

FORM 1

NOTICE OF DELEGATION OF DECISION TO CABINET MEMBER BY STRONG LEADER

Section 15(4) of the Local Government Act 2000, the senior executive member may discharge any of the functions that are the responsibility of the Cabinet or may arrange for them to be discharged by another member of the Cabinet or Officer. On 1st December 2010, the Council adopted the Strong Leader Model for Corporate Governance 2011 as required under Part 3 of The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (The 2007 Act).

I, Marcus Hart, as Strong Leader, **delegate** the decision to propose retaining the district wide Dog Control PSPO and PSPOs restricting alcohol consumption in Bewdley, Kidderminster and Stourport-on-Severn and to commence consultation on them to the Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure, Arts and Community Safety.

Dated: 22 June 2023

Signed: ... *M. J. Hart* ..

Leader of the Council

FORM 2

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In accordance with the authority delegated by the Leader, I have made the following decision:

Subject	Decision	Reason for decision	Date for Decision to be taken
Review of Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs)	Based on the findings of the evidence gathering exercises, it is appropriate and proportionate to propose retaining the district wide Dog Control PSPO and PSPOs restricting alcohol consumption in Bewdley, Kidderminster and Stourport-on-Severn; A consultation should now commence on the proposal to retain the PSPOs, with the addition to the Dog Control PSPO of new offences of failing to provide a name and address and of providing a false name and address.	To commence a review of the district wide Dog Control PSPO and PSPOs restricting alcohol consumption in Bewdley, Kidderminster and Stourport-on-Severn and based on the findings of the evidence gathering exercise to begin a consultation period.	22 June 2023

I confirm that the appropriate statutory officer consultation has taken place with regard to this decision.

Dated: 22 June 2023

Signed: 

Councillor: Tracey Onslow
Cabinet Member

To: Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure, Arts and Community Safety

From: Chief Executive

22 June 2023

Review of Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs)

1. PURPOSE

To seek approval to commence a review of the district wide Dog Control PSPO and PSPOs restricting alcohol consumption in Bewdley, Kidderminster and Stourport-on-Severn and based on the findings of the evidence gathering exercise to begin a consultation period.

2. RECOMMENDATION

The Cabinet is asked to DECIDE that:

- 2.1 based on the findings of the evidence gathering exercises, it is appropriate and proportionate to propose retaining the district wide Dog Control PSPO and PSPOs restricting alcohol consumption in Bewdley, Kidderminster and Stourport-on-Severn;**
- 2.2 a consultation should now commence on the proposal to retain the PSPOs, with the addition to the Dog Control PSPO of new offences of failing to provide a name and address and of providing a false name and address.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The district wide Dog Control PSPO was implemented in 2020. This applies to the whole of the Wyre Forest district and publicly accessible land unless the landowners have stated otherwise. The requirements and restrictions are:**
 - Dog owners required to clean up after their dog
 - Dog owners required to produce a means to pick up when requested to do so by an authorised officer
 - Dog owners required to put their dog on a lead when directed to do so by an authorised officer
 - Dogs to be kept on a lead in certain areas
 - Dogs excluded from certain area
 - A person to be in charge of no more than 6 dogs
- 3.2 The PSPOs restricting alcohol consumption in Bewdley and Stourport-on-Severn were reviewed and implemented for a further 3 years in October 2020. Designated Public Place Orders (DPPOs) for Bewdley and Stourport were automatically transitioned into PSPOs when the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime**

and Policing Act 2014 came into force, with the transitional arrangements ending in October 2020. Kidderminster PSPO has been in place since August 2015. It was extended for a further three years in August 2018 and two years two months in August 2021 so that it expires at the same time as all other PSPOs. The orders give officers the power to order people who are causing problems while drinking in the three town centres to hand over or dispose of alcohol. Failure to do so can result in on-the-spot fines of up to £100, or up to £1,000 if the case goes to court.

- 3.3 It was decided in 2020 to review all of the PSPOs at the same time for efficiency purposes, hence the reason for review ahead of implementation on 1 October 2023 for a further 3-year period.

4. EVIDENCE GATHERING PROCESS

- 4.1 The Council needs to be satisfied that the legislative requirements are met before an Order can be made and obtaining clear evidence to support this is important. Collating information about the nature and impact of the anti-social behaviour (ASB) subject to the PSPO are core elements of the evidence gathering and consultation process and help to inform the Council's view as to whether the requirements under section 59 of the Act have been fulfilled. The evidence will need to be weighed up before the authority can determine whether or not it is appropriate and proportionate to make a PSPO at all.
- 4.2 The most robust Orders will be supported by a solid evidence base and rationale that sets out how the statutory criteria for each of the proposed restrictions have been met and demonstrates a direct link between the ASB and the PSPO being proposed in response. The nature of this evidence and how it should be weighed is largely down to the Council to determine, although obtaining a range of data from different sources as part of this process will be particularly useful in informing decision making and may help to avoid challenge further down the line.
- 4.3 Prior to deciding whether a consultation process should commence for each of the PSPOs a review of the Orders over the last three years has been undertaken. The evidence from the reviews is attached.

5. KEY FINDINGS

- 5.1 A comprehensive review of the PSPOs restricting alcohol consumption report has been undertaken by a Partnership Analyst based at West Mercia Police. The report is at Appendix One. The report recommends that all three of the PSPOs are continued. While alcohol-related offences continue to fall, they have not disappeared and therefore there is a clear rationale to continue with the controls in the PSPOs.
- Bewdley PSPO area: a 46% decrease in recordings of alcohol related ASB was seen in 2021/22 when compared with 2020/21.
 - Kidderminster PSPO area: a 56% decrease in recordings of alcohol related ASB was seen in 2021/22 when compared with 2020/21.
 - Stourport PSPO area: a 53% decrease in recordings of alcohol related ASB was seen in 2021/22 when compared with 2020/21.

- 5.2 The findings from the review of the Dog Control PSPO are at Appendix Two. In summary the Council's Civil Enforcement and Environmental Protection Team is of the view that the Order should continue. During the period of operation 53 Fixed Penalty Notices have been issued. The Officers find it to be a good tool to tackle dog fouling and that, despite some occasional resistance in engagement, the majority of the public remain supportive of the PSPO. It is recommended that the Dog Control PSPO is continued.
- 5.3 Occasionally, irresponsible dog walkers seek to avoid penalties under the PSPO by refusing to give their name and address and/or by providing a false name and address. In line with the suggestion from the Enforcement and Environmental Protection Team, the consultation will seek views on whether specific offences should be incorporated under the PSPO in respect of such matters.

6. CONSULTATION PROCESS

- 6.1 Consultation will be carried out following the statutory guidance. A number of stakeholders will be contacted directly for their response to the consultation. The Council must consult West Mercia Police, and this should be done formally through the Chief Constable and the Police and Crime Commissioner. Owners or occupiers of land within the affected area should be consulted including Worcestershire County Council as the Highway Authority. The Council must consult with whatever community representatives it thinks is appropriate and a list has been drawn up which includes Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Ward Members, town and parish councils, local MP and businesses within the area proposed for designation.
- 6.2 The Council must also ensure that specific groups likely to have a particular interest are also consulted. The guidance leaves it to the Council to decide how best to identify and consult interested parties. Consideration must also be given to ensure the views of those who will be directly affected by the prohibitions or may be opposed to the proposals are adequately captured.
- 6.3 It is proposed that the consultation is undertaken electronically for a period of at least four weeks between now and early August. It will be promoted on social media and in the local press.
- 6.4 The consultation will seek views on the effectiveness of the present Orders; whether the present controls should be maintained; whether the dog control PSPO should be widened as proposed; and to test whether there is substantial demand for any other extension of controls.

7. ENFORCEMENT

- 7.1 Prior to the commencement of the PSPOs an enforcement plan will be put in place. It is anticipated that enforcement will continue to be undertaken by West Mercia Police and Authorised Persons from Wyre Forest District Council.

8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 The evidence gathering and consultation stages do not incur any financial costs apart from officer time.
- 8.2 Once the consultation stage has been completed and the wording of the Orders has been agreed, the Orders must be published with a notice placed in the local newspaper, which has a cost. There will also be costs for new or additional signage to be produced and erected; these costs are to be met within existing budgets.

7. LEGAL AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 requires that PSPOs are reviewed every three years (or earlier) to enable them to be extended or varied, providing the Order remains necessary in order to prevent:
- further activities identified in the order from taking place, or
 - the frequency of seriousness of those activities increasing after that time.
- 7.2 For a PSPO to be made, varied, or extended the Council has to be satisfied on reasonable grounds that the activities that are being carried out, or likely to be carried out in the identified public space -
- has had or is likely to have a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality
 - is, or is likely to be, persistent or continuing in nature
 - is or is likely to be unreasonable and
 - justifies the restrictions
- 7.3 The Council must also have regard to Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and consider the impact of their decisions and actions on crime and disorder in the local area.
- 7.4 PSPOs support the Council's current Corporate Plan 2021-23 priority 'a safe, clean and green living environment'.

RISK MANAGEMENT

- 8.1 If the PSPOs are not reviewed then they would lapse without the opportunity to consider whether to retain important powers that help keep the district a safe, clean and green living environment.

9. EQUALITY IMPACT NEEDS ASSESSMENT

- 9.1 At this stage an Equality Impact Needs Assessment is not required. This will be completed prior to final decisions on adopting the PSPOs in September.

10. CONCLUSION

10.1 Reviewing the PSPOs is a statutory requirement and must be undertaken in order to meet the deadline of implementation on 1 October 2023. A report seeking Cabinet's approval of the final form of the PSPOs will be brought to its meeting on 12 September.

11. CONSULTEES

11.1 Head of Community and Environment Services

11.2 Senior Community and Environmental Protection Officer

12. APPENDICES

12.1 Appendix One: Review of Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) in Wyre Forest North Worcestershire.

12.2 Appendix Two: Review of Dog Control Public Space Protection Orders.

13. BACKGROUND PAPERS

13.1 Home Office 'Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014: Anti-social behaviour powers statutory guidance for frontline professionals. Revised March 2023 [\[Title\] \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)

13.2 Local Government Association 'Public Spaces Protection Orders Guidance for councils' [Public spaces protection orders: guidance for councils \(local.gov.uk\)](#)

13.3 Current PSPOs in Wyre Forest [Public Space Protection Orders | Wyre Forest District Council \(wyreforestdc.gov.uk\)](#)

Review of Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) in Wyre Forest North Worcestershire

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Aim and Purpose

Aim

To provide an overview of antisocial behaviour (ASB) and to review the effectiveness of PSPOs in the Wyre Forest district.



Purpose

To inform the Wyre Forest District Council of current ASB in the area and the effectiveness of local PSPOs.

Data and Methodology

Data Sources

Location

Wyre Forest

Period

Incidents recorded between 1 October 2020 and 30 April 2023

- Antisocial behaviour (ASB) incidents recorded for the Wyre Forest district between 1 October 2020 and 30 April 2023 were obtained from SAAB SAFE via BI4.2 on 24 May 2023.

Methodology

- All ASB incidents recorded between the above time parameters were obtained and analysed.
- Persistent and ongoing clusters of activity were identified and from these, aggravating and key drivers were identified.
- Incident types were identified by searching key words in the incident log text. Some incidents may contain more than one key word.
- A review of current activity within existing PSPOs was conducted to assess their effectiveness based on a year on year comparison.
- Throughout this review, the 'probability yardstick', as defined by the Professional Head of Intelligence Assessment or PHIA, has been used to ensure consistency across the different threats and themes when assessing probability. The following defines the probability ranges considered when such language is used:
- A three year time period has been used for trends to understand long-term patterns of ASB offending. The table below highlights naming conventions when discussing trends;

Year	Months
2020/2021	1 October 2020 – 30 September 2021
2021/2022	1 October 2021 – 30 September 2022
2022/2023	1 October 2022 – 30 April 2023

Qualitative Statement	Remote Chance	Highly Unlikely	Unlikely	Realistic Possibility	Likely or Probable	Highly Likely	Almost Certain
Probability Range	0-5%	10-20%	25-35%	40-50%	55-75%	80-90%	95-100%

Caveats

Caveats



- Incidents of antisocial behaviour are reported by the police, members of the public or partner agencies. They are subjective and do not have the same rigorous threshold tests that criminal offences have. Higher volumes of incidents may be discrete or unrelated, form part of ongoing issues or represent concerns of residents or business owners.
- There has been a change in recording practices around public order offences and malicious communications offences following improvements to SAAB ASB incident recording. This has led to substantial growth in public order offences and malicious communications/harassment offences as opposed to an organic growth happening within our communities and accounts for the larger increases in other crimes against society and violence without injury offence groups. Therefore a decrease in ASB incidents may not be attributed to lower levels of incidents, or the success of implemented initiatives, but reflect the change in crime recording.
- ASB incidents have been mapped using centralised eastings and northings from the postcode of the incident location, obtained from the Acorn Directory. If a location did not feature in the Acorn Directory, grid references were obtained from a batch geocoding tool. Any incidents not identifying an incident location or that are not included in the Acorn Directory have not been mapped and will not be included in totals for each ward in Wyre Forest.

