



Coventry Community Empowerment Network -  
The Key To Our Success

# ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR - community views

## Plus: drugs strategy consultation

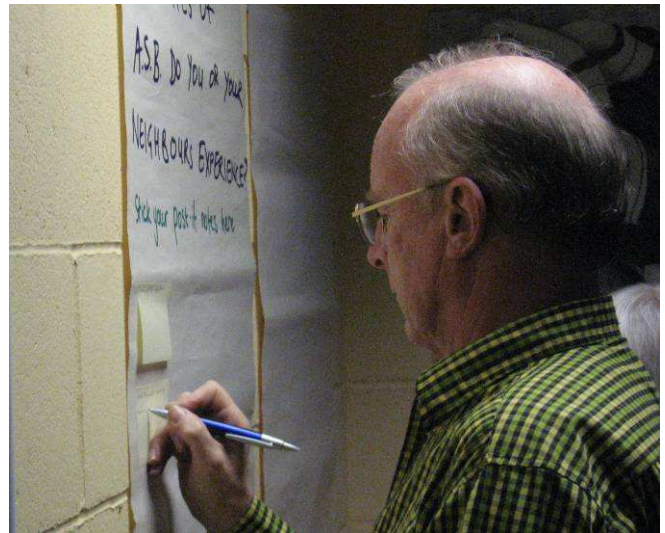
### Is anti-social behaviour (ASB) a problem where you live or in your community?

CEN's October monthly meeting in Spon End looked at this topic and what can be done.

Mandie Watson, Antisocial Behaviour Reduction Co-ordinator for the City Council, gave us a flavour of what the council is trying to do to tackle both the problem itself and the fear of crime.

Then community members shared their perceptions and experiences of anti-social behaviour in their neighbourhood. Participants also gave their views on a draft of a new guide that will help residents know what to do if they face this issue. Turn to the inside pages for more.

You can also find out how community members responded to questions about tackling drugs. These views will help to shape a new drug strategy for the country. Turn to the back page to read about this.



**Coventry Community Empowerment Network (CEN)** brings together community groups to share information and skills, and influence what happens in our city.

**Our monthly meetings** give the community a chance to meet regularly, and respond to local and city-wide issues. You don't have to be a member of CEN to come along.



**NEXT MEETING**  
**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Nov 2007**  
**5.30-8pm**

Muslim Resource Centre,  
Red Lane, Foleshill

**'Involvement—different ways to get things done'**

*How do I change things in my neighbourhood? Hear about different ways to get involved and get things done, from inspiring people who are doing just that!*



## Community perceptions

### Views on the draft Residents' Guide

Coventry Community Safety Partnership is producing a guide to help residents know what to do if they face anti-social behaviour. People at the meeting gave their feedback on a draft of the guide, which will help to shape the final document. Some of the thoughts included:

- Good layout
- Quite useful, especially the different examples of anti-social behaviour (i.e. its not just kids on corners)
- Please add a list of contact details
- Phone numbers should be free-phone
- Add 'other formats available'
- Fully support the guide
- Tends to ignore casual ASB and adult ASB
- Add a scale of ASB to put an experience into perspective
- Add clarification of costs, such as gating cost etc.
- We would like more time for reading and discussion next time.



Rubbish in gardens and entries

Gangs in park after dark

Intimidating behaviour

Alcohol sales to underage children and young people by local off licenses

Residents too frightened to attend public meetings followed & recognised

Breaking glass in bus stops and phone kiosks

Street littering not cleaned up for elderly and disabled

Address worries about intimidation of residents who do speak out and try and make a difference

Make sure the parents take responsibilities. Stop rewarding bad behaviour.

Stop moving criminals around the city.

People who have businesses here need to take responsibility also.

What ASB is your experience?

