

I have been in post now for just over 7 months. We still have CSO Sarah EDWARDS and CSO Jacqueline BALDWIN joined us from the East team a couple of months after I landed. We have been working hard on your charter priorities of Speeding, Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) and Drugs and have been carrying out speed monitoring and enforcement within the village. We are also carrying out regular foot patrols to disrupt the ASB and drug dealing within the village. In particular we have been making both the Bus Stop and the Ship a regular feature of our foot patrols.

We have also been working in partnership with Mary Webb School in terms of identifying the individuals responsible for low level ASB. A number of ASB warning letters have been sent out in recent months, as well as face to face interventions where we have met with young people and parents to address their behaviour. We have quickly developed a really good working relationship with the senior leadership team at the school which is really positive.

As regards the bus stop at the top of Hall Bank I can see this issue becoming a long term one. Please can the parish council discuss the options in terms of removing the sides / front of the bus shelter. We often find that this eliminates ASB issues overnight in a particular spot as it makes the area far less appealing to youths. I appreciate there is a trade off with making it more exposed for people to use but if we have residents avoiding it because of the ASB this becomes a moot point. In terms of stats ASB has fallen over the last 3 months however this is likely as much to do with the weather as anything else. As a team we plan to be out as much as we can in the evenings as the days get longer and warmer.

We are very stretched as a team, one PC (me) one part time CSO and one full time CSO. So trying to cover approximately 300 square miles of rural Shropshire and approximately one fifth of Shrewsbury town (Cophorne, Gains Park and Frankwell) is a fairly daunting task. Any help you can offer in terms of managing expectations would be gratefully received.

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