Key Findings

Wyre Forest

- Overall, ASB in Wyre Forest has decreased considerably since October 2020.
- The lowest recording during the time period analysed was December 2022 with 122 incidents recorded.
- Peaks in recording can be seen in March 2021 and July 2021. This was also apparent in both March 2022 and July 2022, indicating a seasonal trend, although to a much lower extent as incident levels have decreased.
- ASB recording has then remained fairly consistent from August 2022 through to April 2023.
- Improvements to SAAB ASB incident recording will have led to a substantial growth in public order offences and malicious communications and harassment offences and a decrease in ASB recording.
- The Covid-19 pandemic was likely to have contributed towards fluctuations in ASB incidents, particularly from October 2020 through to March 2021, which saw two lockdown periods as well as restrictions on indoor and outdoor social gatherings in England.
- Kidderminster has consistently recorded the most ASB incidents within Wyre Forest over the three time periods analysed. Should incident recordings continue at this rate for 2022/2023, 1,200 ASB incidents would be expected to be recorded for the city as of 30 September 2023 which would equate to a 32% decrease from that recorded in 2021/2022.
- There has been a change in ASB recording standards in May 2023 whereby public order offences are now considered to be non-notifiable. This is highly likely to incite a significant increase in ASB recordings for Wyre Forest.
- Blakebrook and Habberley South ward consistently recorded the highest number of ASB incidents of any Wyre Forest ward across the three time periods analysed, although recordings have fallen over time.

Key Findings

Kidderminster

- ASB incident recordings increase slightly during the month of July in both 2020/2021 and 2021/2022. However, there has been a continued downward trend in activity overall.
- Incident recordings peaked in December 2020 (n=291) and were closely matched in February 2021 (n=280) and March 2021 (n=288). A further peak in recordings was seen in January 2023 with 117 incidents recorded.
- When considering keywords for ASB, all categories have shown a decrease from year 2020/2021 to 2021/2022. 908 incidents (17%) contained a key word relating to youths.
- Throughout 2020/2021 and 2021/2022, the weekend saw higher volumes of ASB recordings. This is still apparent in 2022/2023, although to a much lesser extent.
- 1,301 reports were made between 18:00 and 21:00 across the entire time period (24%).
- Blakebrook and Habberley South ward recorded the highest number of ASB incidents in 2021/2022 with 456, accounting for 19% of total ASB incidents mapped for 2021/2022 (n=2386).
- Stourbridge Road recorded 96 ASB incidents across the entire time period. Many of these incidents relating to youths, alcohol and drugs, as well as COVID-19 restriction breaches.
- Comberton Hill also recorded 96 ASB incidents which included 35 incidents recorded at the Tesco Express store. 21 of these related to begging, whilst alcohol and public disturbances from aggressive customers were also noted for the store.

- Weavers Wharf recorded the next highest number of ASB incidents with 95, observing a 108% increase in recordings in 2021/2022 when compared with 2020/2021.
- The main ASB issue reported from the 20 streets with the highest ASB recordings was youths which saw 280 reports across the time period (20%).

Kidderminster Town PSPO

- Overall, the Kidderminster Town Centre PSPO recorded 817 ASB incidents between 1 October 2020 and 30 April 2023. 55 (7%) were alcohol related.
- A 44% decrease in recordings was seen in 2021/2022 when compared with that recorded for 2020/2021.
- Oxford Street recorded the highest number of alcohol related ASB in the PSPO across the entire data period with ten offences. Six offences related to Dunelm, several reporting intoxicated people outside of the store who were shouting and causing issues.
- Corporation Street followed with eight alcohol related ASB offences, six of which related to Tesco Superstore. These included reports of intoxicated people causing issues, both outside and inside the store, many of which were openly drinking beer and spirits.
- Blackwell Street recorded seven alcohol related ASB incidents, three of which relating to intoxicated people at the Red Man Inn. The remaining related to intoxicated people in the multi story car park and at two local takeaways – Dominos Pizza and Lili Italia.

Key Findings

Bewdley

- Bewdley has recorded considerably fewer ASB incidents than other areas within Wyre Forest across the time period examined and has observed a continued downward trend in recordings.
- ASB incident recordings appear to increase slightly during the month of July in both 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 however there has been a continued downward trend in activity overall.
- This downward trend is expected to slow down, with Bewdley having a projected figure of 161 ASB incidents for 1 October 2022 to 30 September 2023, closely matching that recorded for 2021/2022 (n=166).
- Incident recordings peaked in March 2021 (n=46) and were closely matched in May 2021 (n=39).
- When considering keywords for ASB, all categories have shown a decrease from year 2020/2021 to 2021/2022. 67 ASB incidents contained a key word relating to youths.
- Throughout the three time periods analysed, the weekend saw higher volumes of ASB recordings than during the week (n=311, 52%).
- 276 reports were made between 16:00 and 22:00 across the entire time period (46%).
- In 2021/2022, recordings appeared to centralise around the town centre where a number of retail and hospitality venues are located.
- Load Street and High Street account for 29% of all ASB recordings for Bewdley when considering the entire data period. Eight reports were made in 2020/2021 of youths gathering in this area who were abusive and/or disruptive. This appears to have decreased in recent months with two incidents recorded for 2022/2023.

- Like the overall picture of ASB for Wyre Forest, most of the 20 highest recording ASB streets in Bewdley have seen considerable decreases in recordings
- A street of note that appears to contrast this trend is Ribbesford Road which has recently seen a gradual increase in ASB recordings across the time period analysed. Motorcycles appear to have been a key issue in relation to this road and the nearby woodland area.
- The main ASB issue reported from the 20 streets with the highest ASB recordings was youths which saw 46 reports across the entire time period (11%).

Bewdley Town PSPO

- Overall, the Bewdley Town Centre PSPO recorded 202 ASB incidents between 1 October 2020 and 30 April 2023. 23 (11%) were alcohol related.
- Like other PSPOs in Wyre Forest, recordings of ASB incidents have decreased over time within this area.
- A 39% decrease in recordings was seen in 2021/2022 when compared with 2020/2021 figures.
- Load Street recorded the most alcohol related ASB incidents across the data period with seven incidents.
- Due to the number of licensed premises within this area, it is expected that alcohol would drive the high ASB recordings in Load Street.

Key Findings

Stourport on Severn

- Stourport on Severn has recorded fewer ASB incidents than other areas within Wyre Forest, such as Kidderminster, across the entire time period examined. Like other areas in the district, there has been a continued downward trend in activity overall.
- When considering keywords for ASB, all categories have shown a considerable decrease from year 2020/2021 to 2021/2022. 263 incidents contained a keyword relating to motorcycles.
- For 2020/2021 and 2021/2022, the weekend generally saw higher volumes of ASB incidents recorded than other days of the week. In contrast, there appears to be no considerable difference in ASB levels for days of the week for 2022/2023.
- 486 reports were made between 15:00 and 19:00 across the entire time period (33%).
- Unlike other towns in Wyre Forest, ASB incidents appear to occur both within the town centre and along some main routes into the town. Worcester Road, Watery Lane and Britannia Gardens account for 15% of all ASB recordings for Stourport on Severn across the whole data period (n=217).
- Like the overall picture of ASB for Wyre Forest, the majority of the 20 highest ASB recording streets in Stourport on Severn have seen considerable decreases in ASB recordings in recent times.
- The main ASB issue reported from the 20 streets with the highest ASB recordings was motorbikes which saw 177 reports across the entire time period (26%).

Stourport Town PSPO

- Overall, the Stourport Town Centre PSPO recorded 357 ASB incidents between 1 October 2020 and 30 April 2023. 26 (7%) were alcohol related.
- Like other PSPOs in Wyre Forest, recordings of ASB incidents have decreased over time within this area, as well as those that are alcohol related.
- Bridge Street recorded the most alcohol related ASB incidents in the PSPO across the data period with six incidents.
- High Street followed with four incidents relating to alcohol, two of which related to drunken disturbances at The Wheatsheaf Pub between August and September 2021.

Recommendations

ASB

- Ensure multi-agency involvement to identify individuals driving ASB and to establish the root causes and aggravating factors in committing this behaviour.
- Commission additional partner research in order to determine any lasting impacts from Covid-19 on ASB and whether there is a hidden demand whereby people may be less inclined to report ASB incidents to police than previously.
- Identify key stakeholders in areas affected by high frequencies of ASB and ensure multi-agency involvement.
- Identify key areas within the Wyre Forest district that may be susceptible to pressure from social factors such as high levels of economic deprivation, or high crime rates which could see an increase in ASB, especially as the cost of living crisis continues.
- Focussed work and initiatives around motorbike nuisance in the areas most affected in Bewdley, Kidderminster and Stourport on Severn.
- Increase youth engagement groups and initiatives that target and help young people engaging in ASB in Kidderminster and Bewdley.
- Link in with the Licensing and MATES Officer for North Worcestershire within the Problem Solving Hub to ensure a cohesive approach in identifying any key premises that may be selling alcohol to underage children, particularly in Stourport upon Severn and Kidderminster.
- Link in with the Community Harm Officer for North Worcestershire within the Problem Solving Hub to ensure a joined up approach when considering initiatives to tackle ASB in the key areas.

Kidderminster Town PSPO

A 56% decrease in recordings of alcohol related ASB was seen in 2021/2022 when compared with that recorded for 2020/2021.

- It is recommended that the PSPO is continued as alcohol related offences continue to fall.

Bewdley Town PSPO

A 46% decrease in recordings of alcohol related ASB was seen in 2021/2022 when compared with that recorded for 2020/2021.

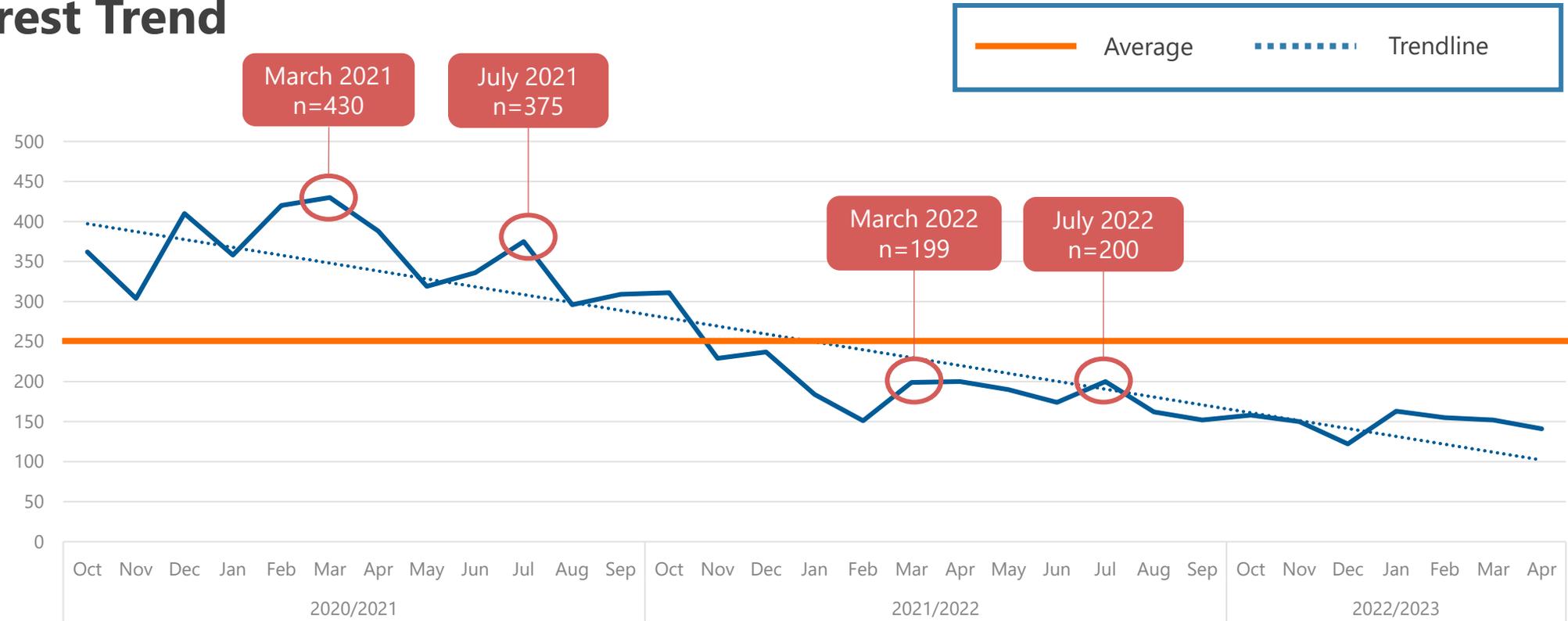
- It is recommended that the PSPO is continued as alcohol related offences continue to fall.

