

Police Comments

With regards the Designed Public Places Order, this enabled a no drinking zone to be created which enables the police to remove alcohol from members of the public with open containers in the street. This is especially effective with street drinkers who can be one of the lead causes of ASB especially when drunk. This is an effective tool for the Police to use which can deal with incidents before they escalate into criminal offences.

We have looked at the figures for assaults damage, ASB taken from 01/01/2016 through to 15/11/2016 compared with the same dates of 2015. The reason we have paid particular attention to these is the fact they are potentially preventative crimes with the right early action in place. These figures are below

Anti-Social Behaviour

2015 - 717

2016 - 548

A reduction of 169 incidents or 24% decrease

Violent Crime

2015 - 282

2016 - 231

A reduction of 51 crimes or 19% decrease

Criminal Damage

2015 - 111

2016 - 93

A reduction of 18 crimes or 17% decrease

These are significant reductions which have been achieved through partnership working with businesses, Community Safety Partnership and Business Improvement District. Whilst we endeavour to achieve further reductions into 2017, we feel this would happen if Lancaster City Council approve the Public Spaces Protection Order. This would effectively give the Police an 'Early Action' style tool to be used in certain circumstances to prevent more substantive offences being committed. The PSPO would complement the work already undertaken to achieve the reductions mentioned