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**Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) problem solving plan  
Exeter City Centre  
October 2023 (v1)**

## Overview

The purpose of this plan is to allow all community safety stakeholders to articulate their commitment to preventing anti-social behaviour (ASB) in Exeter city centre through action.

The plan is focused on the designated PSP enforcement area and adopts the 4P methodology (prepare, protect, prevent, pursue).

Success criteria of this plan:

- Reducing reported ASB in the city centre.
- Improving perceptions of safety.
- Providing diversion to those who have or could perpetrate ASB.
- Improving confidence in the 'whole system' response to ASB and its drivers.

The plan adopts the definition of ASB from the ASB, Crime and Policing Act (2014), as below. In addition, the plan focuses on the specific crime types of shoplifting, public order offences, and the supply and use of illegal substances.

The ASB, Crime and Policing Act 2014 defines ASB as:

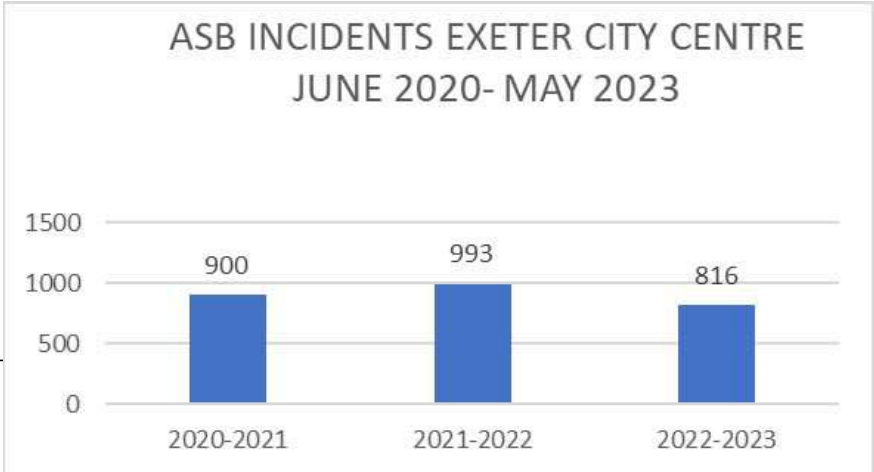
- (a) Conduct that has caused, or is likely to cause, harassment, alarm, or distress to any person,
- (b) Conduct capable of causing nuisance or annoyance to a person in relation to that person's occupation of residential premises, or
- (c) Conduct capable of causing housing related nuisance or annoyance to any person.

Analysis (police held data)

**Volume of ASB within Exeter city centre:**  
This heat map shows volume of ASB reported to police in Exeter city centre by month over a three year period (June 2020 to May 2023). Between 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 reported ASB has decreased within the Exeter City centre by 17.82%.

**When does ASB occur in Exeter City Centre?**  
**Month:** 2022-2023 shows ASB highest volumes during months of May and August and lowest volumes during months September, December, January, and February.  
**Day of the week:** In the past year the highest proportion of ASB incidents 142 (17%) was recorded on Saturday, but there were also high proportions on Tuesdays 133 (16%) and Fridays 121 (15%). The lowest number of incidents occurring on a Monday 79 (10%).  
**Time of day:** ASB starts to gradually increase at 8am and gradually increases throughout the day. ASB peaks at 14:00, remains high throughout the afternoon and peaks again at 20:00. Between the hours of 4am and 7am ASB remains low.

MONTH	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Jan	52	60	53
Feb	53	60	58
Mar	71	69	72
Apr	97	66	63
May	99	84	103
Jun	46	86	67
Jul	68	115	67
Aug	86	108	84
Sep	85	92	45
Oct	83	91	76
Nov	69	92	78
Dec	91	70	50
Total	900	993	816



HOUR	2022-2023
0	35
1	21
2	31
3	27
4	11
5	13
6	5
7	9
8	22
9	48
10	32
11	32
12	30
13	46
14	60
15	45
16	38
17	43
18	54
19	49
20	59
21	39
22	36
23	31
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>816</b>

HOUR	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
0	3	4	4	3	5	6	10
1	0	1	2	5	4	3	6
2	3	1	5	4	4	7	7
3	3	3	5	3	3	5	5
4	1	1	2	1	1	1	4
5	1	1	2	1	5	3	0
6	1	0	2	1	0	1	0
7	0	5	1	2	1	0	0
8	1	7	3	4	3	1	3
9	6	10	7	7	3	9	6
10	3	6	5	4	7	2	5
11	4	4	3	6	6	1	8
12	3	4	5	7	3	4	4
13	5	8	6	6	6	11	4
14	5	12	10	4	11	9	9
15	8	4	5	7	9	7	5
16	1	10	3	5	6	10	3
17	2	10	5	7	3	10	6
18	3	14	6	13	5	9	4
19	6	8	5	5	7	11	7
20	10	5	7	8	10	11	8
21	3	5	11	5	6	4	5
22	4	4	2	9	4	11	2
23	3	6	2	2	9	6	3

DAY	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Mon	110	131	79
Tue	129	150	133
Wed	134	121	108
Thu	132	128	119
Fri	158	142	121
Sat	158	178	142
Sun	79	143	114
<b>Total</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>993</b>	<b>816</b>

ASB INCIDENT DAY JUNE 2020 -  
MAY 2023 EXETER CITY CENTRE



Combining date and time of day information shows that in the 2022-2023 the highest number of ASB incidents were recorded on a Tuesday and Thursday at 18:00 and on a Saturday afternoon between 13:00 and 22:00.

StreetSafe online tool reflects areas of behavioural and environmental concern within Exeter city centre reported anonymously by the public. Some of these reports feature ASB concerns which align with the ASB hotspot data: these again being High Street, Sidwell Street and South Street. The main ASB issues are centred around the High Street, Sidwell Street, South Street and Fore Street. These three streets have featured as the top four streets for the last 3 years.