Stourport Town PSPO

A 53% decrease in recordings of alcohol related ASB was seen in 2021/2022 when compared with that recorded for 2020/2021.

- It is recommended that the PSPO is continued as alcohol related offences continue to fall.

Wyre Forest Trend



Overall, ASB in Wyre Forest has decreased considerably since October 2020. The lowest recording during the time period analysed was December 2022 with 122 incidents recorded. It is unlikely that this decrease is attributed to lower levels of ASB, or the success of implemented initiatives, but instead may reflect recording changes.

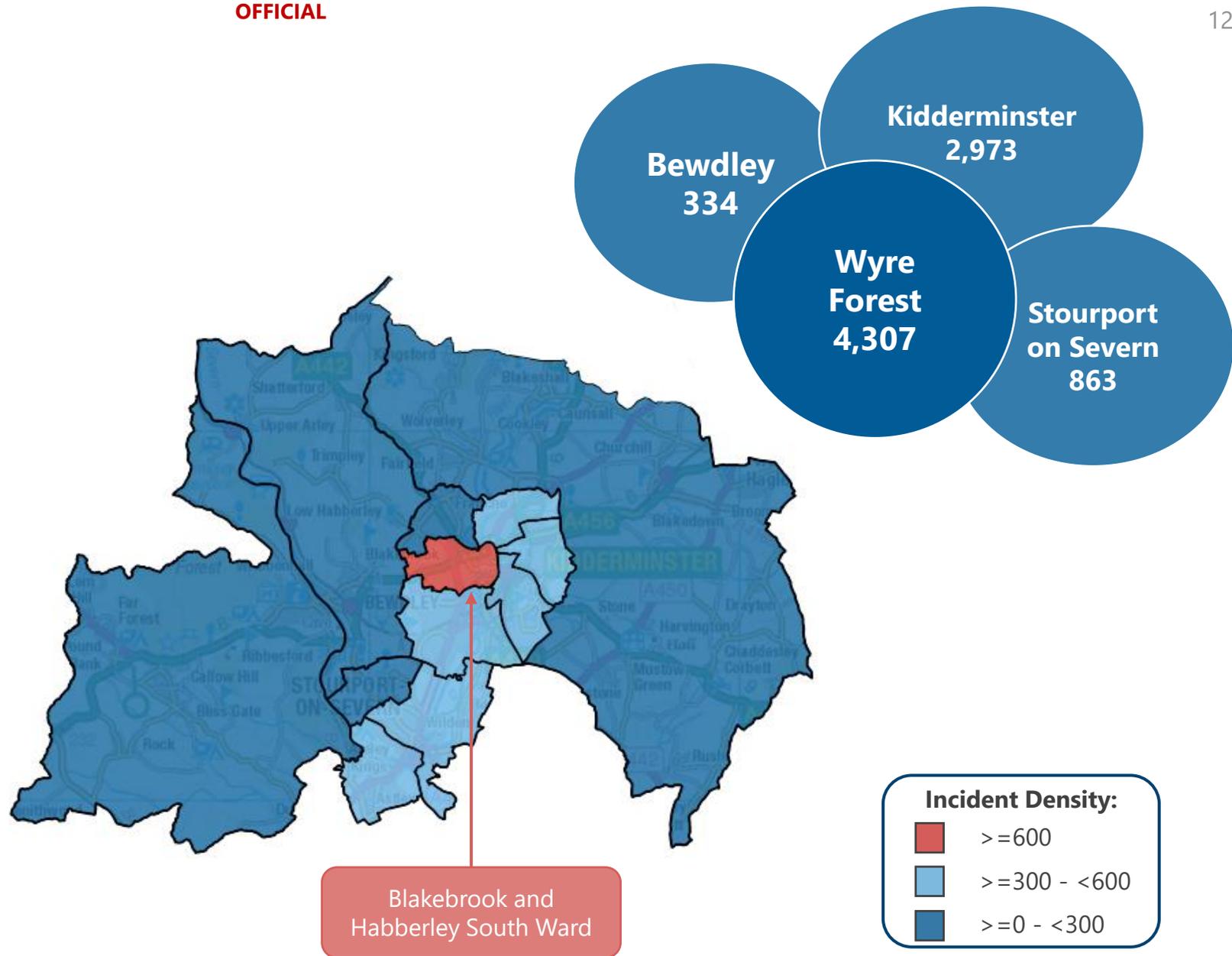
Peaks in recordings can be seen in March 2021 and July 2021. This was also apparent in both March 2022 and July 2022, indicating a seasonal trend, although to a much lower extent as incident levels have decreased. This could be due to school holidays where children are not at school or could be due to increased alcohol consumption by adults, perhaps in line with the football season or other sporting events during the summer months. ASB recording has then remained fairly consistent from August 2022 through to April 2023.

The Covid-19 pandemic is likely to have contributed towards some fluctuations in ASB incidents, particularly from October 2020 through to March 2021, which saw two lockdown periods as well as restrictions on indoor and outdoor social gatherings in England such as the 'rule of six'. In July 2021, most legal limits on social contact were lifted and the final closed sectors of the economy reopened which is highly likely to have contributed to the slight increase in incidents recorded at this time.

Wyre Forest 2020/2021

Where?

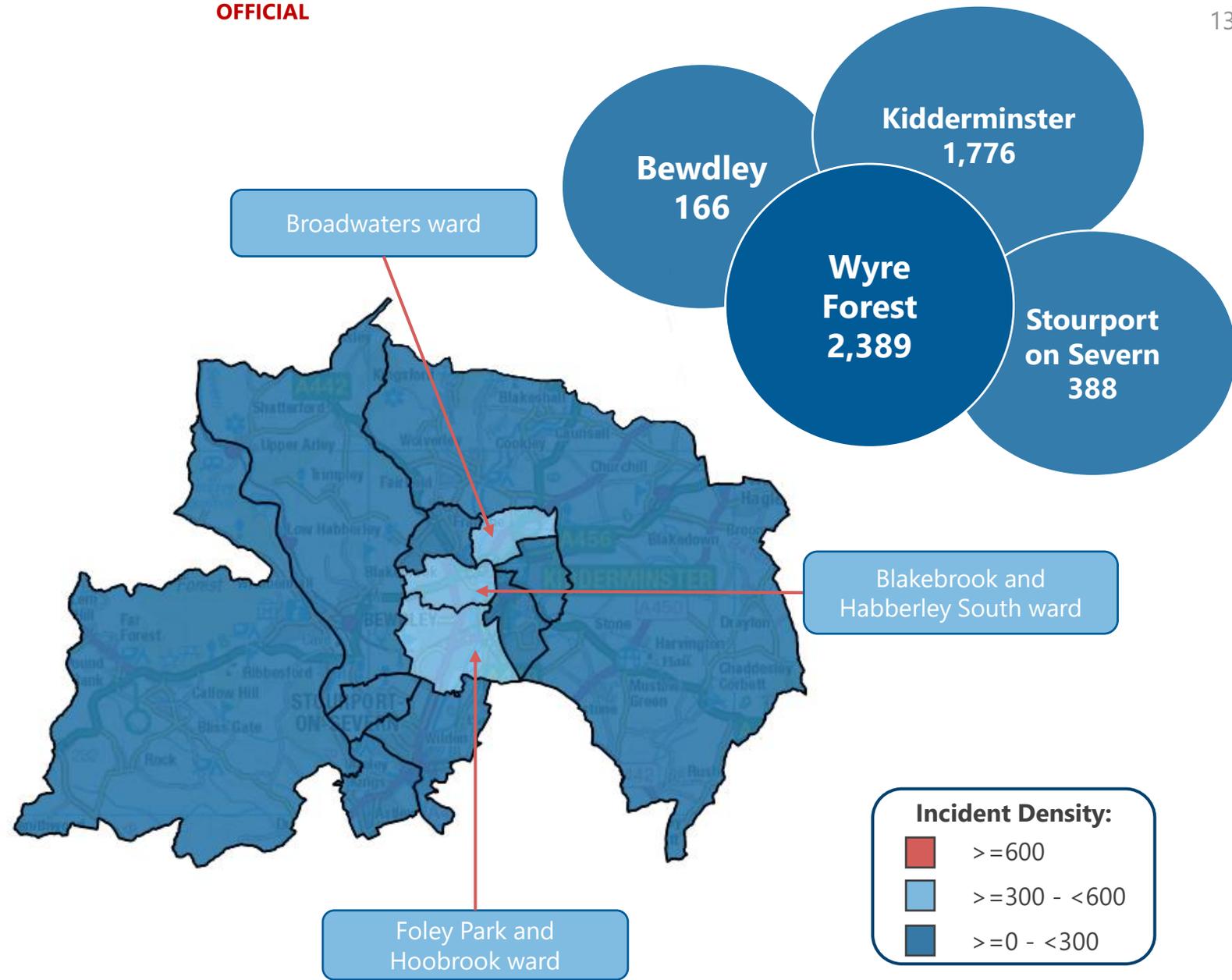
- 2020/2021 saw the highest recordings of ASB across the three time periods analysed for Wyre Forest with 4,307 incidents.
- Blakebrook and Habberley South ward recorded the highest number of ASB incidents with 757, accounting for 18% of the total mapped ASB incidents for the Wyre Forest district (n=4293).
- This was followed by Foley Park and Hoobrook ward with 550 incidents (13%) and Broadwaters ward with 481 incidents (11%).
- Kidderminster accounted for 69% of all ASB incidents recorded for Wyre Forest (n=4307) whilst Stourport on Severn accounted for 20% and Bewdley for 8%.



Wyre Forest 2021/2022

Where?

