



## SELECT (CRIME AND DISORDER) COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 9 September 2020 at 6.30pm  
(Online meeting)

**Committee Members:** The Chairman (Councillor Staveley) and Councillors Brockbank, Brown, Harbron, Hull, Jaquin, Mercer, Moorby, Pighills, Shuttleworth, Solloway and Sutcliffe.

### AGENDA

Please note that due to Covid-19, this meeting will be held remotely and will be livestreamed here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdfb6ZRbYnZ1-rRiiLmjUwg>

1. **Apologies for absence** – To receive any apologies for absence.
2. **Minutes** – To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 15 January 2020.
3. **Public Participation** – In the event that questions are received, the Chairman will conduct the public participation session for a period of up to fifteen minutes. Where questions are asked, one related supplementary question may be permitted at the Chairman's discretion.
4. **Declarations of Interest** – All Members are invited to declare at this point any interests they have on items appearing on this agenda, including the nature of those interests and whether they wish to apply the exception below.

**Note:** Declarations should be in the form of either:

- a “**disclosable pecuniary interest**” under Appendix A to the Code of Conduct, in which case the Member must leave the meeting room; or
- an “**other interest**” under Appendix B of the Code. For these interests, the Member may stay in the meeting room, although they must leave if membership of the organisation results in a conflict of interest.

**Exception:** Where a member of the public has a right to speak at a meeting, a Member who has a disclosable pecuniary interest or an other interest and must leave the room, has the same rights and may make representations, answer questions or give evidence, but at the conclusion of that, must then leave the room and not take part in the discussion or vote.

5. **Local Policing – Local crime overview and priorities** – Report of Inspector Lorraine Crossman-Smith, North Yorkshire Police

Purpose of item – To provide an update on local policing in the Craven area.

**6. Community Safety Partnership – Report of the Chief Executive**

Purpose of item – To provide an update about the work of the Community Safety Partnership in the Craven area.

**7. Any other items** which the Chairman decides are urgent in accordance with Section 100B(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972.

**8. Date of Next Meeting** – Select (Crime and Disorder) Committee – Wednesday, 9 December 2020 at 6.30pm.

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**SELECT (CRIME AND DISORDER) COMMITTEE**

15 January 2020

**Present** –The Chairman (Councillor Staveley) and Councillors Brown, Hull, Jaquin, Moorby, Pighills, Shuttleworth, Solloway and Sutcliffe.

**Officers** – Road Safety Team Leader, Communications, Customer Services and Partnerships Manager, Community Safety Officer and Democratic Services Manager.

**Also in attendance** – Inspector Crossman-Smith.

**Apologies for Absence** – Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillors Mercer and Metcalfe.

**Minutes** –

**Resolved** – That the minutes of the Select (Crime and Disorder) Committee meeting held on 26 June 2019 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**Public Participation** – There were no questions or statements from members of the public in attendance.

**Declarations of Interest** – There were no declarations of interest.

Start: 6.30pm

Finish: 8.10pm

**Minutes for Report**

OS.440

**Road Safety Overview**

The Road Safety Team Leader, North Yorkshire County Council, provided a PowerPoint presentation highlighting work undertaken to improve road safety across the Craven area.

The presentation focussed on the following key areas:

- An overview of 95 Alive and the York and North Yorkshire Road Safety Partnership;
- An update on road casualties across the Craven area;
- Lead and supporting partners;
- Priority areas;
- Examples of social media engagement; and
- Speed management protocol.

The main areas of discussion were:

- Confirmation that members of the public were able to submit a request to review speed management in relation to a particular site. Further information was available on the Roadwise website.
- Information about driver assessments for older drivers to refresh their skills.
- Concern about the process used by the Highway Authority for reviewing planning applications and its impact on the highway network. The Road Safety Team Leader agreed to discuss with colleagues at North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) and report back to Select Committee with a response. One Member suggested that a letter be written to the Executive Member for Transport and Senior Officers at NYCC highlighting Select Committee's concerns.

- The issue of road closures on the A65 due to road traffic accidents, particularly the dangers caused by HGVs diverted to unsuitable routes and the risk of further accidents. Also, the need to establish a protocol for road diversions.

