



Caerphilly North Neighbourhood Team

Council Report

Bargoed

22nd March 2023



01/02/2023 – 28/02/2023

Overview of Reported Crimes

177 Crimes

In February, the section saw an increase in reported crime in comparison to January 2023. The majority of these occurred in the Bargoed ward, which remains unchanged from previous months.

Ward	February 2023
Bargoed	88
Aberbargoed	50
Pengam	26
Gilfach	13

Overview of ASB

15 Incidents

Ward	February 2023
Bargoed	5
Aberbargoed	4
Pengam	0
Gilfach	1

Incidents of Note

There were a number of ASB calls to Ty Cornel and Blaen y Cwm flats in Aberbargoed. Officers increased patrols around the area during peak times of ASB activity. Several youths have also been identified by local officers and positive action has been taken with the Anti-Social Behaviour Referral process.

On the evening of 26 February 2023, an affray occurred between 5 males at Bargoed Town Centre - Response officers promptly attended and identified the offenders, this remains subject of a live investigation.

Team Initiatives and Operations

Anti-Social Behaviour Operation – 18th – 25th February 2023

Due to the spike in ASB Aberbargoed has seen in relation to large numbers of youths and several smaller groups of youths frequenting Commercial Street and the surrounding area, an ASB operation was run by PC 1939 Daniel Evans, the wad officer for Bargoed.

The operation was launched to cover February school holidays. Officers were deployed around Aberbargoed to patrol the area during peak times calls had previously been received. There was also a dispersal order in place authorised by Inspector Thompson which allowed officers to direct youths to leave the area if they were acting in an anti-social manner with any refusal having the potential to result in arrest.

During this operation several groups of youths were moved on from the area and one person was arrested for breaching their Anti-Social Behaviour Injunction.

Operation Harley

There is an ongoing issue within Gwent in relation to the use of off-road vehicles. It is a high demand driver of calls in the Bargoed section.

The Neighbourhood team are working with the Gelligaer Common Ranger, Roads Policing Specialist Operations, the Rural Crime Team and Natural Resources Wales conducting mobile patrols on Gelligaer Common, Aberbargoed Common and the surrounding areas, looking for off-road vehicles driving in an anti-social manner. During the operation on 26th February 2023 officers issued two Section 59 warnings (Police Reform Act 2002) to vehicles driving on the common.

Operation Town Safe

Town Safe continues to run successfully on Friday and Saturday nights in Bargoed Town Centre. It allows local officers to engage with the night time community, local business owners and door staff. Officers provide safety advice members of the public surrounding “spiking”, walking home alone, and general safety advice. Officers also provide them with small prevention aids such as anti-spike bottle stoppers, to assist with this.

Bargoed Drug Warrant



On 28th February 2023, Caerphilly North Neighbourhood Team and the Neighbourhood Enforcement Team executed two drug warrants in Bargoed, which resulted in two arrests and the seizure of drugs and money found within the properties. This remains subject of a live investigation.

Community Engagement Events

Heddlu Bach (Mini Police)

Throughout February the neighbourhood team have been delivering practical lessons on Gelligaer Common to Heddlu Bach pupils from local schools. These practical lessons addressed issues of fly tipping and anti-social driving, and the impact these activities have on our countryside and the community.

Date	School
7 th February 2023	Gilfach Fargoed Primary School
8 th February 2023	Park Primary School
14 th February 2023	Fleur De Lys Primary School
28 th February 2023	Pengam Primary School

On the 14th February 2023, we were also accompanied by ITV Wales who were filming Coast and Country. They were very interested to know the work local officers and Heddlu Bach have



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been conducting on the Common to help our community and preserve the countryside.

The episode aired on ITV on Friday 10th March



Thank you

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