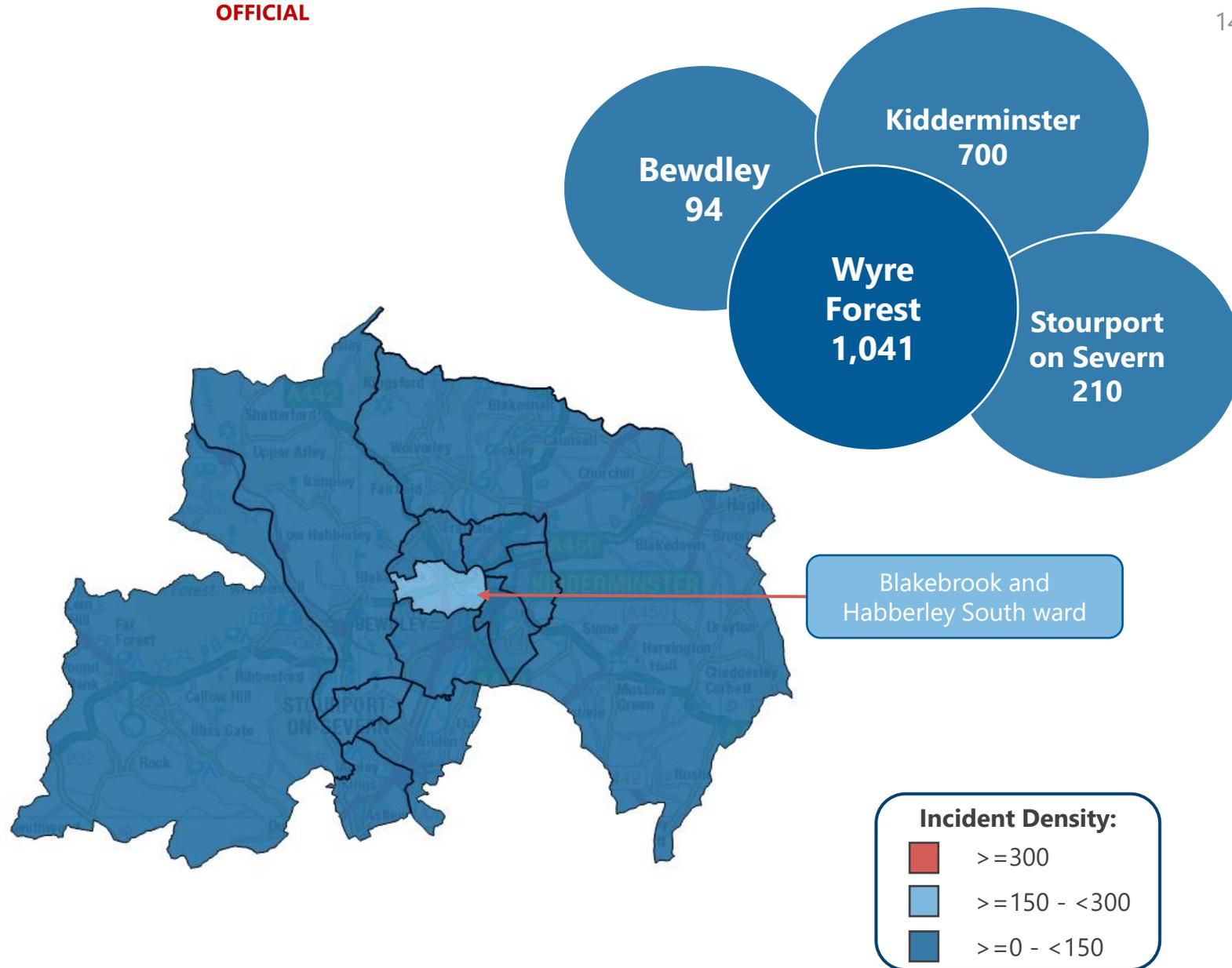
- 2021/2022 saw a 45% decrease (n=1,918) in ASB recordings in Wyre Forest with 2,389 incidents recorded.
- No ward exceeded 600 ASB incident recordings during 2021/2022.
- Like 2020/2021, Blakebrook and Habberley South ward recorded the highest number of ASB incidents with 456, accounting for 19% of total ASB incidents mapped for 2021/2022 (n=2,386) This is a 40% decrease from that recorded for the ward in 2020/2021 (n=757).
- Broadwaters ward saw 352 ASB incidents (15%) and Foley Park and Hoobrook ward saw 334 ASB incidents (14%).
- As before, Kidderminster accounted for the highest percentage of ASB incidents recorded for Wyre Forest (74%) However, the total incidents recorded for Kidderminster saw a considerable decrease of 40% from that recorded in 2020/2021 (n=2,973).



Wyre Forest 2022/2023

Where?

- ASB recordings have continued to decrease into 2022/2023, with a total of 1,041 incidents recorded as of 30 April 2023.
- Should incident recordings continue at this rate, 1,785 incidents would be expected to be recorded by 1 October 2023, which would equate to a 25% decrease from 2021/2022.
- There has been a change in ASB recording standards in May 2023 whereby public order offences are now considered to be non-notifiable. This is highly likely to incite a significant increase in ASB recordings for Wyre Forest in the coming months.
- Blakebrook and Habberley South ward has recorded 182 ASB incidents so far in 2022/2023, followed by Foley Park and Hoobrook ward with 138 and Broadwaters ward with 118.
- Kidderminster has continued to record the most ASB incidents with 700 (67%).



N.B. Density scale has been reduced for 2022/2023 to reflect the shorter data period.

Kidderminster

What?

ASB incident recordings appear to increase slightly during the month of July in both 2020/2021 and 2021/2022, reflecting the trend for Wyre Forest as a whole. There has been a continued downward trend in activity overall.

Incident recordings peaked in December 2020 (n=291) and were closely matched in February 2021 (n=280) and March 2021 (n=288) 256 of these incidents had incident qualifiers relating to breaches of the Covid-19 restrictions imposed as a result of the pandemic. Similarly, the reopening of venues and loosening of the social restrictions in July 2021 likely contributed towards the spike in ASB recordings seen at this time.

A peak in recordings was seen in January 2023 with 117 incidents recorded. Repeat locations included Tesco, Corporation Street (n=6), Tesco Express, Comberton Hill (n=3) Sainsburys, Carpet Trades Way (n=2), Brintons Park (n=2) and The Lion Hotel (n=2).



How?

When considering keywords for ASB, all categories have shown a decrease from year 2020/2021 to 2021/2022.

Year	Youths	Alcohol	Drugs	Travellers	Motorbike	Prejudice
2020/2021	424	195	184	31	118	15
2021/2022	360	80	148	12	113	2
2022/2023	124	18	58	5	45	2
Total	908	293	390	48	276	19

Key word 'intoxicated' featured in 28 ASB incidents for Kidderminster; 15 for 2020/2021, 10 for 2021/2022 and three for 2022/2023. As it is not possible to differentiate between intoxication from alcohol and drugs based on keyword searches, these have not been added to the alcohol and drug totals.

Between 2020/2021 and 2021/2022:



Youths



Alcohol



Drugs



Travellers



Motorbikes



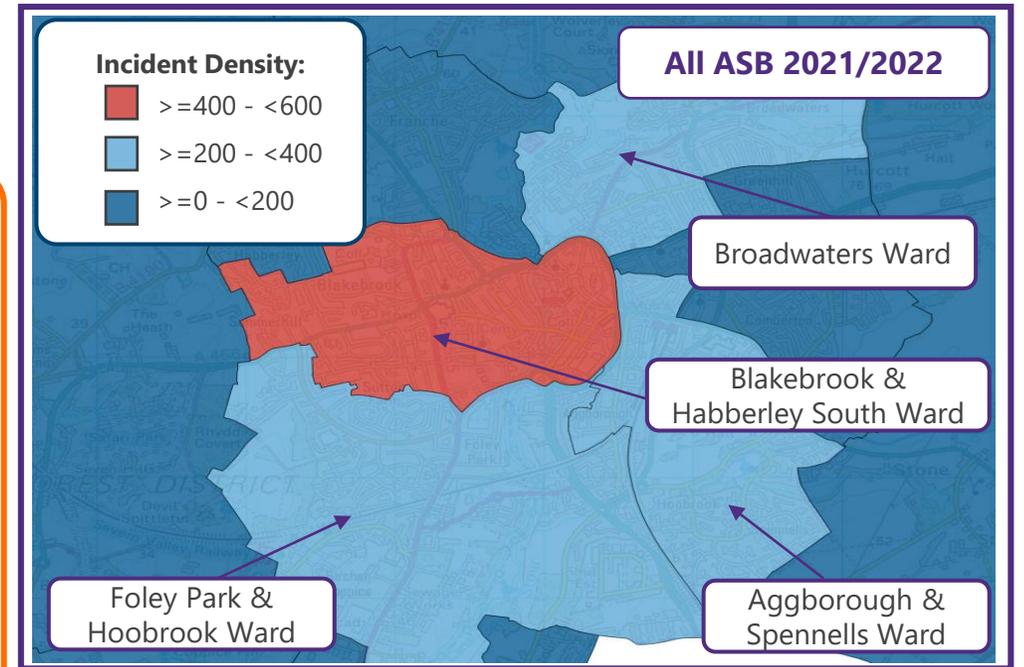
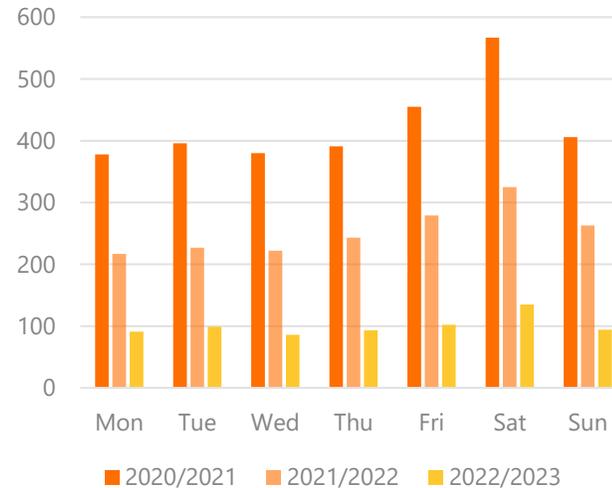
Prejudice

Kidderminster

When?

Throughout 2020/2021 and 2021/2022, the weekend saw higher volumes of ASB recordings. This is still apparent in 2022/2023, although to a much lesser extent. This is likely due to more people being off work and school at the weekends.

1,301 reports were made between 18:00 and 21:00 across the entire time period (24%), when people are more likely to be out in the community and not at school or work. Night time economy is less likely to be driving ASB levels with 386 recordings made between 00:00 and 03:00 (7%).



Where?

Kidderminster has consistently recorded the highest number of ASB incidents across the three time periods analysed, recording a total of 1,776 incidents during 2021/2022.

Blakebrook and Habberley South ward recorded the highest number of ASB incidents with 456, accounting for 19% of total ASB incidents mapped for 2021/2022 (n=2,386) It should be noted that this ward is composed of residential areas and the main town centre.

Stourbridge Road recorded 96 ASB incidents across the entire time period. Many of these incidents relate to youths, alcohol and drugs, as well as COVID-19 restriction breaches.

Comberton Hill also recorded 96 ASB incidents which included 35 incidents recorded at the Tesco Express store. 21 of these related to begging, whilst alcohol and public disturbances from aggressive customers were also noted at the store.

Weavers Wharf recorded the next highest number of ASB incidents, recording 95. Many of these incidents were linked to retail and hospitality outlets along Weavers Wharf including McDonalds (n=15), Premier Inn (n=13) Marks and Spencer (n=3) and Boots (n=4), to name a few. Youths were indicated to be involved in 30 of the 95 incidents (32%).

Kidderminster

Where? The 20 streets with the highest total ASB recordings across the time period analysed were:

Street	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	Grand Total	Projected Figure October 2022 to September 2023*	% difference 2020/2021 vs. 2021/2022
Stourbridge Road	61	28	7	96	12	-54%
Comberton Hill	43	28	25	96	43	-35%
Weavers Wharf	24	50	21	95	36	+108%
Stourport Road	36	32	22	90	38	-11%
Blackwell Street	50	32	4	86	7	-36%
Sutton Road	39	34	12	85	21	-13%
Park Lane	45	23	9	77	15	-49%
Hurcott Road	44	16	7	67	12	-64%
Radford Avenue	32	30	3	65	5	-6%
Carpet Trades Way	27	23	13	63	22	-15%
Franche Road	38	17	7	62	12	-55%
Mill Street	29	24	8	61	14	-17%
Park Street	33	16	9	58	15	-52%
Gould Avenue West	19	26	12	57	21	+37%
Oxford Street	36	13	6	55	10	-64%
Vicar Street	29	11	13	53	22	-62%
Medal Close	23	23	6	52	10	0%
Worcester Street	33	13	5	51	9	-61%
Woodbury Road	11	30	9	50	15	+173%
Monastery Avenue	7	32	9	48	15	+357%

*based upon the current rate and not considering ASB recording changes in May 2023.

Despite ASB recordings for Kidderminster being lower in 2021/2022 when compared with 2020/2021, Weavers Wharf saw a 108% increase in 2021/2022 with 50 ASB incidents, compared with 24 incidents in 2020/2021.

Most other streets of note saw ASB recordings fall from 2020/2021 to 2021/2022, except for Gould Avenue West which recorded a 37% increase in 2021/2022, Woodbury Road which recorded a 173% increase (n=19) in 2021/2022 and Monastery Avenue which recorded a 357% increase (n=25).

