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Two banned from town

Police have issued two Anti-social Behaviour Orders (ASBOs) in recent months, banning the recipients from the town.

Twenty-one year old Ben Sabwe has been banned from Weston-super-Mare for five years after he received an ASBO in February 2012.

He is forbidden to enter the boundaries of Weston-super-Mare, other than for pre-arranged visits agreed in advance with the police. He is also banned from being in possession of any mobile phone other than a single phone registered to his name and address.

Aaron Francis, 17, has been banned from the town centre for two years after he received his ASBO in March 2012. He is also forbidden to be in the company of 13 known associates.

PC Marc Flavell said: "Aaron Francis would regularly intimidate shop staff and passers-by in the town centre. He has also been involved in a number of other incidents, including theft and burglary.

"Ben Sabwe is currently serving a 37-month sentence for supplying cocaine and breach of a previous suspended sentence, and will no longer be able to cause harm in Weston after his release.

"ASBOs are a really useful tool for us. It is a criminal offence to breach the agreed conditions and those who do will be arrested and could face imprisonment.

"We are determined to ensure North Somerset is a safe place to live, work and socialise in. If you are a victim of anti-social behaviour, please report it."

If you are suffering from anti-social behaviour, please call the new police non-emergency number 101.

Weston-super-Mare

Covering the areas of: Weston-super-Mare Town Centre, Hillside, Ashcombe, Bournville, Oldmixon, Coronation, Potteries, Uphill, Clarence, Hutton Moor, Weston Village, The Maltlands, Summerlands, Worlebury, Old Worle, North Worle, Mead Vale, Sandbay & Kewstoke, Wick, Puxton & Hewish, St Georges, Winscombe, Banwell, Locking, Hutton and Bleadon.

Are you a victim of anti-social behaviour?

There are many types of anti-social behaviour including intimidation, repeated loud noise from your neighbour, and rowdy groups drinking alcohol in the street. If you are a victim of anti-social behaviour:

- Report it to your local police, council or housing association
- Keep a diary of incidents, including dates, times, locations and who is responsible

Teenagers agree to behave

Police in Weston-super-Mare issued Anti-social Behaviour Contracts (ABCs) to six teenagers in March 2012.

ABCs are a written agreement between those causing anti-social behaviour, their parents and the police. The families have also agreed to enter into 'Good Neighbour Contracts' with Alliance Homes.

The boys, aged between 15 and 18, have agreed not to cause alarm, harassment or distress to anyone in North Somerset. They have also agreed not to enter the areas where they have been causing anti-social behaviour, at St Andrews Parade or Loxton Road and Aller Parade.

The conditions laid out in the ABC need to be adhered to for six months.

Anti-social Behaviour Officer, Emma Grant, said: "These boys have been intimidating residents, littering and drinking alcohol in the street at St Andrews Parade.

"ABCs are a positive way for us to intervene in these matters, as those who do not conform to the conditions laid out in the contract allow us to apply for an Anti-social Behaviour Order (ASBO).

"I hope this action will improve the quality of life for the local residents and shoppers living near by."

If you have concerns about anti-social behaviour in your area please call the police non-emergency number 101.

Banned from their homes



Two neighbours have been banned from their homes for three months after causing drug-related anti-social behaviour at Martindale Court in Weston-super-Mare.

The men, aged 48 and 54, appeared at North Somerset Magistrates Court on Tuesday 3 April. Their flats at 64 and 68 Martindale Court have been the source of high levels of noise at unsociable hours, swearing, visitors at all hours and illegal drug use.

Police obtained the closure orders after carrying out drugs warrants in December 2011 and January 2012, seizing drugs and syringes from both addresses.

PC Justine O'Reilly said: "Closure Orders are really effective in breaking the cycle of drug misuse at a property. The tenants have lost the right to enter their homes for three months but must still pay the rent and aren't eligible to be re-homed as the property is still officially theirs.

"I hope this reassures the local community that we take all types of anti-social behaviour very seriously in North Somerset."

Allan Milnes, neighbourhood service manager at Alliance Homes, added: "During the three month ban we will be taking action to get possession of the property to make sure that the two men don't go back there."

If you are suffering from anti-social behaviour, please call:

Police emergency: 999

Police non-emergency: 101

North Somerset Council: 01934 888 802 (for noise, dog-related issues, fly-tipping, graffiti, litter and abandoned vehicles)

North Somerset Council: 01934 622 669 (for out-of-hours noise)

You can also visit us on Facebook, You Tube, Twitter, through your mobile or TV service



Watch out for rogue traders

As Summer approaches, you may be thinking about work that needs doing on your house or garden. But remember:

- Do not use tradesmen that call at your door unannounced. Use locally established businesses or those recommended by family or friends
- Always get three quotes in writing prior to work being carried out
- Do not pay upfront or feel pressured to agree to work you don't really want

Burglars behind bars

Two men have been jailed after eighteen homes were broken into in the Weston-super-Mare area.

