

PC088 262a) ASB patrol report

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Report from South Cambridgeshire District Council Housing Enforcement re antisocial behaviour (ASB) at The Moor/Vicarage Close

Extracts from report about antisocial behaviour patrols conducted around Vicarage Close and surrounding area:

Overall, the patrol was productive, and the general atmosphere was positive. We engaged with a number of local youths and dog walkers throughout the evening. All of the young people we spoke with engaged willingly and were open in discussing recent incidents and local activity.

A consistent theme from the young people was that there is a lack of activities and facilities available locally. There was strong support for the provision of a skate park. The youths understood why agencies are seeking to protect residents of Vicarage Close and acknowledged both the poor behaviour that has been taking place and the general congestion and activity around the pathway. Those we spoke to agree to spread the message amongst their peers, although we do not expect this alone to have a significant impact on behaviours.

One positive observation was that the ASB signage remains untouched, which is encouraging. The dog walkers we spoke to were pleased to see a visible agency presence and generally felt that matters have improved over the past week. Their main concerns continue to centre around younger individuals, believed to be approximately 12 to 14 years old, drinking alcohol, using drugs, and remaining out until the early hours of the morning. Interestingly, these concerns were echoed by the young people we engaged with. Several older youths commented that they also felt it was inappropriate for children of that age to be out intoxicated so late at night.

In terms of next steps, I believe continued patrols where resources allow, alongside ongoing youth engagement through the college, offer the best immediate approach. Longer-term, there is clearly a need to explore opportunities for youth-focused activities and diversionary projects within the area.

Overall, the patrol provided useful intelligence, positive engagement with the community, and reassurance to local residents.