21 of the 26 ASB incidents recorded for Gould Avenue West in 2021/2022 appear to have originated from the same caller, reporting similar circumstances on each instance. Such reports have also continued into 2022/2023 (n=10).

Eight of the 30 ASB incidents recorded for Woodbury Road in 2021/2022 were related to youths, four of these reporting the use of off-road/pit bikes. When analysing the entire time period, 34% of ASB incidents on this street made mention of motorcycles (n=17).

17 of the 32 ASB incidents recorded for Monastery Avenue in 2021/2022 were youth related. These were predominantly related to groups of youths gathering, causing damage and creating a nuisance in the area.

Kidderminster

Where? The 20 streets with the highest total ASB recordings across the time period broken down by keyword and ASB type:



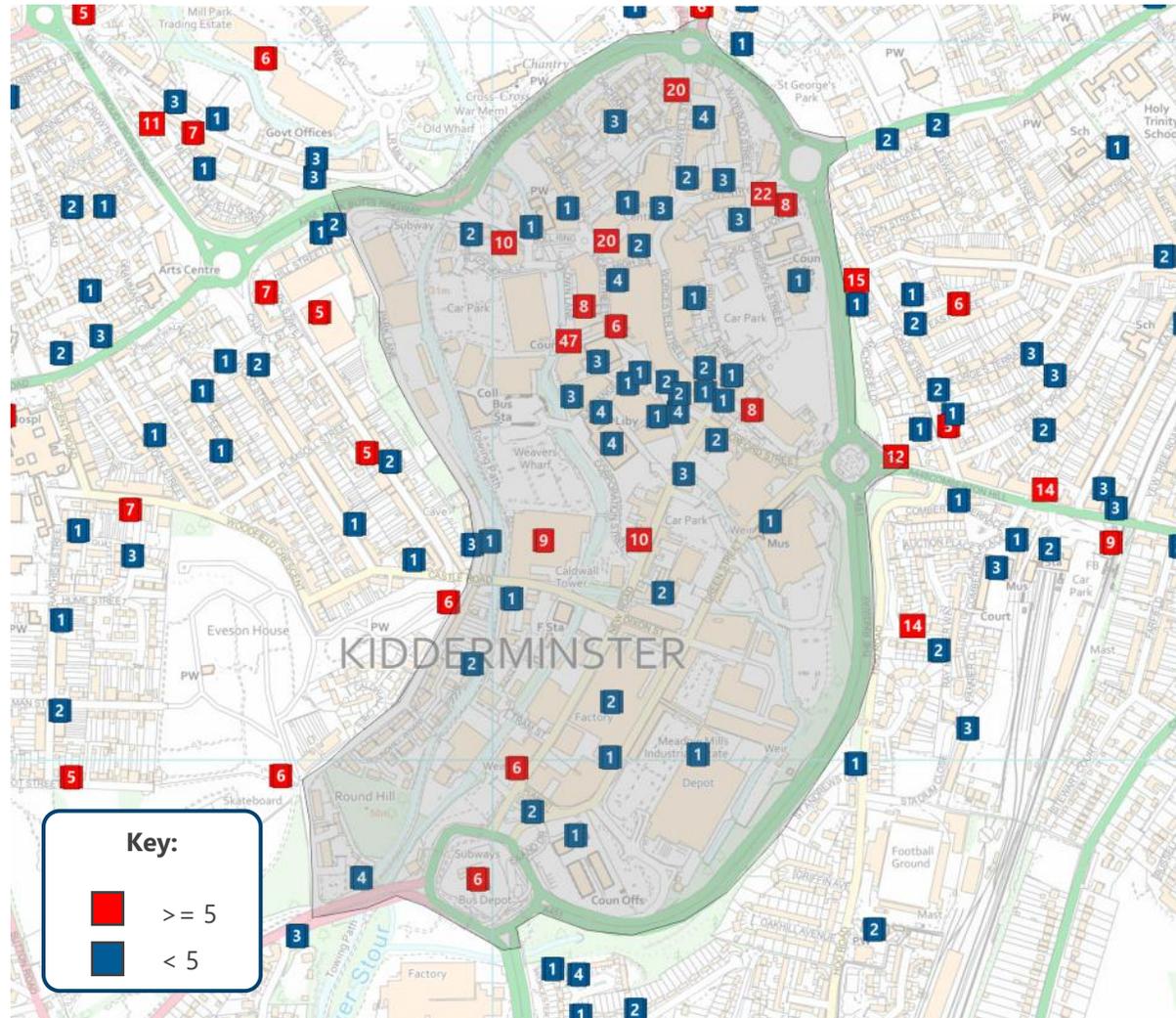
The main ASB issue reported was youths which saw 280 reports across the time period from the 20 streets with the highest ASB recordings.

Street	Youths	Alcohol	Drugs	Travellers	Motorbikes	Prejudice
Stourbridge Road	14	8	5	0	3	0
Comberton Hill	11	6	1	0	0	2
Weavers Wharf	30	2	2	0	2	0
Stourport Road	13	3	2	2	8	1
Blackwell Street	15	10	4	0	1	1
Sutton Road	35	4	5	0	9	0
Park Lane	9	7	4	0	3	0
Hurcott Road	8	0	3	0	7	0
Radford Avenue	22	5	5	0	2	1
Carpet Trades Way	13	3	2	3	9	0
Franche Road	22	3	3	0	1	0
Mill Street	16	6	4	0	0	0
Park Street	4	6	11	0	1	0
Gould Avenue West	3	0	1	0	6	0
Oxford Street	10	10	11	0	0	1
Vicar Street	4	3	0	0	0	0
Medal Close	4	5	8	0	1	0
Worcester Street	14	2	3	1	0	0
Woodbury Road	11	3	2	3	17	0
Monastery Avenue	22	1	0	0	1	0

AS-Environmental	AS-Nuisance	AS-Personal
15	70	11
7	82	7
4	89	2
7	73	10
7	75	4
7	74	4
11	62	4
7	57	3
8	54	3
4	56	3
10	50	2
5	55	1
8	46	4
1	53	3
7	43	5
5	47	1
6	42	4
6	40	5
4	45	1
3	43	2

Kidderminster

Where? Kidderminster PSPO: All ASB 2021/2022



Time Period	All ASB	Alcohol Related
2020/2021	403	36
2021/2022	279	16
2022/2023	135	3
Total	817	55

Overall, the Kidderminster Town Centre PSPO recorded 817 ASB incidents between 1 October 2020 and 30 April 2023. Recordings of ASB incidents have decreased over time within this area.

A 44% decrease in recordings was seen in 2021/2022 when compared with that recorded for 2020/2021.

Should incident recordings continue at this rate, 231 ASB incidents would be expected to be recorded for the PSPO between 1 October 2022 and 30 September 2023. This would constitute a 21% decrease on figures recorded for 2021/2022.

Oxford Street recorded the highest number of alcohol related ASB in the PSPO across the entire data period with ten offences. Six offences related to Dunelm, with several linked to intoxicated people outside of the store who were shouting and causing issues.

Corporation Street followed with eight alcohol related ASB offences, six of which related to Tesco Superstore. These involved intoxicated people causing issues, both outside and inside the store, many of which were openly drinking beer and spirits.

Blackwell Street recorded seven alcohol related ASB incidents, three of which related to intoxicated people at the Red Man Inn. The remaining related to intoxicated people in the multi story car park and at two local takeaways – Dominos Pizza and Lili Italia.

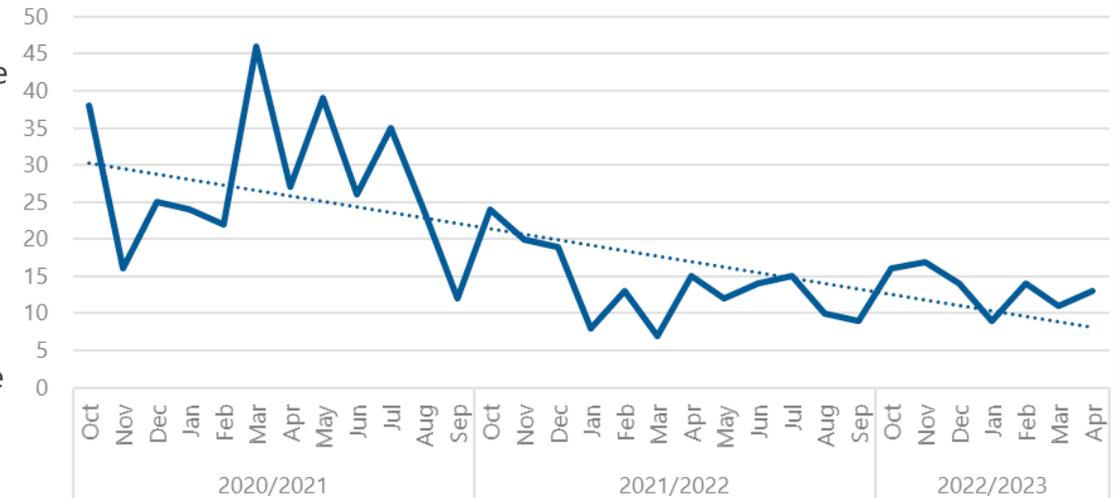
Bewdley

What?

Overall, Bewdley has recorded considerably fewer ASB incidents than other areas within Wyre Forest across the time period examined. However, like other areas in the district, there has been a continued downward trend in activity overall.

Incident recordings peaked in March 2021 (n=46) and were closely matched in May 2021 (n=39) 18 of the incidents recorded in March 2021 had incident qualifiers relating to breaches of the Covid-19 restrictions imposed as a result of the pandemic whilst May 2021 recorded one ASB incident as a Covid-19 breach.

16 incidents were recorded in October 2022, a 78% from September 2022 (n=9). Four of the incidents recorded related to Load Street with the George Hotel being mentioned in two of these incidents. November 2022 followed with 17 incidents recorded, five of which were recorded for Load Street. These related to travellers fighting on bonfire night, fireworks being set off and damage to a shop window.

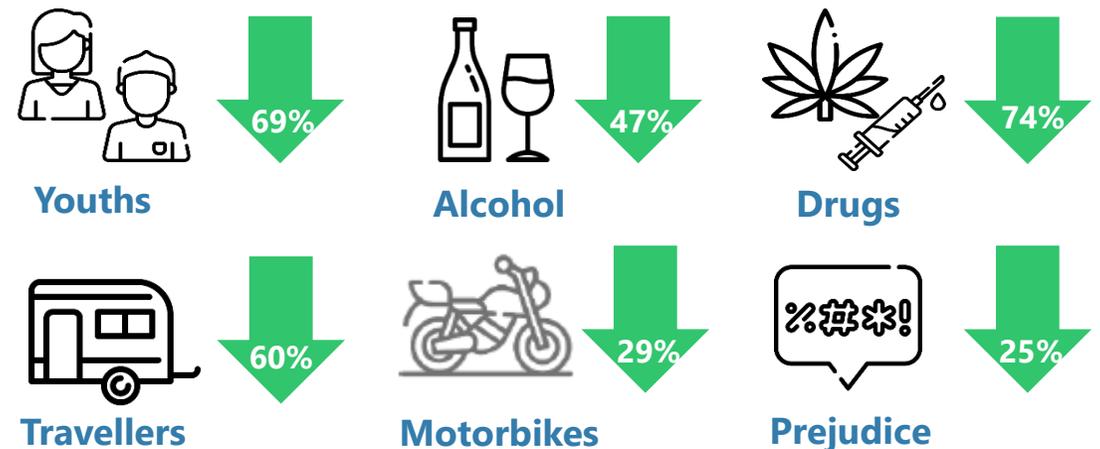


How?

When considering keywords for ASB, all categories have shown a decrease from year 2020/2021 to 2021/2022.

