



Community Remedy

Have your say in how anti-social behaviour offenders make amends



Anti-social behaviour is a term that covers a wide range of problems that can cause misery in communities.

Some typical examples of anti-social behaviour include:

- Rowdy or inconsiderate behaviour
- Street drinking
- Littering
- Noise
- Animal problems
- Vehicle nuisance or abandoned (not stolen) cars
- Trespass

Some anti-social behaviour and low-level crime can be dealt with outside of court proceedings, and from 20 October 2014, the police will be able to use a solution called the Community Remedy.

Through the Community Remedy, victims of anti-social behaviour can have a say in how offenders should make amends for their actions, based on a list of options.

- **For the offender to pay for the damage they have caused.**
- **For the offender to be referred to an alcohol abuse programme, so they can learn how to tackle their problem drinking.**
- **For the offender to enter into a contract which spells out acceptable and unacceptable behaviour. If the offender breaks this contract, this can be used as evidence for formal action.**

The suitability of the options depends on the nature of the offence, the age of the offender and the particular circumstances, so your police officer will discuss the situation with you, to help you to come to the best solution. The police officer will do their best to take your views into account before deciding the final course of action.

In some cases, your police officer may be able to suggest additional options that are available in your local area. They will explain any additional possibilities to you, so you can take these into account.

Between October 2014 and September 2015, the Police and Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire, Julia Mulligan, will be looking at how to increase the number of options available as part of the Community Remedy across the whole of North Yorkshire.

Meanwhile, the Commissioner will be scrutinizing how the police use the Community Remedy, to see whether/where it can be improved for the future.

For more information on the Community Remedy, go to:
<http://www.northyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/taking-action/community-remedy/>