**Resolved –**

- a) That the Road Safety Team Leader reports back to Select Committee regarding its concerns about the Highway Authority process for reviewing planning applications.
- b) That the Democratic Services Manager writes to the Executive Member for Transport and Senior Officers at North Yorkshire County Council, highlighting Select Committee's concerns regarding the process used by the Highway Authority for reviewing planning applications and its impact on the highway network.
- c) That the proposal to introduce a protocol for road diversions is referred to North Yorkshire County Council and North Yorkshire Police to enable further discussions to take place with a view to providing a response to the June meeting of Select (Crime and Disorder) Committee.

OS.441

**Local Policing – Local Crime Overview and Priorities**

Inspector Crossman-Smith presented an update on local policing within the Craven District.

The key areas of discussion were:

- An update on the Upper Wharfedale 'Challenges in Rural Crime' meeting on 3 December 2019. It was reported that the meeting was well attended by local residents and included representatives from the Rural Task Force, National Farmers Union (NFU) and Wharfedale Rural Watch. Also in attendance was the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, Julia Mulligan together with representatives from North Yorkshire Police, Sgt Paul Evans and Mick Carr. The meeting was very informative and highlighted the positive work of Wharfedale Rural Watch and discussed plans for its further development. Members thanked Rural Watch for its positive work in local communities.
- Clarification sought whether local residents were able to put CCTV on their buildings and whether it was an issue if it captured traffic on the public highway. It was advised that CCTV needed to focus on the property and not the public highway. Further information and advice was available from the Information Commissioner's Office.
- Confirmation that a new Child Sexual Exploitation / Child Criminal Exploitation PCSO role was being trialled. The role was part of a commitment to Craven's Multi-Agency Child Exploitation (MACE) group, which met monthly at NYCC. Members supported the need for sufficient resources to make it a permanent role.

**Resolved –** That the update in relation to 'Local Policing – Local Crime Overview and Priorities', is noted.

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**Community Safety Partnership**

The Community Safety Officer provided an update on recent work undertaken by the Community Safety Partnership in the Craven area.

The main points of discussion were:

- An update on Scam Awareness Sessions. Members were advised that the sessions were run by NatWest Bank's local community banker to raise awareness of steps residents could take to protect themselves from various types of fraud. It was requested that the Community Safety Officer forwarded details of the Scam Awareness Sessions to all Town and Parish Councils.
- The potential use of Ward Member Grants to fund CCTV as part of the Community Safety Hub's ongoing work in relation to crime prevention.

Craven District Council

**Resolved** – That the Community Safety Officer forwards details of the Scam Awareness Sessions to all Town and Parish Councils.

OS.443

**Date and Time of Next Meeting**

- Select (Crime and Disorder) Committee – Wednesday, 24 June 2020 at 6.30pm

Chairman.

# North Yorkshire Police Report for September 2021 Crime and Select Committee

## Rural Crime

Craven currently has three Rural Watch Volunteer Schemes run in slightly different ways and in different stages in terms of maturity. All three are linked into the Police via WhatsApp and have co-ordinators, having signed up to a Code of Conduct. Some have fully vetted Police volunteers, access to radios and dash-cams others are in earlier stages of development.

The three schemes are;

- Wharfedale Rural Watch
  - The link refers to success stories collated by the group:  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ffELpLfv5OUcRlvjq5m8cjlw5uGVPU2R-JicyBWhlos/edit>
- Settle Rural Watch
- South Craven Watch

We also support Operation Checkpoint through patrol time with our Rural Watches. This operation has historically been the Dales, A1 corridor, and northern border operation tackling rural crime and is supported by a total of six forces in the north of England: North Yorkshire, Durham, Cleveland, Cumbria, Lancashire, and Northumbria.

It typically covers 4500sq km of rural area and involves the volunteer Watch teams and is the biggest such operation in the country. There is a further date planned in September.