Year	Youths	Alcohol	Drugs	Travellers	Motorbike	Prejudice
2020/2021	45	19	27	5	7	4
2021/2022	14	10	7	2	5	3
2022/2023	8	5	5	2	5	1
Total	67	34	39	9	17	8

Between 2020/2021 and 2021/2022:

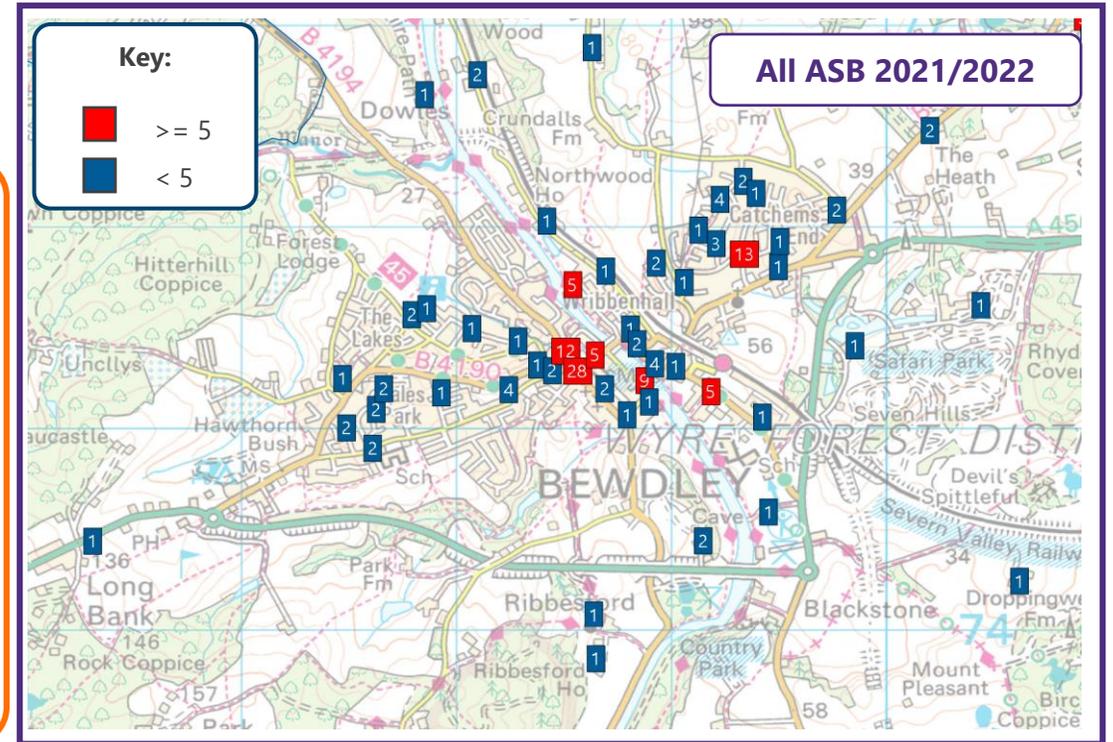
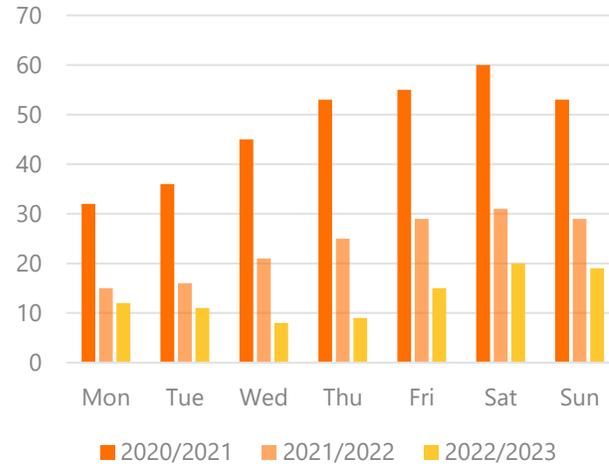


Bewdley

When?

Throughout the three time periods analysed, the weekend saw higher volumes of ASB recordings in Bewdley. This is likely due to more people being off work and school at the weekends.

276 reports were made between 16:00 and 22:00 across the entire time period (46%). This is likely due to youths not being at school during this time and therefore being more readily available to commit ASB.



Where?

Bewdley has recorded considerably fewer ASB incidents than the likes of Kidderminster and Stourport on Severn over the years and has also seen an overall downward trend. This downward trend is expected to slow down, with Bewdley having a projected figure of 161 ASB incidents for 1 October 2022 to 30 September 2023, closely matching that recorded for 2021/2022 (n=166).

In 2021/2022, recordings appeared to centralise around the town centre where a number of retail and hospitality venues can be found. Load Street and High Street account for 29% of all ASB recordings for Bewdley when considering the entire data period. In 2020/2021, a number of reports were made of youths gathering who would sometimes be abusive and disruptive within the area (n=8) This appears to have reduced in recent months with two incidents recorded for 2022/2023.

Bewdley

Where? The 20 streets with the highest total ASB recordings across the time period analysed were:

Street	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	Grand Total	Projected Figure October 2022 to September 2023*	% difference 2020/2021 vs. 2021/2022
Load Street	40	23	17	80	29	-43%
High Street	26	10	6	42	10	-62%
Kidderminster Road	28	7	4	39	7	-75%
Dog Lane	18	13	5	36	9	-28%
Northwood Lane	13	10	7	30	12	-23%
Stourport Road	19	6	2	27	3	-68%
Queensway, Bewdley	12	11	4	27	7	-8%
Severn Side South	10	10	3	23	5	0%
Ribbesford Road	3	7	12	22	21	+133%
Shaw Hedge Road	10	5	1	16	2	-50%
Wyre Hill	7	2	5	14	9	-71%
Anton Close	8	2	1	11	2	-75%
Waterloo Road	7	2	0	9	0	-71%
Richmond Road	3	2	3	8	5	-33%
Riverside North	4	3	0	7	0	-25%
Millside Court	2	4	1	7	2	+100%
Crundalls Lane	4	1	1	6	2	-75%
Frenchmans Street	2	4	0	6	0	+100%
Springhill Rise	4	2	0	6	0	-50%
All Saints Avenue	2	1	3	6	5	-50%

*based upon the current rate and not considering ASB recording changes in May 2023.

Like the overall picture of ASB for Wyre Forest, most of the 20 highest recording ASB streets in Bewdley have seen considerable decreases in recordings in recent times.

A street of note that appears to contrast this trend is Ribbesford Road which has recently seen a steady increase in ASB recordings.

Five incidents recorded for this street related to motorbikes racing in the nearby woodland area. Two were recorded in 2021/2022 and three in 2022/2023. Motorcycles have been previously mentioned as racing down the Ribbesford Road on scrambler motorcycles, reportedly reaching dangerous speeds.

This main yet rural road connects Bewdley to Stourport on Severn and has some residential properties along it, including a caravan park.

50% (n=6) of ASB recordings for Ribbesford Road in 2022/2023 related to a single residential location.

Bewdley

Where? The 20 streets with the highest total ASB recordings across the time period broken down by keyword and ASB type:



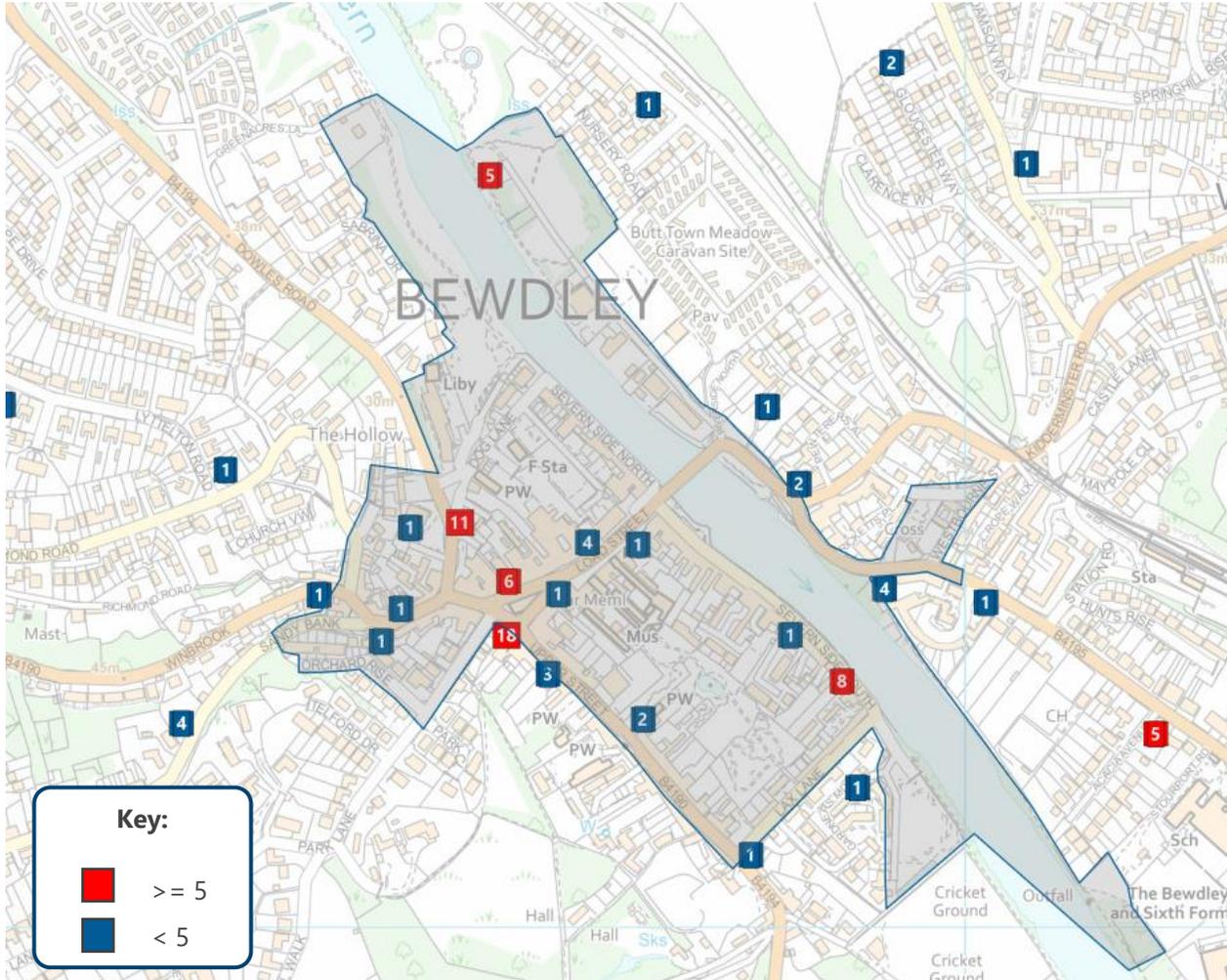
The main ASB issue reported was youths which saw 46 reports across the time period from the 20 streets with the highest ASB recordings.

Street	Youths	Alcohol	Drugs	Travellers	Motorbikes	Prejudice
Load Street	10	12	1	1	0	2
High Street	3	5	5	0	0	0
Kidderminster Road	3	2	2	2	1	2
Dog Lane	2	3	1	0	0	0
Northwood Lane	5	2	2	2	1	0
Stourport Road	2	0	0	0	1	0
Queensway, Bewdley	2	0	1	0	2	0
Severn Side South	0	1	1	0	3	0
Ribbesford Road	0	0	0	1	5	0
Shaw Hedge Road	3	0	4	0	0	0
Wyre Hill	1	0	2	0	0	0
Anton Close	0	2	0	0	0	0
Waterloo Road	1	1	6	0	0	0
Richmond Road	3	0	1	0	0	0
Riverside North	5	0	0	0	0	0
Millside Court	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crundalls Lane	2	0	0	0	0	0
Frenchmans Street	1	0	2	0	0	0
Springhill Rise	1	0	2	0	0	0
All Saints Avenue	2	0	0	0	0	0

AS-Environmental	AS-Nuisance	AS-Personal
8	66	6
6	35	1
6	32	1
3	31	2
2	25	3
3	20	4
2	22	3
2	20	1
2	17	3
2	14	0
1	13	0
0	10	1
3	6	0
0	7	1
0	7	0
1	6	0
2	2	2
0	5	1
0	5	1
0	6	0

Bewdley

Where? Bewdley PSPO: All ASB 2021/2022



Time Period	All ASB	Alcohol Related
2020/2021	105	13
2021/2022	64	7
2022/2023	33	3
Total	202	23

Overall, the Bewdley Town Centre PSPO recorded 202 ASB incidents between 1 October 2020 and 30 April 2023.

Recordings of ASB incidents have decreased over time within this area.

