



Council Community Support Team (CCS Team) Report for COPS 18th January 2021

The CCS Team are delighted to announce their new addition to the team. Paul Bowler, joins the Council Community Support Team following a successful career with the North West Ambulance Service. Paul has fitted in well with the team and has recently completed the Community Safety Accreditation Course. We are waiting confirmation of Paul's accredited powers from Cheshire Police. We all wish him good luck in his new role.

During the current COVID-19 restrictions the team have continued with their regular contact with vulnerable people in the community. The team have continued to update retirement homes in the area with scam awareness material. This has included advice on recent telephone scams which have been more prevalent at this time.

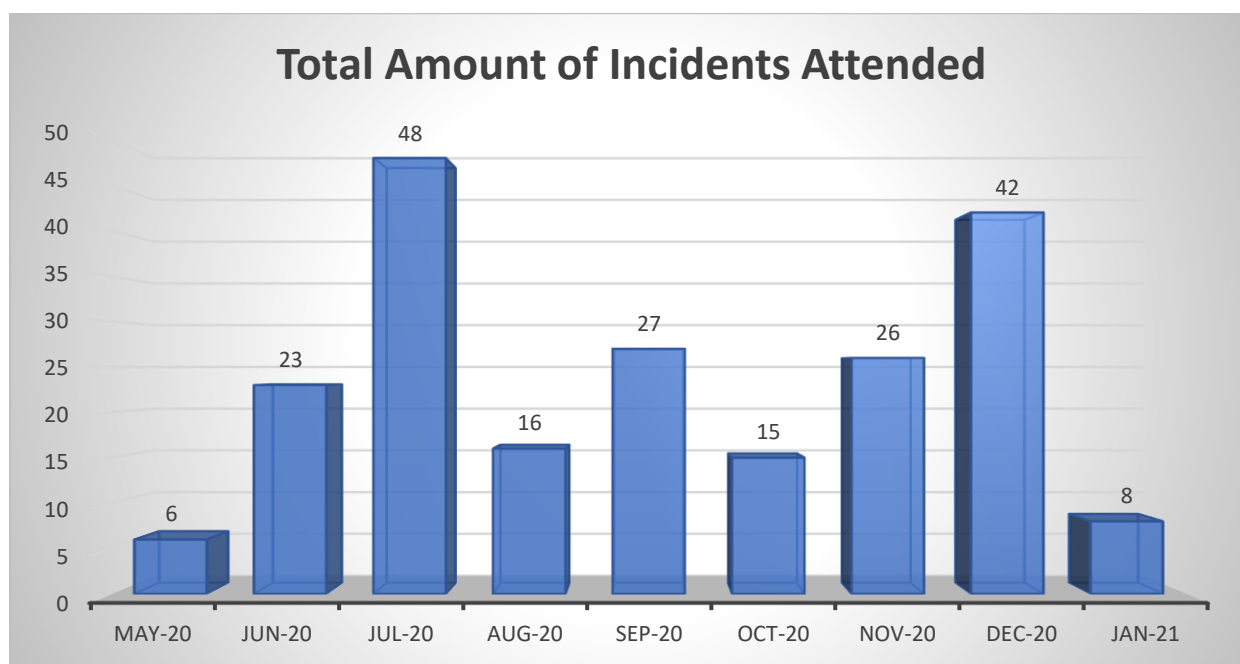
The role of the Council Community Support Team is very varied and patrols have included subduing an out of control dog, liaising with United Utilities and Cheshire East highways over a burst water main causing damage at Park Lane and discussions with site managers of developments within the Town that are causing problems for residents

In recent months, the team have seen a significant rise in illegal parking in the town centre and reports of illegal parking from the general public. The team have attended numerous incidents of inconsiderate parking and have issued a significant number of advisory notices. Whilst on duty in Park Lane recently the team issued a notice to the driver of a van parked outside a local bakery. The male became aggressive and abusive to the team. This incident was captured on the body cam and reported to the police. The male was dealt with for offences of public disorder.

SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS

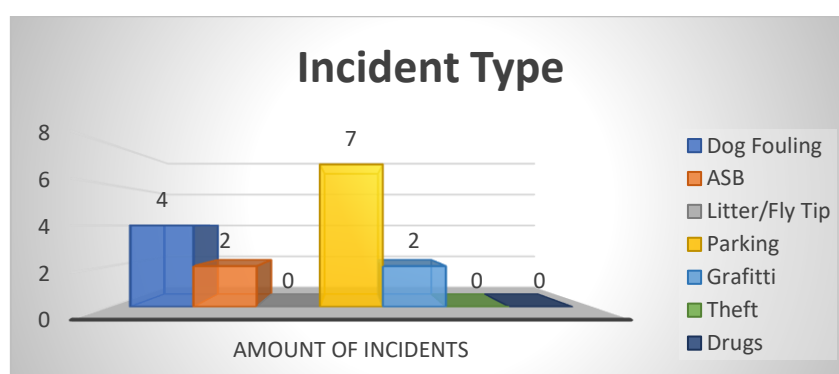
Despite the difficulties experienced by schools during COVID-19 restrictions the team were invited to give school talks on Bonfire and Halloween safety and Road safety to both Vernon and Lostock Hall primary schools. CCSO Freeman also delivered a talk on 'Looking after Poynton' to Vernon primary school's mini-V's. The team were made to feel very welcome and the children enjoyed the interaction with the team. Other schools had restrictions on outside speakers.

