communal areas or other public areas
- Causing a nuisance with vehicles (including abandoning them or parking them in areas not set aside for parking)
- Riding and cycling on footpaths that pedestrians are using
- Not controlling pets and animals
- Causing damage to property (including graffiti and vandalism)
- Behaving in an aggressive way
- Serious and persistent bullying of children on their way to or from school or other public places.

It is important that the whole community works together to help solve these problems.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

Anti-social behaviour takes many forms and reporting it is not always easy. The following list of contacts may assist you to report to the correct people:

North Yorkshire Police: Non-Emergency 101, Emergency 999
Crime Stoppers: 0800 555 111 (you can remain anonymous)

Hambleton District Council: 01609 779 977
Email: info@hambleton.gov.uk

TO PREVENT CRIME IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY