Join us for anti-social behaviour awareness week 2024

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We’re supporting a national anti-social behaviour campaign with opportunities to get involved

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The College of Policing is joining an annual campaign to tackle anti-social behaviour (ASB).

ASB Awareness Week 2024 runs from 18 to 24 November. It encourages communities to take a stand against ASB and highlights the actions that those experiencing it can take.

Organised by **Resolve**, the week features a series of events across the UK involving local councils, police forces, and police and crime commissioners as well as other partners such as housing associations, charities, community groups and sports clubs.

Reporting ASB

YouGov research, commissioned by Resolve, found that almost 1 in 5 people have considered moving home because of the impact of ASB. Despite this, over half of those surveyed did not report the anti-social behaviour. If you experience anti-social behaviour, you can report it to:

- the ASB team in your local council
- your local police force if you feel that someone is at immediate risk or in danger

Victim's Code

The **Code of Practice for Victims of Crime in England and Wales** explains the rights that everyone can expect to receive as a victim of crime. The College also has information and resources for staff working with and supporting victims of crime in the **Victims' Code**.

Online events to take part in

These events are open to everyone who works in policing and are interested in ASB. Use the 'Book a place' button under each event to register on Microsoft Teams.

Tackling rough sleeping in Derbyshire

- Monday 18 November, 11am to 12pm

Book your place

ASB Case Review / ASB Help with Resolve UK

- Tuesday 19 November, 11am to 12pm

Book your place

How Essex Police are tackling ASB using hotspots policing

- Wednesday 20 November, 1:30pm to 3pm

Book your place

Youth engagement in the digital neighbourhood

- Thursday 21 November, 2pm to 3pm

Book your place

The online events will be recorded and added to the modernising neighbourhood policing group on **Knowledge Hub (you will need to log in)**.

Supporting policing to tackle ASB

The policing response to antisocial behaviour: PEEL spotlight report, published by **His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services**, revealed that most forces need to improve how they identify, record and respond to anti-social behaviour. The huge volume of ASB incidents highlights the strain it is placing on police forces.

The College will continue to play a leading part in improving police response to ASB. Last month, we announced that our training for officers and staff in neighbourhood policing teams will roll out across England and Wales in 2024-25. The training has a dedicated module on tackling ASB. It will

develop the skills and knowledge officers and staff need to deliver trusted and effective policing.

The College is also the What Works Centre for Crime Reduction. This means we turn the most effective approaches into best practice through our operational policing guidance. Forces can access evidence-based research and crime reduction techniques in the **crime reduction toolkit**. We also continue to work with forces to further develop our **ASB toolkit** of resources.

Data-driven technologies and ASB

Data-driven technologies like Artificial intelligence (AI) have the potential to improve policing's ability to prevent crime and manage its resources more efficiently. We recently consulted on the first national guidance that will ensure the ethical use of data.

Innovative examples of forces using artificial intelligence (AI) are also starting to emerge. Humberside Police's **community mapping tool** combines data and feedback so that police activity targets ASB and improves relationships with local communities.

Resources for tackling ASB

Our resources and guidance for police officers and staff for tackling anti-social behaviour in their communities includes our:

- **anti-social behaviour toolkit** which includes the legislative powers police can use to address both general and specific types of anti-social behaviour
- **authorised professional practice (APP)** – national guidance to support policing to provide consistency and a better service for the public, including **community engagement**, **working with victims, witnesses and the community to investigate effectively**, and **partnership working to support police problem-solving**
- **crime reduction toolkit**, where we collect and share the best evidence for tackling and preventing types of crime and support its use in practice
- **practice bank** where you can find innovative practice and ideas that police and partners are trying out to tackle policing issues

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