

<b>Committee</b>	<b>FULL COUNCIL</b>
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### **To consider antisocial behaviour in Halstead and ways of dealing with it**

There has been much talk in recent months of antisocial behaviour in Halstead. This was the only topic raised at a recent Community policing meeting in Queens Hall. The activities have involved:

- In general most ASB happens in the public gardens and King George V playing field
- Generally teenagers of school age, and some young adults
- Some teenagers in the town during school hours
- Drug taking / handling
- Drinking of alcohol and associated noise
- litter
- Aggressive behaviour towards other members of the public
- Inhuman treatment of ducklings
- Rowdy behaviour and joyriding in and from Butler road car park
- Disturbance of residents in New Street and Kings Road
- Residents complaining on facebook

### **Possible solutions**

- Essex police say that they cannot police these matters if the incidents are not reported. Reporting on facebook does not alert the police to the incidents
- If residents are reluctant to report directly to the police, they could be asked to report to the Town Council or to the police champions, who could collate reports and send on to the Community policing team directly
- Engaging with Ramsay school to alert them to the activities teenagers are getting up to, and arranging for Community police officers to address those who may feel tempted to carry out this kind of activity, and to let them know of the consequences
- Engaging a public gardens warden. Apparently there used to be such a post. It might even be a voluntary role but would definitely have the effect of deterring misbehaviour in the public gardens.
- More specials patrols in the public gardens
- Use of BDC's CCTV in the public gardens to identify those committing offences

## Recommendation

1. That HTC starts a public information campaign to persuade residents to report ASB
2. That HTC police champions liaise closely with the police
3. That HTC requests more frequent patrols of the public gardens and King's Road areas by specials and community police officers
4. That HTC liaise with BDC to ask them for cooperation over CCTV footage
5. That HTC/community police liaise with Ramsay school over ASB by students

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