

Neighbourhood Protection Team Update

NEWTON AYCLIFFE AREA PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR JUNE 2013

The information in this report relates to tasks and actions dealt with by Neighbourhood Wardens and Antisocial Behaviour Team in the Newton Aycliffe Area during June 2013.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS

Dog fouling

Dog fouling is one of the major issues dealt with by neighbourhood wardens. We have investigated **9 reports** of dog fouling. We have also removed **14 stray dogs** and issued **1 stray dog warning letter**.

Littering

Litter is another important issue. We investigated **1 report** of littering and issued **1 fixed penalty notice** for littering.

Fly tipping

49 incidents of fly tipping were reported during June. We carried out **10 investigations** into these incidents in order to try and find any evidence to link the fly tipping to those who dumped it. We carried out **4 duty of care inspections** at business premises and issued **1 householder duty of care letter**.

Untidy yards and gardens

We have issued **36 first or second advisory letters** and **17 Litter Clearing Notices** to properties with untidy gardens or yards and have issued **5 fixed penalty notices** to residents who have failed to respond to requests to clear their gardens or yards.

Antisocial behaviour

Wardens dealt with **5 reports** of antisocial behaviour reported by members of the public, as well as **19 incidents** which were passed via the Police Airwaves system.



The table below shows the number of FPN's which have been issued by township during June 2013.

Township	Location Issued	Reason	Date Issued
Newton Aycliffe	MacDonalds	Litter	7/6/13
Newton Aycliffe	Hallington Head	Litter Clearing Notice	6/6/13
Newton Aycliffe	Guthrum Place	Litter Clearing Notice	11/6/13
Newton Aycliffe	Scott Place	Litter Clearing Notice	24/6/13
Newton Aycliffe	Christopher Walk	Litter Clearing Notice	24/6/13
Shildon	Station Street	Litter Clearing Notice	26/6/13

Since April 2013 the following numbers of Fixed Penalty Notices have been issued in the Newton Aycliffe area:

Littering x 5

Dog Fouling x 3

Failure to comply with Litter Clearing Notice x 8

ASB INTERVENTIONS

There have been 43 reports of ASB received and investigated by the ASB Team across in the Newton Aycliffe area during June 2013.

The table below shows figures of some of the interventions carried out by the ASB Team in the Newton Aycliffe area during June 2013.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE	Warning letters	8
	Home visits/ Meetings	6
	Current ABCs	6
	Current Court Orders (eg. ASBOs)	3
	Cases currently managed on LMAPS	16

SPECIAL INITIATIVES – COUNTY WIDE

NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDEN ACTION

As part of World Environment Day, on June 7th, Neighbourhood Wardens worked in partnership with PCSO's to deliver a county wide litter enforcement day. Neighbourhood Wardens issued 1 FPN for littering on this day.

A countywide Driving Out Litter in County Durham Campaign will be carried out during August, and will consist of both educational and enforcement activity.

The aims of the campaign are:-

- To raise awareness of the problems that car thrown litter causes;
- To encourage more people to dispose of litter from their vehicles responsibly;
- To reduce the amount of car thrown litter in specific hot spot areas

15 locations have been selected county wide (5 hot spots from each Streetscene area), which will be regularly patrolled/monitored by Neighbourhood Wardens and the Police, to identify any individuals throwing litter from their vehicles. The hot spots have been chosen based on reports of litter recorded on the CRM and intelligence from Neighbourhood Wardens and Clean and Green staff.

The hot spot location for Newton Aycliffe area is McDonalds, Newton Park Services, Aycliffe

In addition, participating fast food retailers have been asked to record the registration numbers of individuals seen throwing litter from cars in their car parks, and forward this information on to Neighbourhood Wardens for follow up.

Fly-Tipping – we carry out stop and search exercises, installing our covert CCTV and patrols in hot spot areas. You can really help by providing us with information in confidence by calling 03000 26 1000 and help us stop illegal dumping. In the last four years there has been a 20% reduction in the number of fly-tips which have been removed countywide.

ASB TEAM - IMPROVEMENTS IN INFORMATION SHARING

Over recent months the ASB Team have been working with the Police and Neighbourhood Wardens to establish a more efficient method of transmitting information relating to reports of ASB which have been investigated by the Wardens or Police rather than the ASB Team. The resulting '7-Point Incident Update' has been incorporated into Police incident logs and Warden reports, and contains basic questions to be answered by the attending officer, which then enable the ASB Team to establish whether an incident of anti-social behaviour is confirmed, and whether any individuals can be identified as responsible. Using this information, the ASB Team will then determine the most appropriate intervention to be carried out, based primarily on the severity of the incident in question, and whether the individual/s concerned have any history of previous involvement in anti-social behaviour. Interventions can include warning letters, home visits, referrals to other agencies, and other support and enforcement measures such as Acceptable Behaviour Contracts and Anti-Social Behaviour Orders.

This new standardised process will enable the ASB Team to process information about confirmed incidents of anti-social behaviour more efficiently, resulting in quicker and more effective outcomes for both complainants and perpetrators of anti-social behaviour.

SPECIAL INITIATIVES – LOCALITY BASED

NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDEN ACTIONS

Magistrates imposed a fine and costs for three cases where the offenders had failed to pay their £110 fixed penalty fines for failing to adhere to litter clearance notices, one which was issued in Shildon, and two which were issued in Newton Aycliffe.

Wardens have issued 22 Directions to leave to youths in Shildon.

Wardens have assisted police with a Keep Fit, Keep Healthy, Keep Safe carousel in Shildon.

Wardens have passed information to the fraud team regarding an address in Newton Aycliffe.

Wardens assisted with a car accident at Tesco in Newton Aycliffe by telephoning the police and helping with traffic control.

ASB TEAM ACTION

A 16yr-old male from the Newton Aycliffe area has voluntarily signed an Acceptable Behaviour Contract (ABC). This male had been involved in several incidents of anti-social behaviour including shouting and swearing in a public place, for which he was also arrested. The ABC was offered to him following a multi-agency meeting organised by the ASB Team and involving school staff, 4Real (young peoples' alcohol and drugs service), Police, the Youth Offending Service and other agencies. The group agreed to offer the young person an ABC and a referral to the Youth Offending Service in an effort to provide him with guidance and boundaries to enable him to change his behaviour, before the situation escalated further and required Court action. A number of other interventions were also agreed for him and his family. Prior to signing the ABC the male had refused to engage with all agencies, so his agreement to sign is a positive step; he has also accepted the referral to the Youth Offending Service, who will work with him around consequences of offending and victim awareness amongst other subjects. His behaviour will be closely monitored by all agencies concerned and further action taken if necessary.

Contact Neighbourhood Wardens on 03000 26 1000

**If you or anyone you know is suffering from ASB, please
contact the ASB Team on 03000 260000**