

## Anti-Social Behaviour Order (ASBO)

If you continue to commit ASB, the council or police may set up a meeting with a number of local agencies to discuss the different ways they can offer you further support, and to decide on what action they are going to take. This could result in them applying to the court for an Anti-Social Behaviour Order (ASBO).

An ASBO is an order given by the court, which lasts for at least two years. ASBOs may stop you from entering certain areas, hanging around in groups on the street or with certain people, being out at night, riding motorcycles or swearing.

Breaking the rules of an ASBO is a criminal offence, which can lead to being arrested, and punished with a fine or imprisonment.

## What can you do?

Always remember how your behaviour can impact on other people in your neighbourhood.

Take pride in your area and encourage others to do the same by:

- Being respectful to others
- Not littering
- Picking up after pets
- Not doing graffiti
- Not damaging property
- Being aware of your actions
- Not riding mini-motorbikes, motos & quads off-road in parks, streets and open spaces
- Helping your family by staying out of trouble!
- Taking part in positive activities in your community.

## Nothing to do? Think Again!

St.Helens Council Youth Services offers lots of free activities, such as: outdoor games and sports sessions, DJ and music making classes, baking sessions, bike-maintenance programmes, volunteering and the use of swimming and leisure facilities.

Visit: <http://yaz.sthelens.gov.uk/> to find out more!

## Report it!

Don't suffer from anti-social behaviour in silence. Always talk to an adult, or a close friend, and seek advice from someone you can trust.

If the situation is something that cannot be resolved, or if you feel like you need support or help, report it to Merseyside Police on 101. In an emergency situation, always call 999. You can also visit:

[www.safersthelens.org.uk](http://www.safersthelens.org.uk) for more information, or like Safer St.Helens on Facebook.



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# Anti-Social Behaviour



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# What is it?

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) is behaviour which can make people's lives a misery.

It destroys the peace and quiet of a neighbourhood and disturbs the people who live in the area, making them feel afraid, making the area unpleasant to live in and stopping people from doing the things they enjoy, like spending time in their garden.

ASB can be caused by just one person or a group of people, and can be a one-off event, or can continue for a long period of time.

Members of your community may see the following behaviours as anti-social:

- Loud music
- Being noisy
- Littering
- Graffiti
- Threatening people in the street or at their home
- Drinking in the street
- Not cleaning-up after your dog has fouled
- Loud pets
- Street football – if a football hits your neighbour's house or car, or goes into their garden
- Lighting fires
- Riding mini-motorbikes, quad bikes and motos off-road in parks and open spaces.

These behaviours can have a large impact on your neighbours and community.

# What happens to people who act anti-socially?

If you have been involved in anti-social behaviour and it is reported to the police, or another local agency, there are a number of things that can happen:

## Letter

Your parents or carer may receive a letter or a home visit from the council, police or the housing provider who owns your home, discussing your behaviour and what may happen to you if your anti-social behaviour continues.

## Prevention Programme

You may be asked to take part in a programme of activities, sometimes with your parents and family, to keep you away from crime and anti-social behaviour. You will be given the opportunity to take part in a programme if you have been involved in anti-social behaviour; have been in trouble with the police or if you are at more risk of committing a crime, e.g. hanging around with a gang who are causing trouble.

## Acceptable Behaviour Contract (ABC)

If your behaviour continues you may be asked to sign an 'Acceptable Behaviour Contract' (ABC) which is a voluntary contract between you and the council, police or your housing provider which will set out rules you have to follow for a period of six months (or extended for a further three months).

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