ASB CLOSING CATERGORY	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Data unavailable	2	1	1
begging/vagrancy	39	24	17
littering/drugs paraphernalia	0	9	8
malicious/nuisance communication	7	2	5
noise	2	1	0
rowdy nuisance neighbours	75	31	35
rowdy/inconsiderate behaviour	642	796	647
street drinking only	7	2	2
street drinking with rowdy or nuisance behaviour	120	119	96
trespass	1	3	2
vehicle	5	5	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>993</b>	<b>816</b>

#### Type of ASB

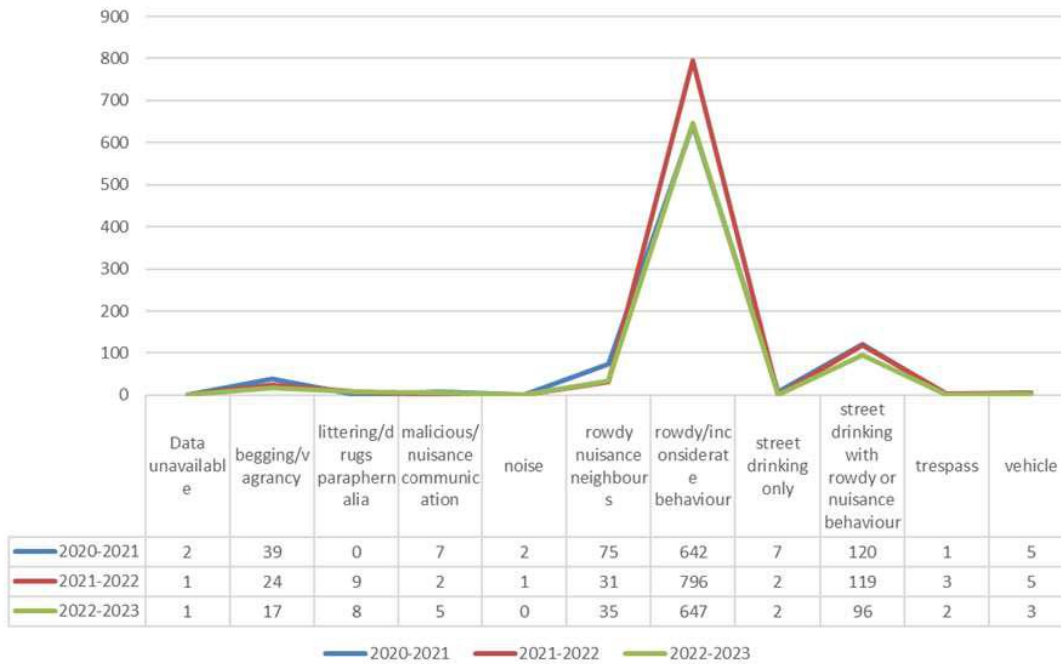
Exeter city centre has high proportion of rowdy, inconsiderate behaviour. 2022-2023 data shows rowdy/ inconsiderate behaviour accounts for 79% (647) of ASB incidents, followed by Street drinking with rowdy or nuisance behaviour 12% (96).

Across the three years the most prevalent types of ASB have remained constant.

- 1. Rowdy/ inconsiderate behaviour**
- 2. Street drinking with rowdy or nuisance behaviour**
- 3. Rowdy nuisance neighbours**

Due to the migration of police data to a new computer system there has been some difficulty in acquiring all information necessary to make a detailed analysis. The data shown on this page shows the most reported forms of ASB on those streets in the city centre experiencing the highest volume of reports. It is important to highlight that police do not record data related to those who are 'street attached' and that a keyword search of free text fields using the words homeless, rough sleeper, vagrant and street attached showed only 5.88% (42) of ASB incidents to be related to these factors in 2022-2023. Street drinking with antisocial behaviour was 12% of ASB incidents. A keyword search using the words drunk, drink and alcohol in ASB incident details showed 8.08% (66) to be linked to this.

ASB CLOSING CATERGORY



STREET NAME	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
HIGH ST	110	184	186
SIDWELL ST	163	159	118
SOUTH ST	79	85	64
FORE ST	70	80	62
QUEEN ST	13	25	30
GANDY ST	10	50	29
PARIS ST	14	17	29
ACLAND RD	6	8	27
KING ST	37	26	27
CATHEDRAL CL	53	62	25
SMYTHEN ST	25	29	21
CATHEDRAL YD	35	30	18
BAMPFYLDE ST	8	17	16
SOUTHERNHAY GDNS	22	8	14
VERNEY ST	4	19	13
MARKET ST	44	35	8
SUMMERLAND ST	2	6	8
NORTH ST	6	2	7
PRESTON ST	11	3	7
SOUTHERNHAY	19	14	7

SIDWELL ST	2022-2023
begging/vagrancy	3
rowdy nuisance neighbours	3
rowdy/inconsiderate behaviour	100
street drinking only	1
street drinking with rowdy or nuisance behaviour	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>118</b>

HIGH STREET	2022-2023
begging/vagrancy	4
littering/drugs paraphernalia	1
rowdy nuisance neighbours	1
rowdy/inconsiderate behaviour	153
street drinking with rowdy or nuisance behaviour	27
<b>Total</b>	<b>186</b>

FORE ST	2022-2023
malicious/nuisance communication	1
rowdy nuisance neighbours	3
rowdy/inconsiderate behaviour	51
street drinking with rowdy or nuisance behaviour	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>62</b>

SOUTH ST	2022-2023
begging/vagrancy	4
rowdy/inconsiderate behaviour	43
street drinking with rowdy or nuisance behaviour	16
vehicle	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>64</b>