A 39% decrease in recordings was seen in 2021/2022 when compared with that recorded for 2020/2021.

Should incident recordings continue at this rate, 57 ASB incidents would be expected to be recorded for the PSPO between 1 October 2022 and 30 September 2023. This would constitute a smaller decrease of 11% on figures recorded for 2021/2022, indicating a potential slowing of the downward trend.

Load Street recorded the most alcohol related ASB incidents across the data period with twelve incidents. These related to reports of drunken behaviour both within and outside a number of premises along this route, including pubs, hotels and a Tesco supermarket. Due to the availability of alcohol within this area from hospitality venues, it would be expected that alcohol would drive the high ASB recordings at this location.

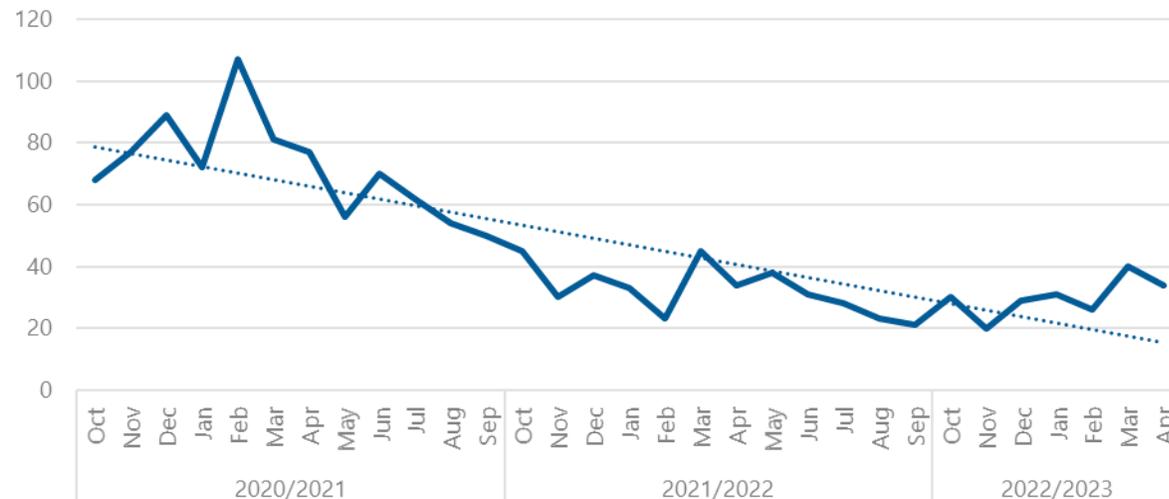
Stourport on Severn

What?

Overall, Stourport on Severn has recorded considerably fewer ASB incidents than other areas within Wyre Forest across the time period examined. Like other areas in the district, there has been a continued downward trend in activity overall.

Incident recordings peaked in March 2021 (n=46) and were closely matched in May 2021 (n=39). 18 of the incidents recorded in March 2021 had incident qualifiers relating to breaches of the Covid-19 restrictions imposed as a result of the pandemic whilst May 2021 recorded one ASB incident as a Covid-19 breach.

40 ASB incidents were recorded in March 2023, a 54% increase from February 2023 (n=26) This is in line with previous years, suggesting a seasonal trend in activity. A quarter of these incidents in 2022/2023 related to youths (25%) with eight offences in the Areley Kings and Riverside ward.

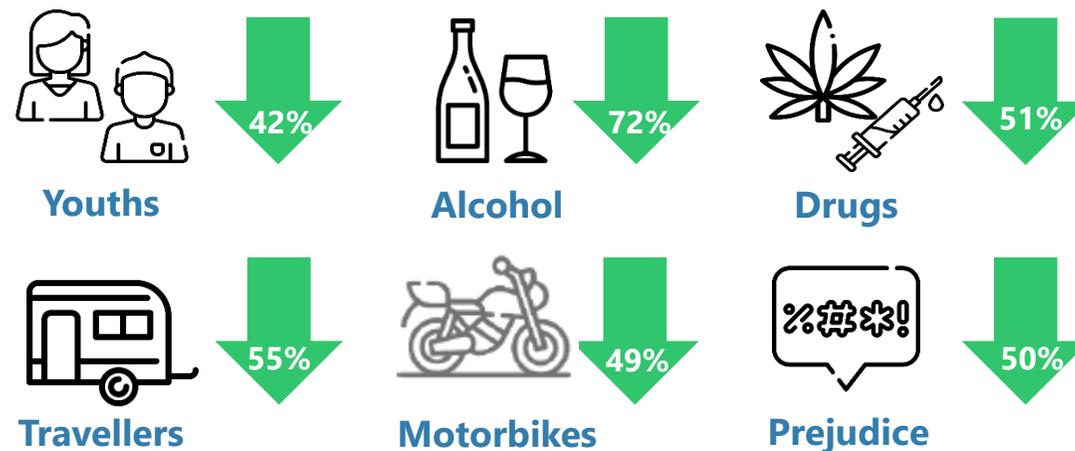


How?

When considering keywords for ASB, all categories have shown a considerable decreases from year 2020/2021 to 2021/2022.

Year	Youths	Alcohol	Drugs	Travellers	Motorbike	Prejudice
2020/2021	83	43	47	31	132	4
2021/2022	48	12	23	14	67	2
2022/2023	38	4	8	6	64	0
Total	169	59	78	51	263	6

Between 2020/2021 and 2021/2022:

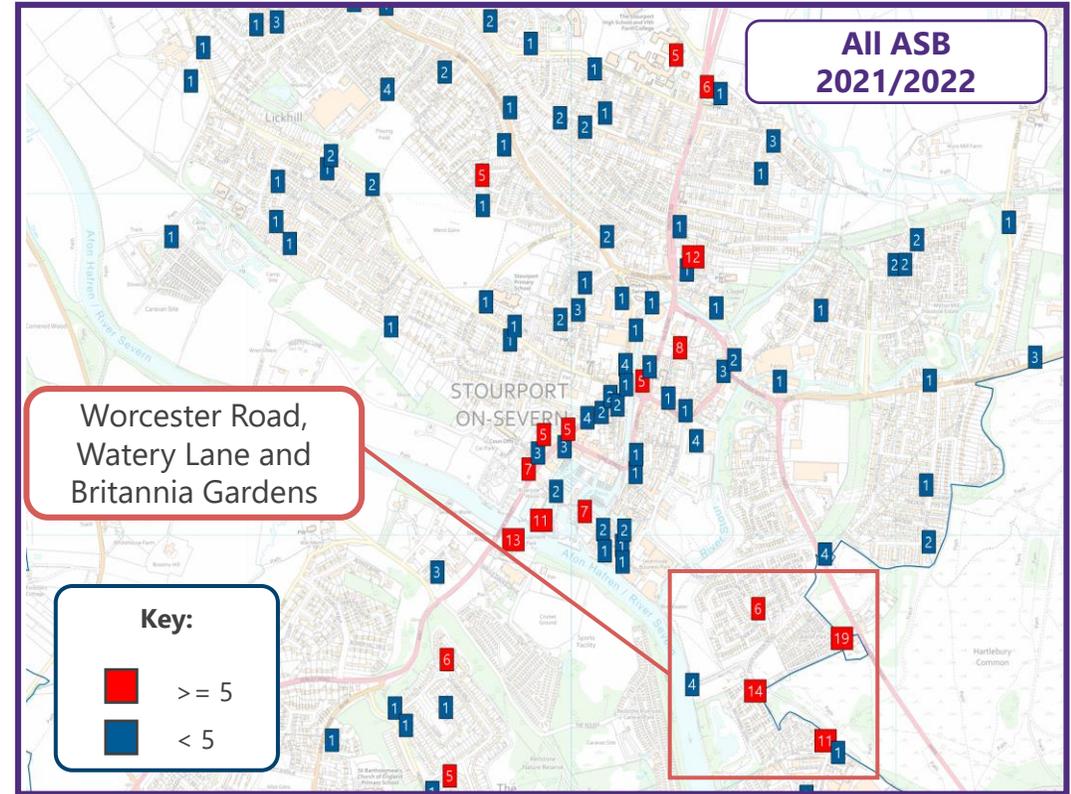
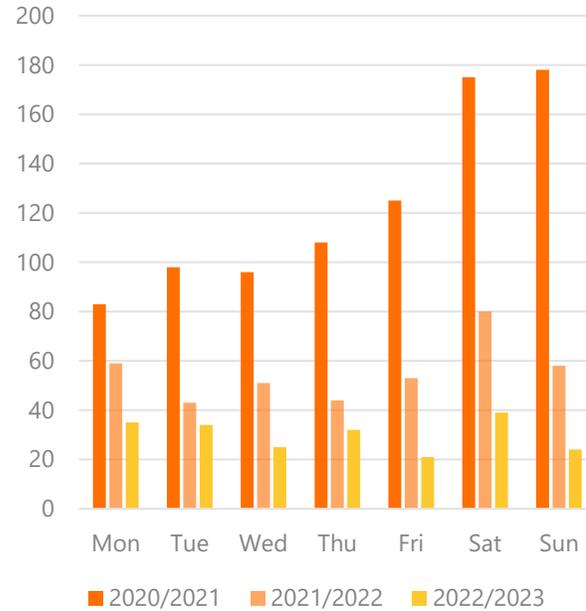


Stourport on Severn

When?

The weekend saw higher volumes of ASB recordings for Stourport during 2020/2021 and 2021/2022. However, there appears to be no considerable difference in ASB levels for each day of the week for 2022/2023. This suggests that being at work or school during the week is not affecting ASB recordings.

486 reports were made between 15:00 and 19:00 across the entire time period (33%) as well as 302 between 19:00 and 23:00 (21%) and 154 between 23:00 and 02:00 (11%) This suggests that night time economy is unlikely to be driving ASB levels in this area.



Where?

Compared to ASB in Kidderminster and Bewdley, Stourport on Severn has seen an overall downward trend in ASB recordings in recent times. This decrease would have been likely to stabilise with time, although changes to the recording standards in May 2023 are highly likely to incite an increase in recordings.

Should ASB recordings continue at the current rate, 360 ASB incidents would be expected to be recorded between 1 October 2022 and 30 September 2023, closely matching that recorded for 2021/2022 which saw 388 ASB incidents.

Unlike other towns in Wyre Forest, ASB incidents appear to occur both within the town centre and along some main routes into the town. Worcester Road, Watery Lane and Britannia Gardens account for 15% of all ASB recordings for Stourport on Severn across the whole data period (n=217).

Stourport on Severn

Where? The 20 streets with the highest total ASB recordings across the time period analysed were:

Street	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	Grand Total	Projected Figure October 2022 to September 2023*	% difference 2020/2021 vs. 2021/2022
Worcester Road	71	27	24	122	41	-62%
Bridge Street	43	22	4	69	7	-49%
Watery Lane	36	15	3	54	5	-58%
Linden Avenue	23	20	9	52	15	-13%
Britannia Gardens	27	9	5	41	9	-67%
High Street	22	12	5	39	9	-45%
Hartlebury Road	24	4	1	29	2	-83%
Kingsway	12	10	6	28	10	-17%
Areley Common	17	5	5	27	9	-71%
Lickhill Road	14	8	5	27	9	-43%
York Street	20	4	1	25	2	-80%
Lombard Street	19	6	0	25	0	-68%
Old Ford Walk	15	6	3	24	5	-60%
Princess Way	8	4	10	22	17	-50%
Brindley Street	10	3	6	19	10	-70%
Hanstone Road	6	4	9	19	15	-33%
Minster Road	8	9	2	19	3	+13%
Redstone Lane	12	1	5	18	9	-92%
Layamon Walk	12	5	1	18	2	-58%
Seedgreen Close	13	4	0	17	0	-69%

*based upon the current rate and not considering ASB recording changes in May 2023.

Like the overall picture of ASB for Wyre Forest, most of the 20 highest ASB recording streets in Stourport on Severn have seen considerable decreases in ASB recordings, except for Minster Road which recorded an increase of one offence (13%).

Worcester Road is a main route into Stourport on Severn and is home to a number of supermarkets, pubs, industrial units and caravan parks.

Eight incidents across the entire time period related to travellers, with five of these also mentioning motorcycles. Several reports identify people using quad bikes, scramblers and dirt bikes in the area. These incidents have been reported across all three data periods, with the most recent being January 2023.

