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TACKLING ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN OUR COMMUNITY

Please find attached issue 21 of our six-monthly updates. We are now in our eleventh year of sending these and I hope you still find them useful. If you have any suggestions on how this could be improved or would like any further information on a particular subject including in future issues, just let us know.

The updates inform you of the interventions used in your area and this one sets out those used between 1 October 2018 and 30 April 2019. I also attach details of the number of calls received by your Anti-Social Behaviour team.

Our team takes the lead role on behalf of the Council when it comes to graffiti removal and this update provides a brief overview of what we do. If you would like any further information, just let us know.

We are here to help those who suffer from anti-social behaviour and our website provides helpful information on anti-social behaviour and what can be done to tackle it:
<http://www2.eastriding.gov.uk/living/crime-and-community-safety/anti-social-behaviour/>

We rely on information that residents pass on and I encourage you to use our website and report anti-social behaviour. Alternatively you can report it by telephone to Humberside Police on 101 or your Anti-Social Behaviour team on 01482 396380.

Thank you

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Graffiti Removal

The ASB team respond to many different types of requests of anti-social behaviour, including graffiti. Graffiti can be put on many different structures, including privately owned property, including businesses, property owned by statutory undertakers or by the East Riding of Yorkshire or Parish and Town Councils. We have worked with some Parish and Town Councils in the past to get graffiti removed.

The team arrange for all graffiti to be removed and in certain circumstances take enforcement action to ensure it is removed. On other occasions the team meet the cost of removal in accordance with our policy and process. Graffiti can take many forms, such as a simple 'scrawl', a tag, or can be politically sensitive, racist or sexually explicit graffiti. Applying the broken windows theory, if not removed quickly, more graffiti is likely and before long an area can appear run down and the fear of crime can increase significantly. Our process requires that different types of graffiti are removed more quickly than others.

Notable recent outbreaks include Brexit related graffiti in Goole which has been appearing since Christmas. Some locations have now been targeted on three occasions. Also, during March, a particularly nasty outbreak of racist graffiti took place in Beverley.

We will always look to work with Parish and Town Councils to get graffiti removed from your property and I am fully aware that some of you just get the graffiti removed which I really appreciate. On occasions you may become aware of graffiti on other property and you can report this to us on the link or telephone number on the covering letter.

We also work closely with the Police to try and identify those responsible for the graffiti and if there is a subsequent conviction, we will look to reclaim costs from them.

Future plans include identifying repeat locations and considering 'good graffiti' projects or placing murals on the walls. There is some evidence of the success of these schemes in the East Riding and, working with the East Riding Voluntary Action Service, it is hoped that further schemes will be delivered in 2019/20. If you have any property which you feel may benefit from such a project, especially if it is repeatedly targeted, and are willing to make a contribution towards the cost of paint, etc. please let us know.

I feel this demonstrates a truly partnership approach to tackling this graffiti.