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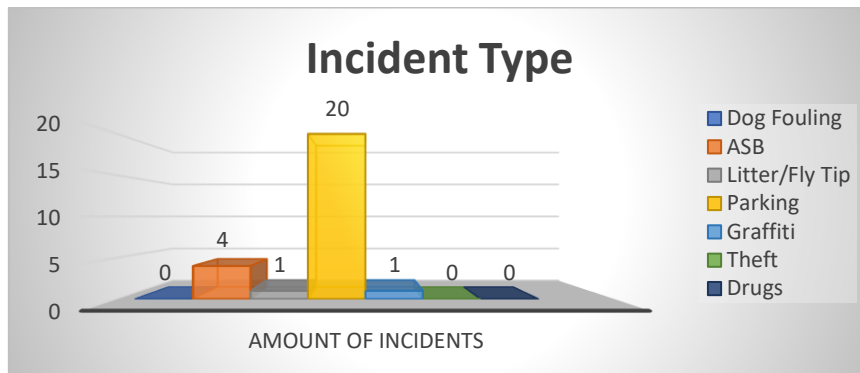
Breakdown of total incidents the Council Community Support Team have dealt with from the period 01/05/20 - 18/01/21. Due to Covid 19 restrictions and following the lockdown there has been a marked reduction in incidents mainly due to the reduced movement of people. July saw the biggest rise in ASB due to school lockdowns resulting in an increase in youths in public areas. December has shown a significant rise in parking offences in the town centre.

October 2020



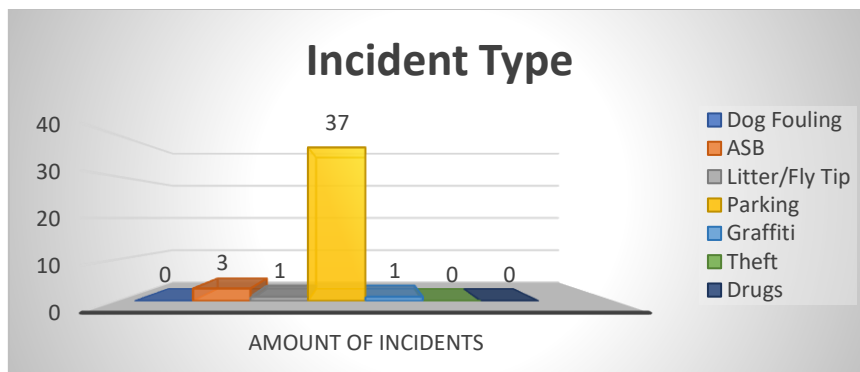
October's figures are a part month from 20th – 31st. During this short period of time, we saw 4 incidents of dog fouling around the Dickens Lane area. The team immediately delivered leaflets in the surrounding area requesting information leading to the identity of the person(s) responsible. Whilst no information was provided the incidents stopped. This action was backed up with social media posts highlighting the issue.

November 2020



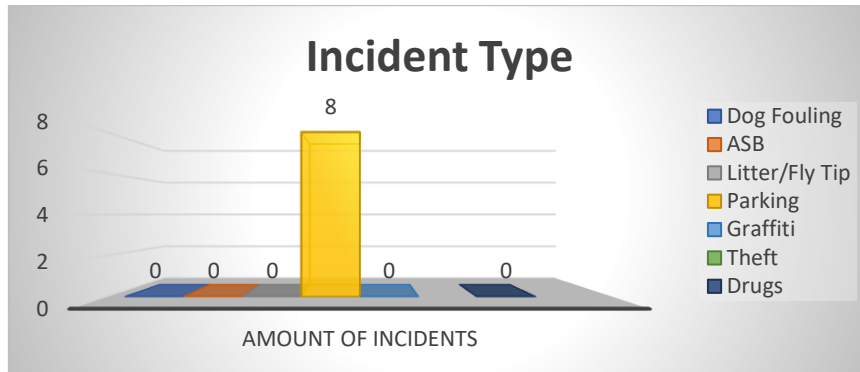
November saw a slight increase in ASB at the rear of the Civic Hall, youths sitting and drinking on benches at the rear. The benches were removed and the ASB resolved. The team were also asked to deal with breaches of the COVID-19 rules with one local barbers shop continuing to have customers despite restrictions. The incident was reported to local police. Parking offences remained high.

December 2020



December again saw a large increase in parking offences in the town centre as previously mentioned and we have requested the assistance of parking enforcement from Cheshire East on several occasions for repeat offenders. A report of sheep worrying was received by the team around Poynton Pool. As a result of a social media post by the CCST a witness came forward providing eye-witness evidence and photographic evidence of a male dog walker as being responsible. The evidence was handed to the police. This showed the value of our social media presence in the community.

January 2021



Statistics for January are from 1st – 13th. Due to further COVID-19 lock-down rules January has seen a significant drop in the number of incidents and less people and cars in the town centre areas.