

Clackmannan Community Council

Survey Newsletter

April 2026



Focusing on how our community can work together to address antisocial behaviour, support people and create a safer, better environment for everyone.

Last summer there was a notable increase in antisocial behaviour in the town. The vast majority of residents were unaffected. Residents, mostly those living in the town centre, have had their lives badly impacted. An antisocial behaviour & vandalism (ASB) survey was done. The aim was to find the extent of youth disorder and to use the evidence for what preventative measures could be put in place.

A presentation of the survey results were given at a recent Community Council meeting. Invitations were sent to John Swinney, First Minister, The Scottish Justice & Education Secretaries, Clackmannan Council Executive, School Headteachers, Senior Police Officers, Clackmannan Development Trust (CDT), Guide and Scout Leaders.

The presentation was attended by Kevin Wells (Director of Place, Clackmannan Council), Community Police Sergeant and Officer three CDT members and all the Community councillors.

There was a very strong feeling that something needs to be done before someone is seriously injured. The residents affected reported feeling unsafe, worried, stressed, uneasy, disturbed, distressed, intimidated, angry, frightened and always on edge in their own homes. The biggest complaint was 'nothing is done', 'nothing happens', 'nothing changes'.

The most requests were for a more visible police presence, on foot and proactive policing. The Community Police Officers are often taken away to cover emergencies, protests, football matches etc. The police are now prioritising Clackmannan. The police are doing their best, their numbers are down and resources stretched. They inform us that five new police recruits have been employed in Clackmannanshire.

Clubs and activities are needed for youths. CDT are busy with the transfer to the Town Hall, once settled in, hopefully a Youth Club can be established.

Many suggested we need CCTV, community wardens, youth workers and better lighting. Kevin Wells said the council has no funding for these and the solution needs to be community led. Hence the reason for this newsletter.

Many residents felt youth disorder should be punished by authorities. Bad behaviour should have consequences. Young people persisted in bad behaviour because they can get away with it. Clackmannanshire Council's Antisocial Behaviour Strategy 2024-7 (www.clacks.gov.uk/document/meeting/1/1248/7971.pdf) emphasises prevention, early intervention, distraction and restorative measures for dealing with ASB. More information can be found on Safer Communities Scotland: www.scsscotland.org.uk



Help for families

'Action for children' and 'Home-Start' are charities available to give support and advice for parents and children. Clackmannanshire Family Support Collaborative (ctsi.org.uk) have Family Well Being sessions in the CDT office.

Victim support

If you are feeling stressed or anxious because of antisocial behaviour or crime and would like help contact: Citizens Advice Bureau or Victim Support Scotland:- 0800 160 1985 or <https://victimsupport.scot/get-support/other-organisations-who-can-help/>

Thank you to all who took time to complete the survey in November last year. A big thank you to all who support the fund raising events, we hope you enjoy them. Look forward to a fun family day, 'Hoedown in the Park' on the 20th June.

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The Council meetings are open to everyone:
3rd Wednesday every month 7pm in the Town Hall.

What can the community do to make Clackmannan better for everyone?

See it Report it.

Only 10% of residents in the survey always report ASB incidents. 34% never report incidents.

We urge everyone to report ALL incidents to the police. Nothing will happen if it's not reported!

By reporting incidents, the police then have incident numbers which they have to act upon.

Your door being kicked, windows banged, stones thrown at your house, damage to cars, shouting abuse at you in the street etc – **REPORT IT** every time.

Door cameras and/or CCTV act as a deterrent and for evidence. Take photos/videos of incidents for evidence.

Parents

Residents felt the parents of those involved in antisocial behaviour should take responsibility for their children's behaviour. Please teach children to behave with respect to residents, their homes and public property.

This is NOT just 'kids being kids' or 'there's nothing to do' as many commented in the survey. ASB is having a detrimental effect on residents and the community.

While it is good to see children getting the benefit of being outdoors and having fun. Their fun should NOT be throwing stones at houses, cars or people. Nor kicking doors to the extent that they need replacing, making toddlers cry, children afraid of sleeping in their bedroom. Breaking windows, banging on windows, entering gardens, shouting abuse to people for just walking along the street or harassing people who've done them no harm - just for fun. Fun can be found in the parks, pump track and woods, that's what they're for.



Report incidents to the police

In an emergency call 999. Otherwise Call 101 or report online at [Police Scotland - contact us](#). It is quicker to use the online report form/web message as you may wait in a queue when calling. Web message is treated in the same way as a phone call.

An email message can also be sent to the community officers, if they are on duty they may be able to attend. Email: clackmannanshireEastCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk An email message is not always recorded as an incident so always report the incident by phone or web message as well.

Drug Dealing and crimes should be reported to Crime-stoppers on 0800555111 or web message <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/> or 0800555111 in 100% anonymity. More information on <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/fearless/parents-guardians>

At the top of the list of antisocial behaviours were Dog Fouling & Litter

Dog Fouling



It's disgusting leaving it, ready for standing in. Shoes covered in poo, pram wheels and wheelchairs leaving a revolting, smelly mess to be cleaned. Pick it up, Bag it and Bin it!

Do dog owners who don't pick up their dog mess, ever step in dog poo? You know how horrible it is so Pick it up, Bag it and Bin it!



Report dog mess on the street to Clackmannanshire Council: www.clacks.gov.uk/reportit/environment.php

Littering

CDT have Community litter picking days - please join in the community spirit and keep Clackmannan tidy.

Neighbourhood Watch is a community led initiative to address crime and other community safety issues. There is a neighbourhood watch scheme covering Clackmannan.

Join at <https://schemelookup.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk/Content/DisplayScheme/180755/Clackmannan> And/or join up to Neighbourhood Alert to receive email or text alerts on crime, safety, emergencies etc. This has been set up to connect our community together, to feel safer, reduce opportunities for crime to happen, and be supported and engaged with one another. Being a member means that you will receive local information, and **HELP MAKE THIS A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE. TOGETHER.**