

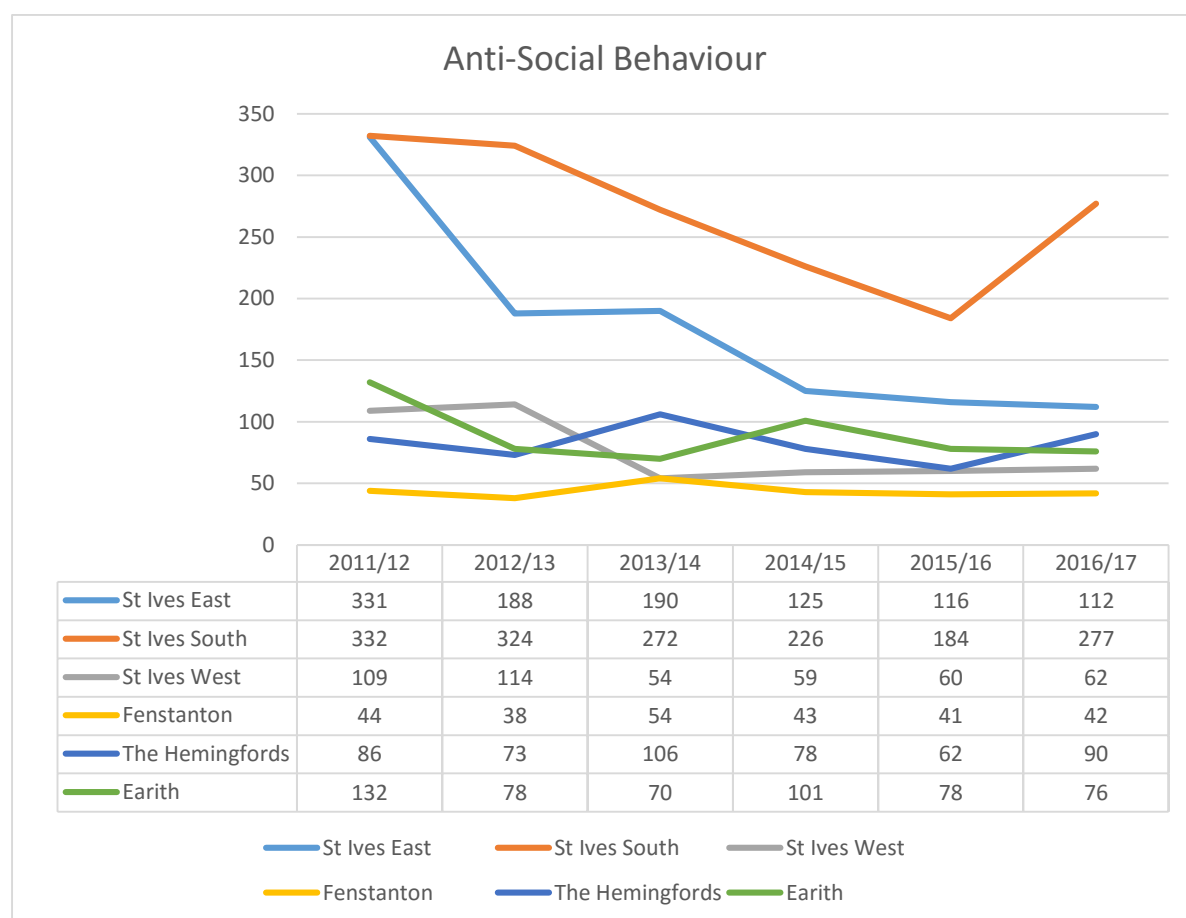
BRIEFING PAPER 1: ST IVES ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR -- SEPTEMBER 2017

At the request of the partnership the quarter 2 strategic assessment will consist of two briefing papers. Briefing paper 1 is a review of antisocial behaviour (ASB) in St Ives. This briefing is in two parts, the first part covers the trend for St Ives as a whole for the police recorded ASB, and the second part provides figures and context for St Ives South ward (where the recent rises in ASB have been concentrated).

