



RIPLEY TOWN CENTRE UPDATE

This newsletter has been written to help keep local businesses, and residents, informed about how Amber Valley Borough Council is reacting to a recent increase in public concern over anti-social behaviour in the town centre.

We will publish further updates whenever necessary.

Partnership working

The Borough Council has close contact with a number of agencies who have an interest in tackling anti-social behaviour and there is work on-going on a daily basis to tackle issues that are affecting the community.

However, we have recently held a summit with partner agencies to ascertain the true circumstances of the increased reporting of anti-social behaviour and drug misuse in Ripley via Social Media. Although the Derbyshire Constabulary and Amber Valley Borough Council have seen a small increase in reported incidents, this is far from the picture portrayed on Social Media. Amber Valley Borough Council and its Partner agencies do take public concern very seriously and want to work towards improving the perception of the issues in Ripley to help enhance the vitality and vibrancy of the town.

The initial meeting helped us co-ordinate information about where issues may exist and enabled us to create an action plan to support the community deal with the issues.

Our partnership is made up of...

- Amber Valley Borough Council – Community Safety, Housing and Licensing
- Derbyshire Constabulary
- Derbyshire Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services
- Derbyshire County Council Multi Agency Team
- P3 Housing Support
- Probation Services

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Contact info reminders:

Amber Valley Borough Council's Community Safety Team is also available Monday - Friday 9am-5pm to take reports of anti-social behaviour from members of the public on 01773 841652.

It is important that incidents of anti-social behaviour are reported as quickly as possible.

Even if the Police cannot respond while an incident is taking place the information you provide is still very useful in helping build a picture of the key issues in and around the town centre.

The numbers you should call are

Emergency - dial 999

The 999 number is a 24 hour service and should only be used in situations where there is:

- Danger to life
- Use, or immediate threat of use, of violence
- A crime in progress
- Serious injury to a person
- An offender has just been disturbed at the scene
- A need for immediate police attendance such as when a crime is about to be committed

Non-emergencies

• **Report it online.** If you want to report a crime or incident to Derbyshire Constabulary you can report it online using report.police.uk.

• You can also call our **101 non-emergency** number from anywhere in the UK to get through to us.

• If you are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired our non-emergency SMS number is 07800 002414, alternatively you can find out other ways to get in touch on our 'Deaf Contact' page.

Please note that all 999 and 101 calls are recorded.

Contact Crimestoppers

- Do you have information about criminal activity taking place in your neighbourhood?
- Perhaps you were a witness to a crime but want to keep your identity secret?
- You can provide anonymous information about crimes by calling 0800 555 111, 24 hours a day and seven days a week. You can also provide anonymous information without ringing, by sending it through a form on the Crimestoppers website.
- You can also tell Crimestoppers if you recognise anyone in our Caught on Camera gallery.
- Visit the national Crimestoppers site for more information about this independent registered charity.

Letter to Licensed Premises & Extra Police Patrols

As some of the problems being reported involve drunken behaviour, contact is to be made with all licensed premises in the town centre, reminding them of their responsibilities.

It is illegal to sell alcohol to anyone who appears intoxicated, and this will be one of the messages included in the letter. The police are also currently undertaking extra patrols in the area and the mobile police station has been located on the market place offering a visible police presence in the area.

Don't believe the rumours....

We have become aware of a number of rumours circulating both via social media and through word of mouth. These involve the belief that a number of 'problem' individuals have been moved into the Ripley area out of neighbouring cities.

We can categorically state that this is not true. The Police and other agencies have good and reliable information on who the street drinkers and drug-users are in Ripley, and would know if their numbers had been increased significantly by individuals from other areas. Cllr Jane Orton Portfolio Holder for Community Safety – "The issues raised on social media regarding anti-social behaviour in Ripley have caused concern for both Amber Valley Borough Council and Derbyshire Constabulary, however we have a strong working relationship and are working together to tackle and address the issues raised, I would urge people to contact the Police or the Council if they witness any anti-social behaviour in the town so we are able to deal with incidents robustly".