Andrew Llewellyn, 45, from Weston-super-Mare, was sentenced to three years imprisonment for conspiracy to burgle after he appeared at Bristol Crown Court on February 22, 2012.

His accomplice Adam Holmes, also from Weston, was sentenced to six years behind bars on February 8.

DC Stephen Bark said: "Tackling burglary is a priority for police in North Somerset.

"I hope this result sends a clear message that we will not tolerate this type of crime and will work hard to bring offenders to justice."

Historically there is often a rise in domestic burglaries when the days start getting lighter, and people leave open windows and unlocked doors unattended.

Sgt Mark Raby added: "Almost 40% of burglaries take place at insecure premises, but there are simple security steps you can take."

- Always secure windows and doors – even when you're at home
- Keep small high-value items like your car keys, mobile phone and wallet out of sight
- Set light switch timers for when you are out
- Keep photos of your jewellery, take a note of serial numbers and security mark your property

Drugs arrests

Six people were arrested during drugs warrants carried out by the Special Constabulary in March 2012.

At the first property on Shrubbery Avenue officers discovered 100 grams of suspected cocaine with a street value of £5,000, cannabis and firearms ammunition. A 26-year-old man and a 26-year-old woman were arrested at the property.

A second warrant was carried out simultaneously in West Street and a large quantity of suspected class A drugs believed to be cocaine and heroin were found. Four men were arrested at the property.

Special Constable Helen Cousins said: "I'm really pleased with the results of these warrants it sends out a message loud and clear that drugs will not be tolerated in Weston."

Superintendent Julian Moss added: "The success of these warrants demonstrate the value of the special constabulary to the police service. Thanks to the specials working in Weston six suspected criminals will now have to face the courts."

There are currently 45 special constables in Weston and 80 in North Somerset who average 30 hours of service a month alongside their full time occupations. Anyone who is interested in volunteering for the police should visit our website www.avonandsomerset.police.uk

If you have information about drug supply in your area please report it by calling the new non-emergency police telephone number 101.



Avon and Somerset Police Authority

Soon the Police Authority, the independent body which oversees Avon and Somerset Police will be replaced by a directly elected Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC). This change will happen in 41 of the 43 UK forces in England and Wales. This is the single biggest change to UK policing and means that you will go to the polls on Thursday, November 15, to vote for the very first PCC for Avon and Somerset. The Police Authority will continue to carry out its role as usual, holding the police to account and setting the police budget until the election in November. The Police Authority is committed to a smooth and effective handover to a PCC. To find out more go to www.aspol.org.uk/pcc

Crime doesn't pay

In February 2012, a convicted drug dealer from Weston-super-Mare received a confiscation order for £800 after Bristol Crown Court agreed he had benefited from criminal activity.

Miles Changeur, 43, has six months to pay up or he will face 21 days behind bars – and will still be required to pay the order.

Jailed for assault

A man from Weston-super-Mare has been jailed for three years after breaking into the home of his ex-girlfriend and assaulting her friend.

Wayne Milsom, 37, appeared at Bristol Crown Court on February 14, 2012 and pleaded guilty to common assault, affray, possession of an offensive weapon, and perverting the course of justice.

In August 2011, Milsom forced open the front door to his ex-girlfriend's home in the South Ward area of Weston-super-Mare and assaulted her friend. He then left, but returned 30 minutes later with a weapon and made threats against the two victims.

Whilst he was remanded in custody he continued to contact his ex-girlfriend attempting to get her to withdraw her complaint.

Milsom received a total of three years imprisonment.

He also received a restraining order for five years from the date of his release banning him from contacting the victims or from entering Weston-super-Mare.

DC Andy Eastwood said: "I am pleased that Milsom has not only been put behind bars, but also received the restraining order to keep him from his victims in the future.

"Domestic violence at any level is unacceptable. We want victims to know that they can rely on the police to support them, and that we are determined to arrest and prosecute offenders."

If you are concerned about domestic abuse please report it by calling 101, or 999 in an emergency.

Don't leave valuables on display



Police in North Somerset are reminding local residents not to leave valuables on display, as historically there is often a rise in thefts from motor vehicles in the Spring.

Inspector Liz Hughes said: "Your car is one of your most valuable assets, so don't run the risk of it being damaged.

"Thieves will break your window for just a small amount of loose change, so remove all valuables, such as satellite navigation systems and sun glasses, even if you are only leaving them unattended for a short amount of time.

"Ensure your property is security marked and keep a note of makes, models and serial numbers. And when you're home keep your keys out of sight and away from doors and windows."

If you have information regarding vehicle crime in your area - or if you see any suspicious activity - please call 101.

Top tips to deter would-be thieves:

- If you have a garage, use it, otherwise park on your driveway. Park in busy, well-lit areas if you have on-street parking
- Remove all valuables from your car - criminals know to look in glove compartments and boots
- Even a carrier bag or a coat on the back seat may be enough to attract a would-be thief
- If you have a satellite navigation system, wipe away the suction mark from your wind screen

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www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/WebsiteResources/accessibility/



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