1. Antisocial Behaviour in St Ives

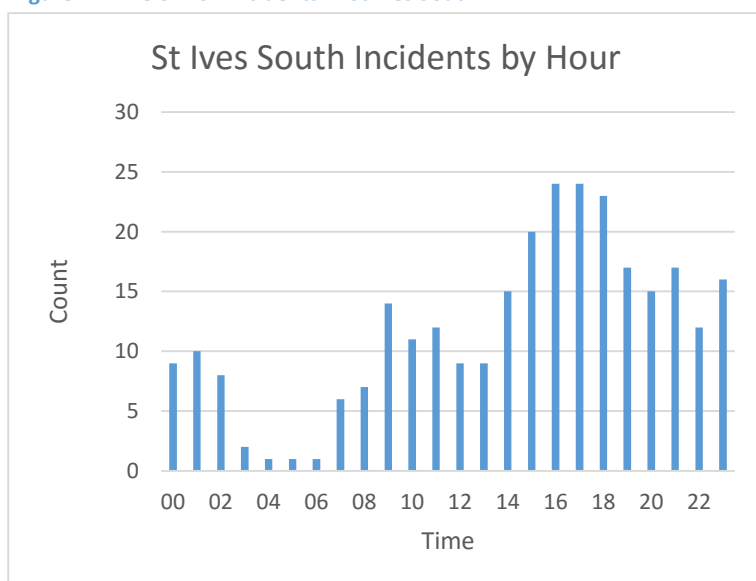
Over a five year period from 2011/12 to 2016/17 ASB has decreased significantly from 1034 incidents in 2011/12 to 649 in 2016/17. There has however been a recent upward trend with an increase of 20% (108 incidents) between 2015/16 to 2016/17. Figure 1 below shows this upward trend is largely driven by ASB incidents in the St Ives South Ward.

Figure 1: Police recorded ASB* in St Ives, April 2011 to March 2017



2. St Ives South

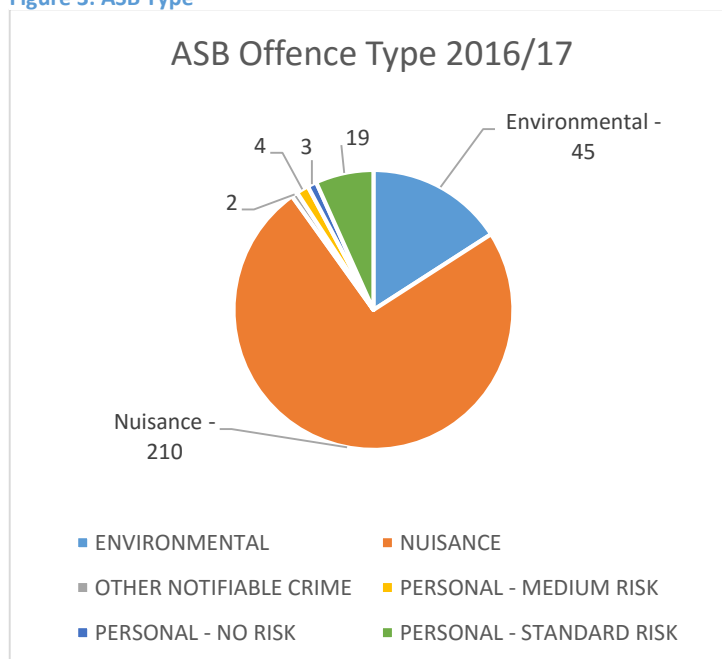
Figure 2: Time of ASB incidents in St Ives South



As figure 1 above shows the recent rise in ASB incidents in St Ives has been driven by St Ives South ward. This ward contains the town centre and so is expected to record the highest volume. But the reason for the recent upward trend is unclear. Figure 2 shows the time of day that ASB incidents have occurred. This shows that 32% of incidents occur between the hours of 15.00 and 18.00, a four hour period, including after school and peak evening commuting time.

