

Bargoed Town Council Police Report

Wednesday 27th April 2022

Crime and ASB overview for April

The following is a breakdown of Crimes recorded and Nuisance ASB calls received during the month of April for our Bargoed and Aberbargoed Wards.

Crime	March 22'	April 22'
Bargoed	75	52
Gilfach	14	9
Aberbargoed	42	35
Pengam	30	28
St Cattwgs	61	46
Total	222	170

ASB (Nuisance)	March 22'	April 22'
Bargoed	11	6
Gilfach	2	2
Aberbargoed	1	2
Pengam	2	3
St Cattwgs	3	2
Total	19	15

Overall, there has been a reduction in both Crime & ASB across the 5 Bargoed Wards since the 1st April to current date.

Crime

We have attended and dealt with reports of grass fires at the rear of the High Street, Bargoed and are currently working closely with our Fire Prevention colleagues at South Wales Fire and Rescue Service for some education work in relation to Arson and target hardening in this area. As we move into the summer months it is essential that we continue to work together to identify the names of any persons involved in the deliberate fire setting in these areas.

We have also responded to deliberate Grass and Refuse fires in the Aberbargoed and Fleur De Lys area. To date no persons have been prosecuted for this and we continue to seek information and intelligence from the communities for those involved.

This area is now subject of a Patrol Plan.

There have been a number of offences in the St Cattwgs Ward and an Arson reported on the 25th April. An arrest has been made on 26.04.22 in relation to these offences and the Police investigation continues.

We have also experienced isolated incidents of Vehicle Crime with the theft of a BMW from the Eastview Terrace area of Bargoed. Unfortunately this vehicle remains outstanding at this time.

Anti-Social Behaviour

As you will see on a positive note ASB has reduced in April and during the Easter School Holidays Officers and staff from the Caerphilly North Neighbourhood Team worked with the Next Generation Team to provide some positive diversionary activities along Angel Way. The Mobile Police Station was deployed, and we averaged 15 to 25 youths attending and taking part in activities such as Play Stations, remote control vehicles, Virtual Headsets and some rugby and football. We did not receive any calls to Morrisons or the surrounding areas during the events and it was a great opportunity for the team to speak with the youths in relation to the impact of anti-social behaviour on our towns

and communities. The activities were well received, and we will be running more throughout the summer months.



Further to Anti-Social Behaviour Injunction (ASBI) that was issued in Court in March we have also successfully obtained a second one at Court this month. The ASBI's relate to two persistent offenders of ASB in the Bargoed and Aberbargoed areas and I am pleased to report that since both have been served there have been no breaches which is a positive for all involved.

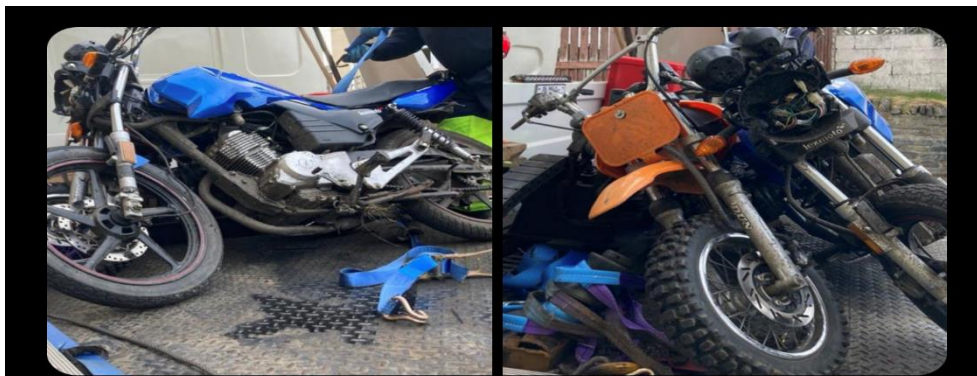
In addition a further 6 individuals signed an Acceptable Behaviour Contract on the 25th April following last month's ASB in the Town Centre and all individuals and families are engaging positively with us as a result

Officers continue to patrol the area known as the Basin in Gilfach following last month's increase in ASB. Since our seizure last month of an off-road bike at the location the calls have started to decrease in this location.

Over the past 3 weeks the Bargoed Team have been assisting the wider Caerphilly North Neighbourhood Team on Operation Harley which is an Off-Road Bike operation. As part of the operation we have been working alongside our colleagues from our Rural Crime Team, Roads Policing Unit, Natural Resources Wales and our Response Policing Teams across Bargoed, New Tredegar and Rhymney areas.

As part of the operation to date we have seized

4 Scooters, 1 Quad Bike and 2 4 x 4 Vehicles for motoring and ASB offences.



We will continue with our patrols and take enforcement action where necessary. Calls over the past weekend have reduced significantly and feedback from the community to date has been really positive.

Support from the community has been invaluable in identifying where the bikes are stored and who has been riding them.

The team are also continuing with the joint operation across Bargoed and Gelligaer Common targeting Fly Tipping in this area.



Lots of good work underway and we continue to work positively with our Partners across the Section.

Best Wishes

Inspector Lysha Thompson & The Caerphilly North Neighbourhood Team