

Appendix 4 - Supporting Data and Information

Crime figures for Ashby (taken from police.co.uk) in the approximate location of the restricted area show relatively low levels of crime in comparison to other towns of a similar size:

	Recorded crime in Ashby	
	Sept 2019 – Aug 2020	Sept 2020 – Aug 2021
Public Order	23	44
Violence & Sexual Offences	81	117
Burglary	8	5
Other Crime	89	59
Other Theft	11	7
Vehicle Crime	1	1
Criminal Damage & Arson	22	16
ASB	57	19
Shoplifting	5	2
Drugs	10	1

Town Centre

Ashby Street Pastors remain impartial on whether a PSPO is introduced. However, they have provided their own statistics that they have collated over the last 2 years from patrolling on Saturday nights in an around the restricted area. They have kept a tally on alcohol related behaviour in the form of discarded glasses, beer bottles, and broken glass. They also tally the amount of people they encounter drinking on the street outside of the curtilage of licensed premises.

Year	Number of Patrols	Bottles (discarded)	Glasses (discarded)	Broken Glass	On Street Drinking
2020	28	55	24	8	13
2021 (to 18 th Dec)	32	109	59	13	35

The European Football Championships in 2021 saw high levels of alcohol related disruption in Ashby. With a football World Cup starting in November 2022 and a further European Championship starting in June 2024, the PSPO will be beneficial as part of the planning and policing of these events as a quick and easy early intervention tool to prevent any escalation in alcohol related public disorder within the restricted area.

Town Centre – Consultation Comments

Drug taking in lamb passage associated with lamb Inn, especially on Thursday night. Youths using nitrous oxide and smoking cannabis at the benches on South street.

Summer Football Hooligans in Town Centre from Main Street Pubs

Market Street behaviour during football matches in the summer was disgraceful and felt threatening.

An the amount of smashed bottles and glasses left on pavement is horrendous and that's after the street cleaners have been

The alley ways from Ashby-de-la-Zouch to the area stated are a no go zone and used by drug dealers.

weekend mornings is usually taken up with picking beer bottles up along with the broken glass

Bath Grounds and Hood Park

Figures taken from the Police Storm Incidents/Niche Reports show that there are relatively low-level reporting to the police of incidents in the Parks. Most reports are youth based anti-social behaviour along with incidents attributed to alcohol and substance misuse.

Incidents/Reports	Bath Grounds	Hood Park
1 st Sept 19 – 31 st Aug 20	38	45
1 st Sept 20 – 31 st Aug 21	11	20



The two parks in the restricted area are maintained by the Town Council. Grounds maintenance staff have reported that they are picking up nitrous oxide capsules on a regular basis each week. They have also reported finding larger gas cannisters, that would commonly be used for inhaling - an example of this is the five canisters collected at Hood Park by the play area on week commencing 6th December 2021.

The Head Groundsman for the Town Council comments *“During the past 18 months we have seen a massive rise in the usage of small gas canisters particularly within Hood Park and the Bath Grounds.*

In the summer months we have seen an even bigger increase where we are collecting on average 20 -30 small canisters per day at the two main open spaces.

The team works very hard to ensure the grounds are very well litter picked, ensuring all the small canisters are collected up.

These small canisters are a health and safety nightmare and staff have to remain on their guard when they are mowing and strimming as these are lethal and fly like bullets if they are caught by the blades of our equipment.

One day they will cause a serious injury either to one of our team or an innocent member of the public who happens to be passing.

There is also a knock-on effect to our equipment with blades having to be replaced due to the damage they cause.”

Users of the park have unofficially reported incidents of drug use and finding nitrous oxide canisters. The dug out and skate park area in Hood Park are perceived to be common hotspot areas.

The consultation also highlighted the two parks as areas of concern, comments of which are as below.

Bath Grounds – Consultation Comments

Bath Grounds was a regular hang out throughout the summer for youths drinking alcohol and smoking cannabis. Most evenings this occurred during our evening dog walk. Large amounts of litter was left

Group of teens in bathgrounds using laughing gas in broad daylight, there were even children playing football close by

Bath grounds regularly smell very fruity when walking the dog in the evening.....

Party in the gardens of the derelict Royal, Hotel/Bath Grounds

We witnessed a drug handover in the Bath Grounds during the day

The Bath Grounds seem to be a regular evening haunt for smoking drugs and who know what else.

I feel much less safe walking across bath grounds at night than high street area

Hood Park – Consultation Comments

Kids drinking and smoking weed , hood park

Mainly in Hood Park (ASB)

My experience has all been in relation to kids within the ages of 14-18 hanging around hood park, drinking, smoking and generally misbehaving.

Youths (mainly Aged 10-18) using Hood Park discard lots of plastic bottles / Litter onto and around the Skate Park.

General Comments

It's every where you turn in Ashby. Hood park, market street and bath grounds aren't enough.

Shouting, screaming and singing during the night and numerous examples of rubbish lying around during and afterwards in parks and on pavements.

Gas canisters and discarded marijuana cigarettes are a common sight

I have seen empty canisters around littering the floor.