

Powers to Tackle Anti-Social Behaviour

Environmental Damage

Criminal Damage

- Offenders can be given a prison sentence and/or a fine. The length and amount depend on the severity of the crime.
- Anti-social behaviour orders can be given to those that repeatedly cause criminal damage. These are especially relevant to those that cause criminal damage to intimidate.

Deliberate Fire

Arson is a particularly dangerous and destructive form of anti-social behaviour.

- Arson is a very serious offence and can be punishable with life imprisonment if it is proven that the perpetrator intended to endanger lives or was reckless enough to cause lives to be endangered.

Fly-tipping



- Penalties for fly tipping reflect the seriousness of the offence. Fixed penalty notices can be issued for less serious offences.
- For repeated fly-tipping offenders an ASBO and/or vehicle confiscation may be appropriate.
- Fixed penalty notices can also be issued for not complying with a notice relating to waste receptacles and waste collection.

Graffiti

- A fixed penalty notice of £50 may be issued for minor graffiti offences.
- If the value of the damage is more than £5000 a jail sentence can be given.
- If the value of the damage is less than £5000 a short jail sentence or heavy fine can be given.

Evidence suggests that if removed rapidly and persistently, graffiti is less likely to come back.

Litter/Rubbish

-  A fixed penalty notice can be given if litter is dropped and failure to pay can lead to prosecution.
-  Fixed penalty notices can also be issued for not complying with a notice relating to waste receptacles and waste collection.



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