Should incident recordings continue at this rate, 41 ASB incidents would be expected to be recorded for Worcester Road by October 2023, which would be a 52% increase on that recorded in 2021/2022.

Stourport on Severn

Where? The 20 streets with the highest total ASB recordings across the time period broken down by keyword and ASB type:



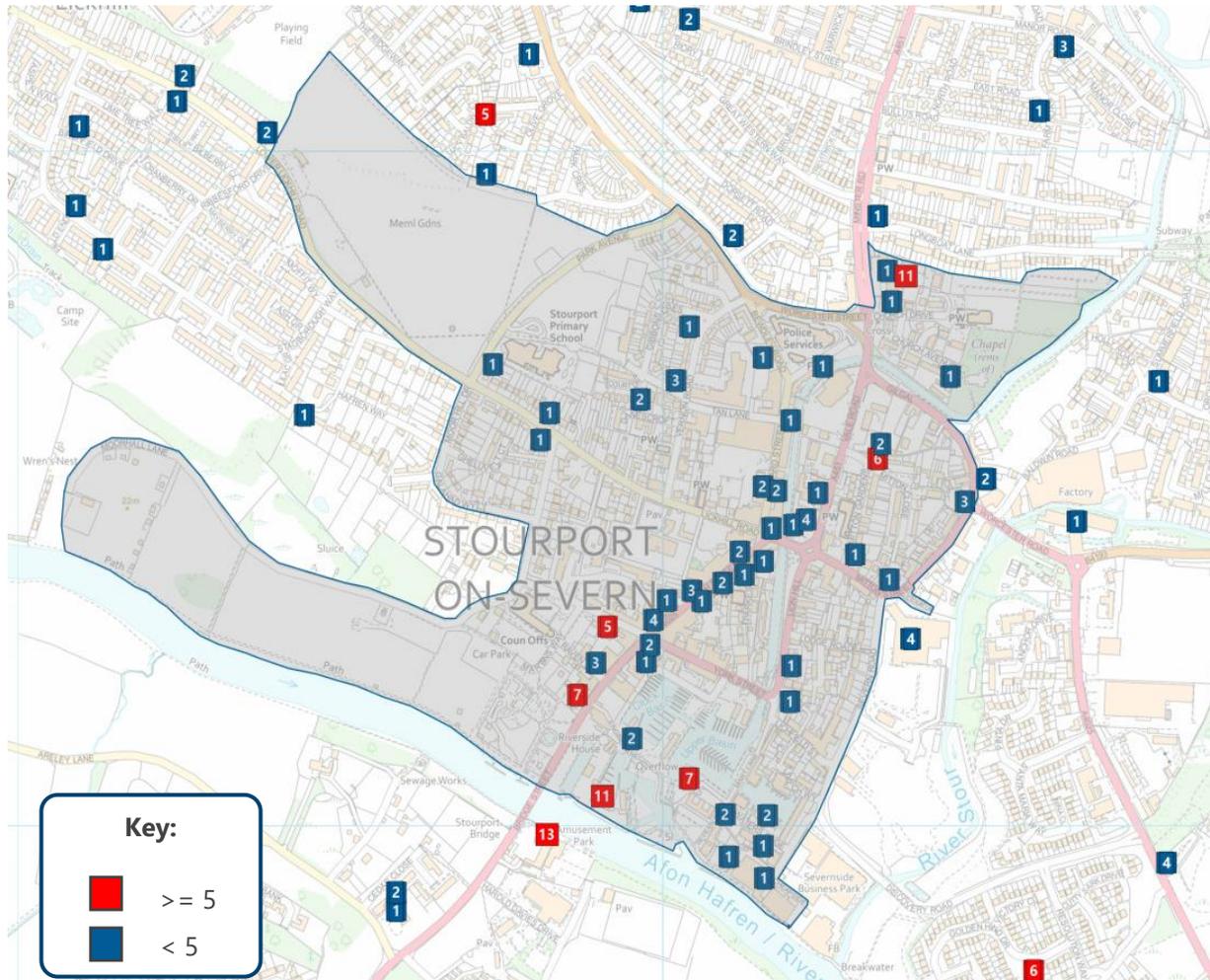
The main ASB issue reported was motorbikes which saw 177 reports across the time period from the 20 streets with the highest ASB recordings.

Street	Youths	Alcohol	Drugs	Travellers	Motorbikes	Prejudice
Worcester Road	3	2	1	8	82	0
Bridge Street	9	9	7	3	1	1
Watery Lane	3	1	0	3	29	0
Linden Avenue	12	2	2	0	3	0
Britannia Gardens	7	0	0	6	24	0
High Street	2	4	2	1	2	0
Hartlebury Road	0	4	0	4	7	0
Kingsway	3	0	0	2	11	0
Areley Common	2	1	6	0	2	0
Lickhill Road	6	2	1	0	2	0
York Street	3	0	1	0	0	0
Lombard Street	0	1	0	1	0	0
Old Ford Walk	1	0	7	0	0	0
Princess Way	2	0	2	0	7	0
Brindley Street	1	0	0	0	0	0
Hanstone Road	1	0	7	0	1	0
Minster Road	3	0	1	0	3	0
Redstone Lane	5	0	0	0	2	0
Layamon Walk	2	0	1	1	1	0
Seedgreen Close	0	0	0	0	0	0

AS-Environmental	AS-Nuisance	AS-Personal
16	105	1
3	66	0
3	51	0
0	39	13
3	37	1
2	34	3
4	23	2
4	24	0
3	21	3
2	22	3
1	21	3
3	19	3
1	20	3
0	18	4
1	16	2
2	16	1
0	14	5
1	14	3
0	18	0
1	12	4

Stourport on Severn

Where? Stourport on Severn PSPO: All ASB 2021/2022



Time Period	All ASB	Alcohol Related
2020/2021	202	17
2021/2022	113	8
2022/2023	42	1
Total	357	26

Overall, the Stourport Town Centre PSPO recorded 357 ASB incidents between 1 October 2020 and 30 April 2023. Like other PSPOs in Wyre Forest, recordings of ASB incidents have decreased over time within this area.

A 44% decrease in recordings was seen in 2021/2022 when compared with that recorded for 2020/2021.

Should incident recordings continue at this rate, 72 ASB incidents would be expected to be recorded for the PSPO between 1 October 2022 and 30 September 2023. This would constitute a decrease of 36% on figures recorded for 2021/2022.

Alcohol related ASB incidents also appear to have decreased considerably between 2020/2021 and 2021/2022.

Bridge Street recorded the most alcohol related ASB incidents across the data period with six incidents. These had a variety of circumstances including a group of teenagers congregating in the beer garden of The Port House in December 2022 who refused to leave as well as a large group of youths gathering at Riverside Amusement Park in April 2022 with alcohol. A report of the inappropriate sale of alcohol to underage customers at Dwyers Newsagents was also made in January 2022.

High Street followed with four incidents relating to alcohol, two of which related to drunken disturbances at The Wheatsheaf Pub between August and September 2021. One incident detailed a drunken male refusing to leave a bus as well as a further incident whereby a drunk male has fallen asleep in the doorway of a residential flat.

Appendix

Key words used for key word searches of ASB incidents were as follows:

Driver Group					
Youths	Alcohol	Drugs	Travellers	Motorbikes	Prejudice
Youths	Alcohol	Drugs	Travellers	Motorbike	Racist
Kids	Drunk	Weed	Gypsy/Gypsies	Motorcycle	Racial
Teenagers	In Drink	Cannabis	Caravans	Motocross	Hate
	Drinking	Inject		Dirt Bike	Hatred
	Alcoholic	Heroin		Mini Motor	Hateful
	Booze	Crack		Quad Bike	Homophobic
	Vodka	Cocaine		Off Road Bike	Transphobic
	Beer	Skunk		Scramble/Scrambler	
	Beers	Spice		Moped	
	Whiskey			Motorcyclist	
				Pit Bike	

Key word 'intoxicated' was considered but as it was not possible to differentiate between intoxication from alcohol and drugs based on keyword searches, these have not been added to the alcohol and drug totals, but have been commented upon where significant.

Glossary

Public Spaces Protection Order

A Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) is an order which bans specific acts in a designated geographical area in England and Wales as set out in the act. It replaces the earlier designated public place orders, gating orders and dog control orders. PSPOs are intended to prevent specific acts which would not otherwise be criminal offences. This could include street drinking, antisocial driving, etc.

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Glossary

Antisocial Behaviour (ASB)

Antisocial Behaviour – Nuisance

'**Nuisance**' captures those incidents where an act, condition, thing or person causes trouble, annoyance, inconvenience, offence or suffering to the local community in general rather than to individual victims.

It includes incidents where behaviour goes beyond the conventional bounds of acceptability and interferes with public interests including health, safety and quality of life. Just as individuals will have differing expectations and volumes of tolerance so will communities have different ideas about what goes beyond tolerable or acceptable behaviour.

Examples include urinating in public, setting fires, climbing on buildings, games in restricted areas, letting down tyres, racing cars, cycling on footpaths and inappropriate use of fireworks.

Antisocial Behaviour – Environmental

'Environmental' deals with the interface between people and places. It includes incidents where individuals and groups have an impact on their surroundings including natural, built and social environments. This category is about encouraging reasonable behaviour whilst managing and protecting the various environments so that people can enjoy their own private spaces as well as shared or public spaces.

People's physical settings and surroundings are known to impact positively or negatively on mood and sense of well-being and a perception that nobody cares about the quality of a particular environment can cause those effected by that environment to feel undervalued or ignored. Public spaces change over time as a result of physical effects caused, for example, by building but the environment can also change as a result of the people using or misusing that space.

Examples include fly-tipping, graffiti, vandalism to vehicles and properties, trespassing, litter and dog fouling.

Antisocial Behaviour – Personal

'Personal' is designed to identify ASB incidents that the caller, call-handler or anyone else perceives as either deliberately targeted at an individual or group or having an impact on an individual or group rather than the community at large.

It includes incidents that cause concern, stress, disquiet and/or irritation through to incidents which have a serious adverse impact on people's quality of life. At one extreme of the spectrum it includes minor annoyance; at the other end it could result in risk of harm, deterioration of health and disruption of mental or emotional well-being, resulting in an inability to carry out normal day to day activities through fear and intimidation.

Examples include verbal abuse, bullying, following people, sending offensive letters, nuisance phone calls and voyeurism.

Appendix Two

Review of Dog Control Public Spaces Protection Order

Introduction

Enforcement of the Dog Control PSPO is undertaken by the Council's Civil Enforcement and Environmental Protection Team. The team has provided data on the number of Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) issued and feedback on the individual requirements and restrictions.

Overall

The current range of powers under the current order are comprehensive. The Enforcement Team find that the public are largely compliant, and the powers are well received. Although there has been an increase of individuals not engaging with officers, with some failing and refusing to give details.

In general, the PSPO continues to be a good addition in the Council's tool kit to tackle dog fouling. While compliance remains steady officers have noticed some occasional resistance in engagement. That said the Team finds the public remain supportive of the PSPO.

Fixed Penalty Notices issued PSPO (Dog Control)

Year	Amount
2017/18	5
2018/19	19
2019/20	10
2020/21	16
2021/22	22
2022/23	26
2023/24 (April-June 2023)	5
Total	103

Feedback from Civil Enforcement and Environmental Protection Team

Dog fouling remains an issue, although campaign work in key areas has yielded some good success. Having the power to issue an FPN to those that fail to remove their dog's waste is absolutely essential.

Failure to produce the means to pick up - Although officers face some resistance from individuals, this power complements the PSPO and assists with enforcement of the larger dog fouling issue.

Dogs on lead at Kidderminster Cemetery – I believe this should stay and believe most people would agree. With Brinton Park next door there is no reason people need to use this area to exercise dogs.

Dogs on lead at QEII Gardens – It is noted that officers are continuing to find dogs on leads in QEII Bewdley and FPNs are issued as a result.

Dogs on lead by officer request - Although not used often is a good tool to have at the team's disposal.

Dogs excluded from play areas - Although not used often is a good tool to have at the team's disposal.

Including additional powers

Officers have suggested that that an additional power is made under the order making it an offence to fail to provide name and address. This would mirror that of similar powers under the Environmental Protection Act.