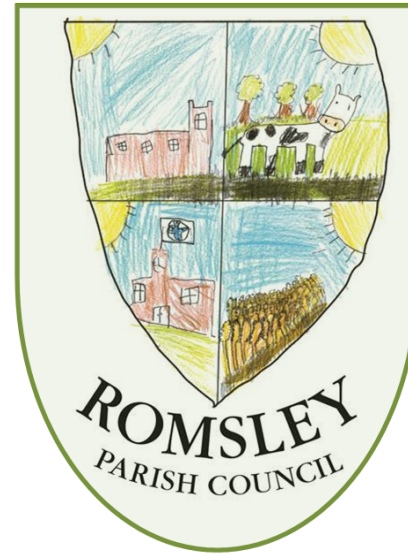


# Anti-Social Behaviour in our Park



Sadly over the past few months we have been experiencing an increase in anti-social and potentially criminal behaviour in and around our park. This has become a serious issue which **may** involve Cannabis use and distribution during the evenings.

The timing and location of these incidents is particularly sensitive as the park is a focal point for our young people and it is the school holidays.

The Parish Council will not allow this problem to take hold and become established in our Parish and we have had to act quickly and in coordination with the Police to deal with this matter.

As such, we have started a number of initiatives which include;

- Closing the park to vehicles by 8:00pm to prevent access to the car park.
- An increased Police presence, with Patrols now driving past more frequently especially on evenings and, where resources permit, more visible Policing on site.
- Increased Police investigation as well as community activities such as school liaison.
- Bringing forward routine maintenance activity to clear overgrown vegetation to clear lighting columns and open up footpaths.
- Installation of security devices by the Scout Association in and around the Scout Centre at their cost.
- The severe cutback of overgrown vegetation in the car-park area to open up sightlines and reduce the places vehicles can park out of sight.
- The lowering of the front hedge to permit easier observation by Police Patrols when they drive past.

We also need the help of the residents and community to ensure our park and Parish remain safe. As such we need everybody to be vigilant by reporting any unusual behaviour, vehicles or criminal activity to the Police.

Finally, if these actions prove unsuccessful we will organise a consultation meeting with residents, community groups and the Police to identify other potential solutions. We will undertake this consultation prior to the commencement of any additional works or initiatives.



## Contact West Mercia Police by dialing 101

(IN NON-EMERGENCY SITUATIONS)

Please use 101 to contact your local police for less urgent matters for example; if your car has been stolen; if your property has been damaged; when you suspect drug use or dealing; to report a minor traffic collision or to give the police information about crime in your area.

You can also contact Hagley and Rubery Safer neighbourhood team by

Email: [hr.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk](mailto:hr.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk)

Twitter: [@HagRuberyCops](https://twitter.com/HagRuberyCops)

