

TACKLING ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR TOGETHER

Call 0845 605 22 22

How we can tackle anti-social behaviour

You need to tell us about any incidents of anti-social behaviour using our confidential free helpline number **0845 605 2222**.

This may be as simple as cleaning graffiti or removing an abandoned car. In other cases where someone's behaviour is causing a problem and you know them we can warn them and ask them to stop. If they refuse to stop their anti-social behaviour then we may give them a warning, and tell them that if they don't stop they may be taken to court to be given an Anti-Social Behaviour Order. Depending on the situation, we may offer them some support to help change their behaviour.

If the problem is persistent then we may ask people to keep a diary so that we can use it in evidence and apply for an Anti-Social Behaviour Order.

What is an Anti-Social Behaviour Order (ASBO)?

An ASBO is a court order made by the courts for a minimum of two years. There is no maximum length of time and ASBOs can be given to anyone over the age of 10 years old. The orders are granted on the basis that the person has committed serious and persistent anti-social behaviour, or that somebody has suffered harassment, alarm and distress as a result of their behaviour.

Evidence is heard in court about what the problem has been and how often it has happened. Those who have complained do not have to attend court, as their evidence can be read out by a representative such as a Housing Officer.

ASBOs can address certain problem behaviour by banning someone from associating with other specific people, excluding them from certain areas of the city, or banning them from doing certain things. If these conditions are broken then the defendant can be, in serious or persistent cases, sent to prison.

ASBOs can also be given to people after they have been convicted of a criminal offence.

What are we doing?

We are taking a number of measures to reduce the levels and effects of anti-social behaviour in Salford which include:

- *obtaining 106 Anti-Social Behaviour Orders and conducting 82 warning interviews since 2003*
- *cleaning graffiti from hotspot areas such as Ellesmere Street in Eccles*
- *installation of more CCTV, including cameras at Ellenbrook and Hulton Avenue, Cleggs Lane, Eastham Way and Coniston Avenue in Little Hulton*
- *fencing off vacant land such as that on the Poets Estate which has traditionally attracted antisocial behaviour like the illegal use of motorbikes and fly tipping*
- *working with Greater Manchester Police to provide high visibility patrols across the city*
- *youth workers are providing activities for young people to deter them from anti-social behaviour. This has proven to be successful in areas such as The Height and Irlam and Cadishead.*
- *more than 130 people have been prosecuted for serving alcohol to under 18's*
- *agreeing the closure of 31 alleys across the city, building on the success of previous closures*

