

Working together for a safer community: Young people and anti-social behaviour

The vast majority of young people who live in our communities are respectful and responsible. They enjoy spending time with friends, taking part in activities, and using local parks and public spaces appropriately.

There can sometimes be confusion about what would be considered anti-social behaviour (ASB) when it comes to young people. Understanding the difference helps to make sure that genuine concerns are reported correctly while avoiding unnecessary complaints about lawful activities.

What is not ASB

- Groups of young people socialising in parks, streets, or other public spaces in a respectful way that does not cause harassment or upset to others
- Young people playing football, riding bikes or skateboards in appropriate areas
- General daytime noise from outdoor play.



What Is ASB

- Vandalism, graffiti, or deliberate damage to property
- Verbal abuse, intimidation, or threatening behaviour
- Drug use, underage drinking, or drug dealing in public places.
- Dangerous or illegal use of vehicles (for example off-road bikes, motorcycles, or e-scooters).



How you can help

Everyone has a role to play in creating safe and welcoming neighbourhoods. Follow these tips if there are issues with young people's behaviour where you live:

Stay calm – Avoid confronting large groups directly, as this can increase tensions and make situations more difficult to manage.

Keep notes – Make a note of dates, times, locations and descriptions of those involved, and exactly what's happened. This information can help us to investigate effectively.

Speak with your neighbours – Find out whether the issue is affecting others in the area. Multiple reports can help build a clearer picture of ongoing problems.

Engage positively – Saying hello and engaging positively with younger people can help build mutual trust and respect.



Advice for parents and carers

If your child has been involved in ASB:

- talk to them about their behaviour and the impact that it's having
- talk to us, your child's school or other support services and engage positively with any support offered – we're here to help!
- set clear boundaries with your children to help them understand what is and isn't acceptable and what could happen if they continue with their behaviour.

Support available for young people

There are lots of organisations and groups that can provide support to young people to help them make positive choices. We've listed a few of those below:

Youth work and emotional support

Base 51 – www.base51.org/support-for-young-people

Base 51 offers safe drop-in spaces, youth club activities and face-to-face counselling for young people aged 11 to 21.

Be U Support – www.beusupport.co.uk

Free, early-intervention mental health and emotional wellbeing support for children and young people up to the age of 25 living in Nottingham City.

Victim advocacy and community safety

Nottinghamshire Victim CARE – www.nottsvictimcare.org.uk/antisocial-behaviour

Offering support to anyone impacted by ASB – including emotional support, advocacy and crime prevention advice.

Nottinghamshire Police ASB Support – www.nottinghamshire.police.uk (search 'ASB support organisations')
Signposting and information about local neighbourhood and youth teams.

Family and early intervention

Early Help Nottingham – www.earlyhelpnottingham.org.uk/support-for-families/young-people

Multi-agency support to redirect young people who are showing challenging behaviours.

Special educational needs and disability (SEND)

Ask Us Nottinghamshire – www.askusnotts.org.uk/young-people

Resources, rights advice and advocacy for young people under 25 with SEND.

Working together

We work closely together with the police and Community Protection to prevent anti-social behaviour, support victims and, if needed, take appropriate enforcement action.

Please be aware that tenancy action may be considered where Nottingham City Council tenants, members of their household, or their visitors are involved in anti-social behaviour or criminal activity within the local area.

This may include:

- Warning letters or home visits
- Acceptable behaviour contracts / Parenting Agreements
- Community Protection Warnings or Notices
- Injunctions
- Tenancy enforcement – for example, possession proceedings.

Report it!

If you see criminal activity or anti-social behaviour, please report it so that we can take action to protect our communities:

Housing related ASB

If you're experiencing ASB related to your tenancy or neighbourhood, please contact us. All reports will be treated in confidence.

Telephone: **0115 746 9555**

Email: reportasb@nottinghamcity.gov.uk

Text: Text **ReportASB** followed by your name and address to **80800**, and a member of the team will contact you.

Non-council housing ASB

To report ASB that's not related to council housing, please use Nottingham City Council's online reporting service: www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/report-it.

Reporting criminal behaviour

If the behaviour you're experiencing is criminal in nature, we encourage you to report it directly to the police. Dial:

999 – In an emergency or if a crime is in progress

101 – For non-emergency incidents

Crimestoppers (anonymous reporting): **0800 555 111** or online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org.