



Caerphilly North Neighbourhood Team

Council Report

Bargoed

20th September 2023

Report for July & August 2023



01/07/2023 – 31/07/2023

Overview of Reported Crimes

141 Crimes

In July, the section saw a slight increase in reported crime in comparison to June 2023. Although Aberbargoed and Pengam saw a decrease in the number of crimes reported in comparison to previous months.

Ward	July 2023
Bargoed	71
Aberbargoed	37
Pengam	17
Gilfach	16

Overview of ASB

18 Incidents

This section saw a decrease in ASB being reported in comparison to previous months.

Ward	July 2023
Bargoed	12
Aberbargoed	2
Pengam	4
Gilfach	0

01/08/2023 – 31/08/2023**Overview of Reported Crimes****162 Crimes**

Ward	August 2023
Bargoed	76
Aberbargoed	40
Pengam	22
Gilfach	24

Overview of Reported ASB**15 Incidents**

Ward	July 2023
Bargoed	6
Aberbargoed	8
Pengam	1
Gilfach	0

There was a decrease in both crime and ASB reported in August 2023 in comparison to July 2023.

Incidents of Note

A prolific shoplifter was arrested for numerous shoplifting offences that took place in Morrisons. This offender has been charged and remanded and given a 12 week suspended sentence for these offences.

As part of our ongoing enforcement work involving ASB, 5 youths have been identified as being our repeat perpetrators. All are now on the ASB referral process. This process involves a 3 strike process where written warnings are provided. If they continue to act in an anti-social manner, a meeting is held whereby an Acceptable Behaviour Contract is considered. If this contract is breached it will result in the offender going to court and an Anti-Social Behaviour Injunction (ASBI) being issued.

An Acceptable Behaviour Contract has been issued to one of the youths, which will be support by the Youth Offending Service.

Two of the youths are currently on strike 3 of the process. Another is on strike 2, and the final youth is being considered for an ASBI.

Alongside the enforcement work outlined above, proactive patrols are remaining around Bargoed Park and the rugby stand, as part of or patrol diary.

Team Initiatives and Operations

ASB Awareness Week

ASB Awareness Week took place from 3rd to the 9th July 2023 and the neighbourhood took part in numerous events raising awareness of ASB in the local area. Neighbourhood Watch Events were held in Morrisons, Bargoed, St Peter's Church in Aberbargoed and Gelligaer Square. The neighbourhood team also dropped leaflets through with crime prevention advice and hosted events where crime prevention and ASB information was given to members of the public along with crime prevention and safety packs to help protect their homes and their belongings.

On the 5th July 2023 the neighbourhood team also attended a residents meeting which took place in Blaen-y-Cwm Flats in Aberbargoed, as part of ASB Awareness Week. This was a joint meeting with the local Housing Officers to discuss issues of ASB in and around the area.

Operation Harley

Operation Harley continues to run to try and tackle the use of off-road vehicles in an anti-social manner. This operation was part of ASB Awareness Week. Prior to the operation signs were put up across Gelligaer and Aberbargoed Common to raise awareness of Operation Harley. The neighbourhood team worked with We Don't Buy Crime, Rural Crime and Special Constables, using smart water tagging spray to tackle off road vehicles driving in an anti-social manner.

During these operations 1 off road bike was seized under Section 59 seizure, and 2 Section 59 warnings were issued.



Operation Close Pass

Operation Close Pass took place on 1st and 15th August 2023. The neighbourhood team worked with South Wales Fire and Rescue over the two days and stopped 11 motorists for passing too closely and educated about the dangers relating to this.

Engagement

On 18th August 2023, the neighbourhood team took part in the Play in the Park Event in Bargoed Park organised by Caerphilly Council and Caerphilly Early Years & Childcare Services. This event was organised to provide young children with games and activities throughout the summer holidays. The neighbourhood team provided dress up police uniform, team building games, as well as taking a police car for the children to look around.

The neighbourhood team participated in 13 engagement events and activities throughout July and August including Police Community Surgeries, School Fete's, Neighbourhood Watch Meetings and more.

**Thank you
Caerphilly North Neighbourhood Team**

