

## **Anti-Social Behaviour in Portswood – HRA Statement May 2026**

A new Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) for the Portswood Broadway area was implemented from the start of 2026 – see the link below. However, there has been little improvement in reported anti-social behaviour since the implementation. According to HRA's Crime Information Sharing WhatsApp Group, between 1 April and 12 May 2026, at least 52 incidents had been reported (mainly street drinking). Such behaviour has become more intrusive and has reduced the amenity of local residents.

<https://www.southampton.gov.uk/media/2pil3mdd/portswood-pspo-dec-2025-30012026.pdf>

A meeting between members of the HRA Committee with the police inspector for Portswood and Bitterne North and a senior City Council Community Safety representative, was held on 5 May 2026. Following this meeting, the authorities encouraged 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.

### **How to report:**

**Community Safety Team for less serious cases** - particularly of street drinking (having an open can/bottle of alcohol), rough sleeping, abandoned street furniture and drug paraphernalia (for example, needles) left on the street - should be reported to the Council's Community Safety Team by email:

[community.safety@southampton.gov.uk](mailto:community.safety@southampton.gov.uk)

Please do not send multiple emails to report the same issue. Note also, that issues cannot be resolved immediately but that every report is logged.

The Community Safety Group contact is only monitored in normal hours during the working week. Any incidents occurring outside of these hours should be reported to the police (see below).

**Police for more serious behaviours** - always use 999 to report an emergency, for violent or serious incidents or risk to life.

Behaviour including street drinking (the police can remove and confiscate alcohol), any drug use on display or incidents of aggressive or criminal behaviour should be reported to the police, preferably in person, to Portswood 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-behaviour-suspicious-incidents/>