The offence type shown in figure 3 shows that almost 75% of incidents are classified as “nuisance”. Nuisance can include making excess noise, smoking, not clearing up domestic waste or anti-social driving. Environmental incidents make up 16% of all ASB incidents in St Ives South. Environmental ASB includes littering, abandoned vehicles, graffiti. It is worth noting that within the data there are many types of ASB incidents mentioned in different categories depending on the recording officers judgement.

Figure 3: ASB Type



There are particular themes emerging from Nuisance category from St Ives South that include anti-social driving, abandoned vehicles, drunken behaviour and anti-social behaviour from groups of youths.

Using a keyword search of the ASB Incidents in 2016/17 it has been identified that 48% (101) of the 210 “Nuisance” incidents are vehicle related – this can involve anti-social driving, parking and the abandonment of vehicles. This compares with a similar ratio the previous year, 2015/16 of 49% but the number of incidents (59) was significantly lower. This represents a 71% increase from 2015/16 to 2016/17. A large percentage (37%) occur between the hours of 5PM and 10PM

A further keyword search identified 22% of ASB incidents in 2016/17 as being associated with young people (using “youth”, “young”, “teenagers” or “kids”). This is similar to the previous year (18%) but the volume has more than doubled from 21 ASB incidents to 46 showing a 119% increase from 2015/16 to 2016/17. Table 1 (below) shows this breakdown in full.

It is also worth noting that these two themes are not mutually exclusive and there is some overlap between the two. For example 6 of the 46 youth related anti-social incidents were also vehicle related incidents.

Table 1: Nuisance Breakdown 2014-2017 (Keyword search)

Year	Nuisance Breakdown Key words included within the			% change previous year +/-	Total
2016-17	Teenagers, youth, young, kids	46	22%	119%	210
	Car, driving, motorbike, motorcycle, vehicle	101	48%	71%	
2015-16	Teenagers, youth, young, kids	21	18%	-22%	120
	Car, driving, motorbike, motorcycle, vehicle	59	49%	-24%	
2014-15	Teenagers, youth, young, kids	27	18%	N/A	148
	Car, driving, motorbike, motorcycle, vehicle	78	53%	N/A	

Location

The maps on the following page show where ASB incidents in the St Ives area, St Ives South ward and the town centre occur. The town centre has the largest concentration of incidents which you might expect.

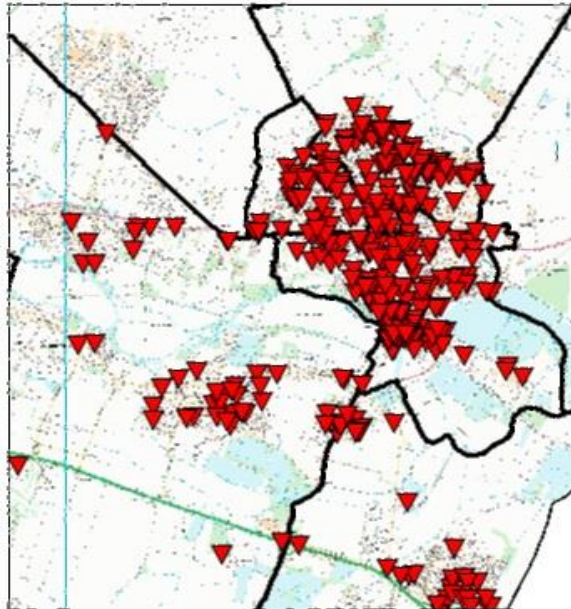
Most of the ASB incidents that occur in the town centre are nuisance incidents which in general fall into either youth or vehicle related ASB as shown on figure 4.

