



## NEARLY HALF (45%) THE POPULATION SAY ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IS A PROBLEM WHERE THEY LIVE

### Neighbourhood Watch launches campaign to 'SAY NO to ASB' as incidents on the rise as country recovers from Covid

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- Neighbourhood Watch has launched a campaign encouraging people to SAY NO TO ASB

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To help tackle the rise in ASB and reluctance to report it, Neighbourhood Watch Network, has released a campaign encouraging people to SAY NO TO ASB. The campaign challenges people to recognise what is ASB is and isn't, and leads them to record it and report it to the correct authorities before the situation escalates to life threatening activity.

John Hayward-Cripps, CEO of Neighbourhood Watch Network said *"Recognising what antisocial behaviour is and isn't can be subjective, which is why we have worked closely alongside partner organisations such as Resolve and ASB Help to develop clear guidance on recognising, recording and reporting antisocial behaviour."*

The charity stresses that reporting antisocial behaviour early on is important to prevent it from escalating and potentially ruining lives and devastating communities.

To support people in recognising and reporting incidents, the charity is encouraging people to record incidents in their downloadable 14-day diary. They are also delivering a free webinar 'SAY NO TO ASB' open to the public, on the 15<sup>th</sup> November at 5pm. Tickets will be available from [ourwatch.org.uk/webinars](https://ourwatch.org.uk/webinars).

Visit [ourwatch.org.uk/asb](https://ourwatch.org.uk/asb) to find out more about how to speak out against ASB in your community.

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Notes to Editor

1. \*Data source: [Taking Back our Communities - working together to make communities safer](#) report, commissioned in 2021 by [RESOLVE](#), a Centre of Excellence solely focused upon community safety and antisocial behaviour
2. Spokespeople are available for interview and comment regarding this story
3. For more information, contact [enquiries@ourwatch.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@ourwatch.org.uk).

**About Neighbourhood Watch:** *Neighbourhood Watch is the largest voluntary movement focused on crime prevention in England and Wales. Over 2.3 million people belong to local schemes which are supported by voluntary Associations. Neighbourhood Watch Network is an independent charity (registered in England and Wales 1173349) which acts as the national umbrella organisation for the movement. Membership of Neighbourhood Watch schemes is open to all and is free although donations may be requested by local groups. Neighbourhood Watch's website address is [www.ourwatch.org.uk](https://www.ourwatch.org.uk) and the charity can be found on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#).*