## Op Talla – Impact of Coronavirus

In terms of more general updates, COVID has clearly impacted North Yorkshire Police and our key partners. We have enforced COVID legislation locally with 198 tickets issued during the lock down period:

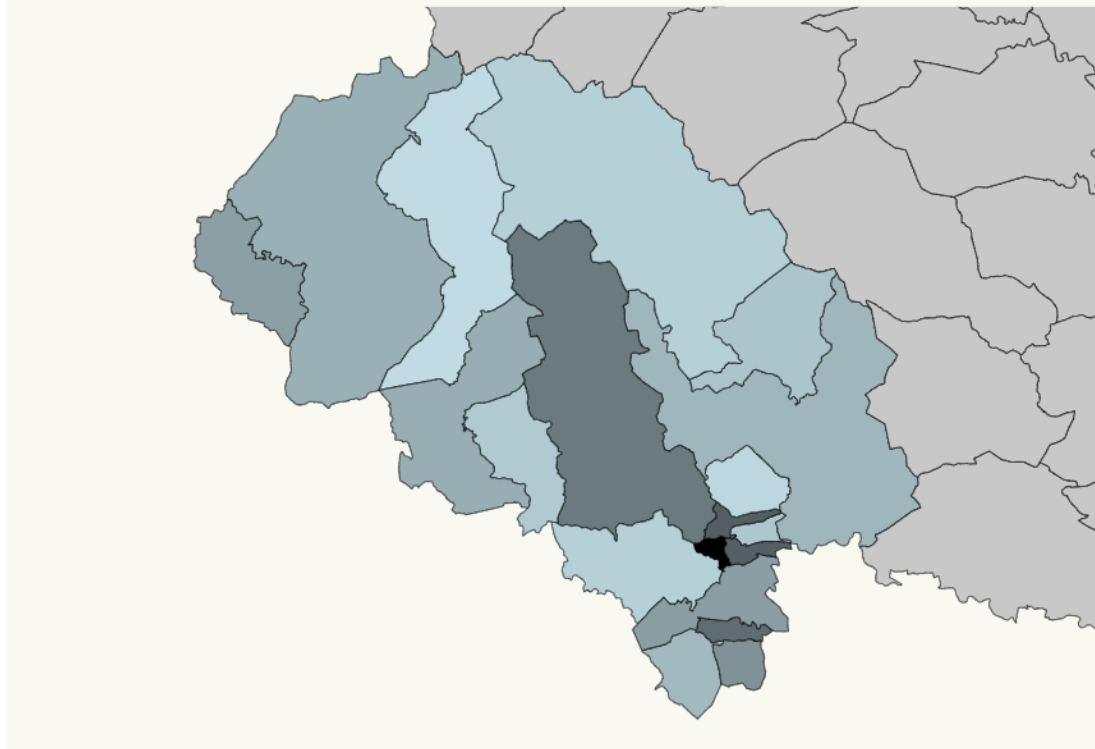
<https://northyorkshire.police.uk/news/latest-number-of-fines-issued-under-the-coronavirus-legislation/>

We are also adapting to the current, ongoing impact on our rural communities with increased numbers of visitors and have started a Problem Solving Plan with local parish Councils in the Wharfedale area along with partners including Parking Enforcement, Bolton Abbey, Craven District Council, Yorkshire Dales National Park Rangers and Highways. This has included a community survey as a basis for our partnership response.

## General Crime Figures

### Nexus Crime Figures 01/02/2020 – 31/07/2020 (previous 6 months)

Crime volume and ward name by ward code



Crime	Count	%
Violence Against The Person	304	28.49%
Theft	155	14.53%
Fraud	140	13.12%
Arson & Criminal Damage	114	10.68%
Burglary	96	9.00%
Drug Offences	77	7.22%
Public Order Offences	70	6.56%
Vehicle Offences	46	4.31%
Sexual Offences	33	3.09%
Misc Crimes Against Society	18	1.69%
Possession Of Weapons	11	1.03%
Robbery	3	0.28%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1067</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