There are also a number of vehicle and youth related incidents occurring in and around the park and ride site, the St Ives Eastern bypass and the Broadway area. This has made local news several times as well as showing up in the data and is an area to further explore. This is shown on the maps on the following page.¹

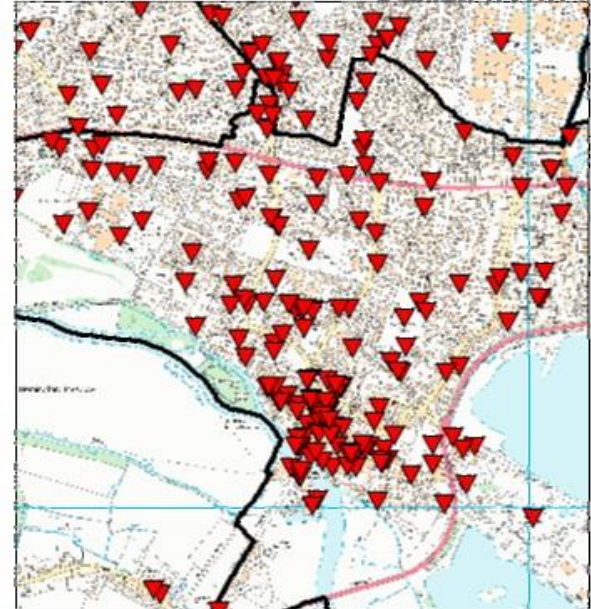
¹ <http://www.cambridge-news.co.uk/news/boy-racers-using-st-ives-12849606>

