



ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – PARENT INFORMATION

Anti-Social Behaviour is an incident that falls short of a crime, where the behaviour and actions of an individual or group causes, or is likely to:

- Cause harassment, alarm or distress to any person of another household
- Cause a person to feel threatened
- Cause a public nuisance or detrimental impact upon the environment
- Cause a detrimental effect upon the quality of life of an individual or the community as a whole

The Police & Richmondshire District Council (Safer Richmondshire Hub) have various powers and laws to assist them in tackling ASB and keeping communities safe;

- Acceptable Behaviour Contracts, Community Protection Notices, Public Space Protection Order (PSPO), Eviction of tenants whose children, or themselves are responsible for causing ASB

Young people can often feel blamed as the main cause of ASB; this stereotype arises largely from the fact that groups of young people often hang out on the streets. Certain behaviour, which is not always intended to cause nuisance, can be perceived by people in the community as ASB when it has an impact on their everyday lives.

It is recommended that you talk to your child about ASB, explain how their behaviour may affect others and how it can be perceived, encourage them to be mindful and considerate and make them aware of the consequences for them and your family if they become involved in ASB.

Older children may not want to communicate and share their feelings. Let them know you are concerned about them and you are there if they need you. Sending an email or text can work better if this is the way your child likes to communicate.

Before they go out, ask them:

- What are they planning to do?
- Where are they going?
- Who are they going with?
- What time, and how will they be getting home?

Tell them:

- To think about what they are doing
- Not to cause distress or annoyance to others
- Not to cause any damage to property
- Not to put themselves or others in danger

Access to Alcohol:

- ASB and accidents/incidents are commonly linked to alcohol
- Always keep alcohol in a safe place
- Keep a regular check on the alcohol you have to know if any goes missing

Young people can also be the victims of crime and disorder:

- Make sure they know how to stay safe
- Make sure they know what to do if they are a victim of crime
- Make sure they can contact an adult anytime and who it is
- Make sure they know how to use the Police 101 and 999 services

If you or your child experience ASB, you can report this to Richmondshire District Council 01748 829100 or the Police on 101.

Useful Support Contacts

Family Lives	0808 800 2222
Young Minds Parents Helpline	0808 802 5544
NSPCC 24 Hour Child Protection Line	0808 800 500