

Anti-Social Behaviour in Portswood – HRA Statement July 2025

The following reflects HRA's understanding of the position following a meeting with police and City Council representatives on 24 March 2025. Based on information collected by the HRA Crime Information Sharing WhatsApp Group between February and April 2025, there appeared to have been a recent increase in various forms of ASB in Portswood, especially in the Broadway and nearby streets. Behaviour reported in the WhatsApp Group ranged from on-street drinking and aggressive attitudes to more serious instances of physical violence and drug use. Such behaviour was becoming more intrusive. The authorities – the police and the City Council's Community Safety Group (CSG) – are aware of this and urge people to continue to report all incidents to them so that they can be dealt with appropriately and patterns in anti-social behaviour or crimes would be logged.

What to do:

Less serious cases – particularly of street drinking, carrying an open can/bottle of alcohol and drug paraphernalia (for example, needles) left on the street - should be reported to the Council's Community Safety Group on-line, or by phone 07796278434, or by email:

Community.safety@southampton.gov.uk

Regrettably these contacts are only effective in terms of timing in normal hours during the working week as Community Wardens do not work in the evenings or at weekends. Any incidents occurring outside of these hours should be reported to the police (see below).

More serious behaviours – always use 999 to report an emergency, for violent or serious incidents or risk to life.

Behaviour including any drug use on display or incidents of aggressive or criminal behaviour, should be reported to the police, preferably in person, to the Police Station in St Denys Road (open Monday to Friday, 8am to 4pm), by phone to 101 or on-line:

<https://www.hampshire.police.uk/ro/report/asb/asb-v3/report-antisocial-behaviour/> or
<https://www.hampshire.police.uk/>

To make an anonymous report on-line, phone Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or visit:

<https://crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information/forms/give-information-anonymously>

In cases of doubt, both sets of authorities should be contacted. HRA will continue to monitor the position and liaise with the Council and the police. <https://www.highfieldresidents.org.uk/reporting-crime-anti-social-bahaviour-suspicious-incidents/>