Council ward	Count	%
Skipton West	168	15.75%
Skipton North	102	9.56%
Skipton South	101	9.47%
Glusburn	92	8.62%
Gargrave and Malhamdale	83	7.78%
Sutton-in-Craven	66	6.19%
Aire Valley with Lothersdale	58	5.44%
Bentham	57	5.34%
Settle and Ribblesbanks	47	4.40%
Ingleton and Clapham	45	4.22%
Barden Fell	41	3.84%
Cowling	39	3.66%
Grassington	31	2.91%
Skipton East	29	2.72%
Hellfield and Long Preston	27	2.53%
Upper Wharfedale	23	2.16%
West Craven	23	2.16%
Embsay-with-Eastby	18	1.69%
Penyghent	15	1.41%
Unallocated	2	0.19%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1067</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

The figures represent a decrease of 20% compared to figures from 2019 (1277 crimes 01/02/2019-31/07/2019) however I would suggest this is not a fair comparison due to the impact of the current pandemic. There has been an increased demand over this period to enforce the new legislation (which is not crimed) and new challenges during the period due to an upsurge in complex demand.

### Hate Crime – Nexus Figures 01/02/2020-31/07/2019

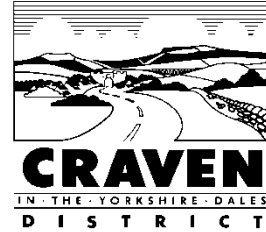
Crime	Count	%
Public Order Offences	11	52.38%
Violence Against The Person	10	47.62%
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

Hate crime sub category	Count	%
Racial	14	66.67%
Sexual Orientation	4	19.05%
Religion	2	9.52%
Transphobic	1	4.76%
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>100.00%</b>



# Select Crime and Disorder Committee 9<sup>th</sup> September 2020



## Community Safety Partnership

Report of the Chief Executive

Ward(s) affected: All

1. **Purpose of Report** – To provide an update about the work of the North Yorkshire Community Safety Partnership and the Community Safety Hub within Craven District and North Yorkshire.
2. **Recommendations** – Members are invited to note the contents of the report.

### **Background**

North Yorkshire remains the safest place in England despite official figures showing a 12% increase in recorded offences. This was confirmed in the Office of National Statistics (ONS) “Crime in England and Wales year ending September 2019” published January 2020. It shows there were 47,368 reported crimes in North Yorkshire during the 12-month period, giving a crime rate of 57.5 per 1,000 of the population, which is the lowest nationally, and is significantly lower than the average of 84.6 per 1,000 across England and Wales.

Further NYP figures for Craven specific can be given Insp Crossman-Smith.

### 3. **North Yorkshire Community Safety Partnership (NYCSP)**

From the last NY CSP meeting, there was an action to form a Task & Finish Group that would meet virtually in Sept to look at the development of the following areas:

- Governance
- Framework
- Membership
- Performance
- ‘Place Based’ community policing principals

The NYCSP strategy and delivery plan 2019-2022 continues with a number of main priority areas for delivery as follows:

- Partnership development

- Community Safety Hubs
- Domestic Abuse (including scoping Sexual Violence and Trauma)
- Serious and Organised Crime (early intervention and prevention)
- Hate Crime and Community Cohesion.

Tackling anti-social behaviour, crime and disorder remain as statutory functions of the district council along with reducing re-offending, and is the focus of some of the work within the Community Safety Hub.

## **1. Craven Community Safety Hub**

The Craven Community Safety Hub continues to develop and staffing now consists of:

- 1 NYP Sergeant
- 2 NYP PCs
- 2 NYP PCSOs
- 1 CDC Community Safety Officer
- 1 NYFRS admin officer.
- 2 NYFRS Public Safety Officer's based at Bentham and Grassington
- 1 NYCC Mental health social worker

We are currently advertising for a PC to support the PCSO role of Child Sexual Exploitation/Child Criminal Exploitation as we are seeing an increase in this type of work.

The Hub continues to focus on prevention and early intervention utilising a multi-agency approach. There is a multi-agency group that meets monthly with partners from:

- North Yorkshire Police
- Craven District Council
- Yorkshire Housing
- Bradford District Care Trust
- North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service
- Foundation Housing
- NYCC – Social Care (Adults and Children)
- NY Horizons
- Horton Housing
- NYCC Early Help (prevention)
- Probation
- Sanctuary Housing
- The Craven Centre – Community Mental Health Team.

