



8th June 2020

Dear Residents,

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Many of you will have read of the disturbing attack recently by five youths on a 14 year old at the recreation ground that required Police involvement; although clearly traumatised by the attack, the victim is, thankfully, on the mend and the Police are investigating the attackers.

Together with members of the public, the Parish Council has been reporting the problems to the police and you will hopefully be aware of the Dispersal Order obtained by the Police to deal with the gatherings of youngsters at Compton Lock and the Hockley Link which together with increased patrolling of village hotspots such as the recreation ground and surrounding areas aims to bear down on the ASB that many in the local area are experiencing.

However, owing to the few complaints being recorded (one or two reports per day) the problems are not being highlighted sufficiently to the Police for prime attention. As the Government eases the lockdown restrictions and the weather improves in the coming weeks we need to take a stand against ASB without placing individuals at risk from those engaged in such behaviour. People who are offended by language, rowdiness, littering, who have noted evidence of drink or drugs and/or feel intimidated must report the problem.

Many of these instances of ASB also include breaches of social distancing guidelines and should you witness something that concerns or offends you, **you can contact the Police on 101** and if appropriate, quote "Covid-19 breach" to the person who screens the call or you can submit a report on the Hampshire Police website in the Covid-19 section that is found within the Report Section.

Many in the village have rightly voiced their concern and spoken about how upset they are by what is happening at the recreation ground and down by the river; if we are to stop this then we need to make our feelings known and report what is happening.

Yours sincerely,

Councillor Kevin Stafford
Chairman

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