Figure 4: Location of ASB Incidents

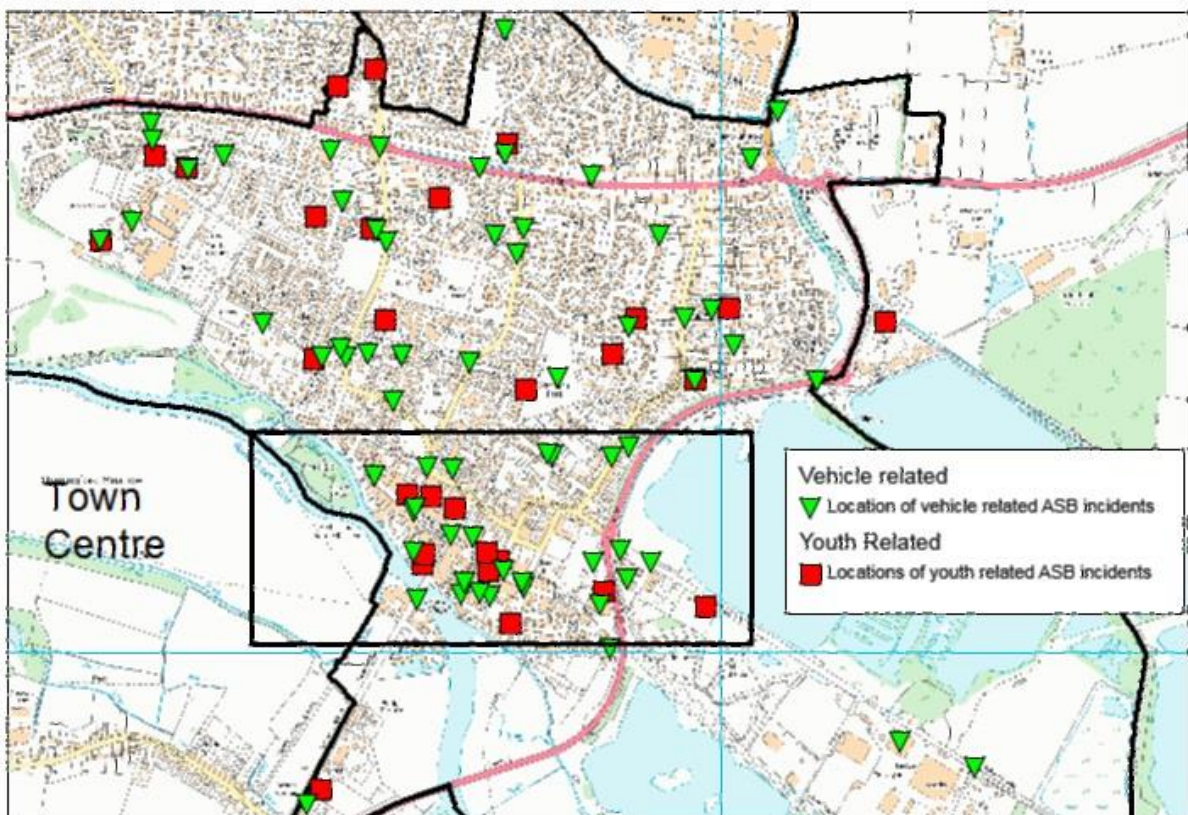
St Ives Wards



St Ives South



St Ives South - Location of ASB Incidents



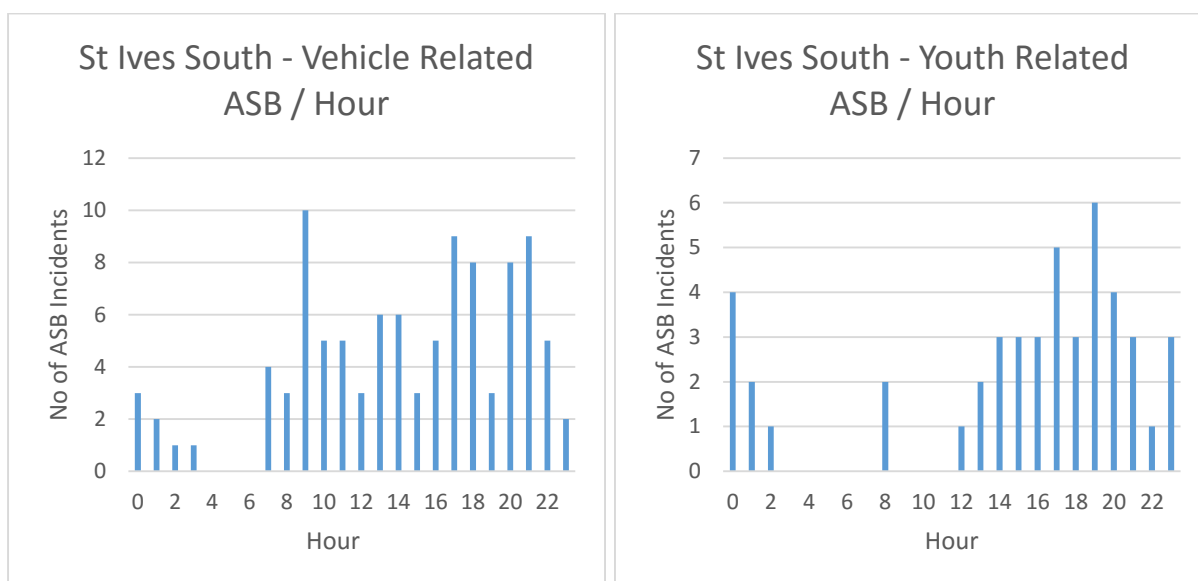
Further context

Consultations with local district council enforcement officers and local police has provided some context around the rise in youth related ASB. The youth related ASB incidents are reportedly largely brought on by a couple of groups of youths who are causing a disproportionate amount of ASB for the local area. It is recommended that once further work is undertaken with these groups that another review of the data is carried out to ascertain if reductions are seen.

In terms of vehicle related ASB incidents it is unclear why there has been a large increase of incidents. One potential reason raised by local enforcement officers is that due to the decrease in scrap metal prices and the cost of disposing of vehicles this can affect the numbers of vehicles abandoned. However, abandoned vehicles make up 15 of the 101 vehicle related incidents in St Ives South. It may be worth a further deeper analysis of the individual reports to gain a more detailed picture of the issue.

Youth related incidents tend peak between 5PM and 8PM with vehicle related incidents having a more even range over the day, peaking during the morning at around 9AM and later in the day between 5PM and 9PM.

Figure 5: Hour of ASB Incidents



FURTHER RESOURCES

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