To mark just over six months working at BVS, In June, we sent an online survey out to all the partner agencies including schools, VCS, statutory and non-statutory agencies. 35 responses were received. The survey was

comprised of five questions and allowed for full anonymity. We also attempted to gauge the views of members of the public that we had worked with but this proved difficult due to the corona virus pandemic, as we were unable to present questions face to face. However, we managed 13 responses from relatives of some of the individuals we have assisted by ringing them.

From all the feedback, recommendations for action were:

- To develop a leaflet for clients to explain the role of the hub and who we are. (Appendix A). Also to develop Comms for internal/external partners.
- Look at what offer the Hub can give to schools.
- Work with CSH Partners and 'Craven Communities Together' to develop our rural offer and continue with remote (Microsoft Teams) option.
- Continue to develop the core membership.
- Review joint priorities through the NY CSP.

When agencies were asked how highly they rated the Community Safety Hub, 51% said excellent with 29% Good.

An evaluation report done for the county identified the use of 43 early interventions and 24 different enforcement options by the various Hubs across North Yorkshire.

### **Internal CDC Tactical Group**

This group has yet to meet due to Covid 19 restrictions; however, the Hub holds a daily huddle whereby officers can discuss an identified issue either in person or via Microsoft Teams. This has worked well throughout lockdown.

### **Key Performance markers for Community Safety Officer over last 6 months**

9 x ABC's issued

4 x Mediation/Anger management referrals.

2 x pending CBO's.

2 x fireproof letterboxes allocated (where threat of arson is a factor).

4 x referrals to SELFA (summer program)

Various referrals to Food Bank

The hub receives around 6-8 new referrals every week meaning that over the last 6 months we have averaged approx. 208 new cases. This is on top of the ones that we already hold that are ongoing, having a more intense and involved strategy alongside other agencies. This number has steadily increased as the lockdown due to Covid 19 has eased.

## Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO)

See appendix B for review and proposed extension of the order.

## Target Hardening Funding

Funding allocated for 2020-21 from Office of the Police Fire Crime Commissioner is £1,986.17. This funding is used for target hardening initiatives and/or Comms for the district dependant on the need and demand identified locally. So far, we have purchased the additional licences needed for officers using the Orcuma case management system. We are looking to purchase a couple of noise calibration devices in the next quarter to assist our traffic officers.

2. **Financial and Value for Money (VFM) implications** – All activities are contained within allocated budgets.
3. **Legal Implications** – None.
4. **Contribution to Council Priorities** – Promoting Community Safety in the District, by contributing directly to Craven District Council's priority of Resilient Communities, by making Craven's public spaces cleaner, safer and greener. This work also supports North Yorkshire County Council's and the PFCC's wider crime reduction initiatives.
5. **Risk Management** – N/A
6. **Equality Analysis** – N/A.
7. **Consultations with Others** – North Yorkshire Police, and the Community Safety Hub.
8. **Access to Information : Background Documents** – None
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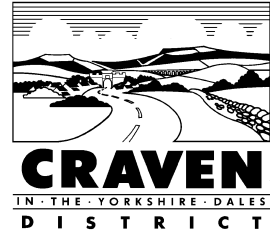
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## Appendices –

Appendix A – CS Hub leaflet (**to follow**)

Appendix B - Review/proposed extension of Public Space Protection Order, Town Hall Car Park, Skipton.

**Appendix B**  
**Select Crime and Disorder Committee**  
9<sup>th</sup> September 2020



**PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER (PSPO)**  
**TOWN HALL CAR PARK 02/2017**  
**ANNUAL REVIEW inc Proposed Extension**

**Report of the Community Safety Hub**

Ward(s) affected: All

1. **Purpose of Report** – To provide a Review of the Public Space Protection Order 02/2017. A requirement of the PSPO is that an annual review is carried out to compare numbers of incidents to make sure the order put in place is effective, and gives residents the relief they need from the specified anti-social behaviour caused by motor vehicles.
2. **Recommendations** – Members are recommended to note the content of the report in the review since its implementation, and to support the proposal to continue with an **extension** of the order in its current form for a further 3 years.
3. **Background -**

In accordance with the legal requirements of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 ( The Act), at any point before expiry of the Order, the Council can extend it by up to three years if they consider it is necessary to prevent :

- (i) occurrence or recurrence after that time of the activities identified in the order, or
- (ii) an increase in the frequency or seriousness of those activities after that time

If the Order is extended it must be done before the time when the Order is due to expire, on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2020 and must satisfy the reasonable grounds as set out in section 60(2) of the Act set out in 3(i) and 3(ii) above.