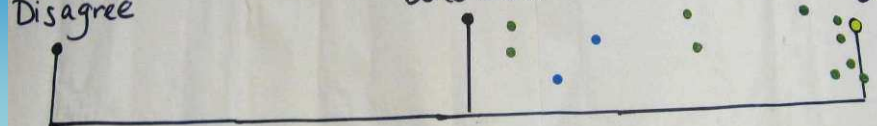
What do you need to be done about anti-social behaviour in your area?

### Anti-social behaviour is a problem in my neighbourhood or community:

Strongly Disagree

Don't know

Strongly agree



# of anti-social behaviour

rightened to attend  
in case they are  
organised

*Loud music  
is going on  
till early  
morning*

*Mini motor bikes*

**What types of  
do you or  
neighbours  
experience?**

Arson

Residents who  
complain  
being accused  
of assault by  
those causing  
ASB

**Dog fouling**

**near shops - hazardous  
and disabled people**

**What else is  
needed to tackle  
anti-social  
behaviour where  
you live?**

Extend neighbourhood  
wardens to all areas.  
Extend neighbourhood  
watch.

In Holbrooks, a group  
was set up for young  
girls interested in street  
dancing. They have now  
performed for the  
community, at the Godiva  
Festival and to raise money  
for charity.

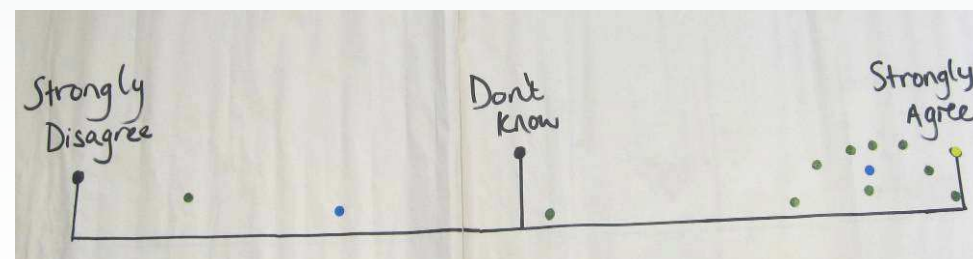
Look at gang culture – this  
is getting worse.

## Drugs strategy

The Government is consulting on a new strategy for tackling drugs. Abtar Sanga from Coventry City Council gathered views using these questions:

- Drugs are a major source of concern for parents – what more can be done to help parents, guardians and carers talk to their children and families about drugs?
- What support should be available if family members get caught up in drugs?
- The Government is committed to helping drug users build drug-free lives. What more do you think Government, local services, the voluntary sector, private business and other can do to help people stay drug free?
- What information and action would reassure you that drug dealing and other drug-related nuisances were being tackled where you live?
- The Government remains concerned that drugs can look glamorous to young people. What more can be done to challenge this?

**Turn the page to see  
people's views.**



**Anti-social  
behaviour is  
increasing in my  
neighbourhood or  
community:**

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## Tackling Drugs

A few of the responses to the drug strategy consultation (see previous page for details) are summarised here. Views from the consultation will be passed to *Mori* and form part of the national consultation.

Bring this up in schools and youth clubs

Make parents responsible

Advice centre + support for family

Parent teachers association meetings

Parents should be shown how to recognise the indicators of their children starting drugs

More treatment with penalty that fits

More support needed for families of person to stop them suffering too

More education on the reasons people takes drugs. More support for people trying to overcome addiction and stay off drugs

Government taking more responsibility and not leaving it up to the voluntary sector to pick up the pieces all the time



### The Information Box

*If you face ASB issues:*

**'It's Your Call' Anti Social Behaviour reporting line:**  
0845 605 2222

**Police:** 0845 113 5000  
(Always dial 999 in an emergency)

**Kilo2 (for noise nuisance):**  
024 7683 2222

**Coventry Direct** (for local services e.g. pest removal etc): 024 7683 3333

You can report nuisance to a social landlord if you are a housing tenant.

*If you have views on the issues in this report you can tell CEN and we will pass them on. Contact Annabel:*

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