Incidents reported by the public using the Police 101 number are as follows:

2017 = 1  
2018 = 7  
2019 = 7  
2020 = 32

In July 2020 Craven's Community Safety Officer issue 14 warning letters to registered keepers of vehicles reported as breaching the Order.

The evidence indicates that extending the current Order in its current form, fits the criteria as set down in the Act. It is reasonable in these circumstances to expect that the problems would return to and /or increase in these open spaces if the Order was to expire.

In the event of the Order not being extended, and lapses on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2020 Craven's Community Safety Officer considers it reasonable to assume that anti-social behaviour at the Town Hall Car Park would reoccur and/or increase in frequency and/or seriousness.

#### **4. Content of Report**

- a. The order came into effect on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017 for the full recommended term of 3 years, with annual reviews done at each anniversary.
- b. Since the order came into force we have dealt with a number of breaches by way of verbal warnings in the first couple of years by PCSO's and fire officers who could monitor the location late at night. We put up a large A-board notice at the specific location where the motorists gathered as the ones placed on lamp posts could be easily missed. In 2018 the Hub and NYP sent a number of letters to registered keepers of vehicles found to be congregating at the location. The letters outlined that the order was in place and the penalties that could be imposed if found to be in breach of the order. Throughout 2019 the Hub did not send out any letters.
- c. Since December 2019 we have received an increasing number of reports of vehicles congregating. During the Covid pandemic we have found the location being frequented nearly every evening with Thursdays and Fridays being the most popular. On some occasions we have seen vehicles driving in an inconsiderate and dangerous manner within the car park, with some then leaving at speed up Rectory Lane onto the Bailey taking part in what can be identified as timed laps. In July the CS Hub sent out 14 letters to registered keepers and NYP issued 4 Section 59 warning notices, (sec 59 defined as giving the driver of the vehicle a warning not to act in a manner which is careless and/or inconsiderate, and if the same or another officer finds the driver to be in breach in respect of the same vehicle or another in the same way, or a similar use in the previous twelve months, the vehicle can then be seized and removed). To date no fines have been issued. Reports of vehicles by local residents and/or businesses are done using 101 as well as contacting the Council's Community Safety Officer direct. Photographs and video footage have all been captured as well as a running log of vehicle registration numbers, colour make and

model). This recorded level of detail is extremely useful to enable officers to identify registered keeper details and frequency. It also gives confidence to those residents and businesses who are affected that we are collectively dealing with the inconsiderate behaviour and making an impact.

The hub and PCSO's will continue to monitor any reports made and keep in regular direct contact with persons affected.

The purpose of the extension of the PSPO is to allow officers to continue to enforce breaches of the Order.

**5. Contribution to Council Priorities** – Promoting Community Safety in the District, by contributing directly to Craven District Council's priority of Resilient Communities, by making Craven's public spaces cleaner, safer and greener. This work also supports North Yorkshire County Council's and the PCC's wider crime reduction initiatives.

**6. Risk Management** – N/A  
**7. Equality Analysis** – N/A

**8. Consultations with Others** – North Yorkshire Police, Skipton Town Council, Office of the Police, Fire Crime Commissioner.

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### **Wording of the Order**

1. Persons must not use any motorised vehicle in a way that causes, or could potentially, cause nuisance in the Public Space.
2. Persons must not play music, or use any vehicle or device to play music or other broadcast sound, in the Public Space in such a way as to cause, or potentially cause nuisance.
3. Persons must leave the Public Space immediately and not return for a period of 24 hours when requested to do so by an authorised officer (including a police constable or police community support officer).