



Resolving the Problem

Use the 'Dealing with ASB' information sheet to help you decide the following:

- What action can police take?
- What could all the people involved also do to resolve the problem?

Paul and his mates are known in the street for kicking a ball against the side of houses which upsets the people who live there, especially the elderly residents. When an elderly resident asks them to stop it, Paul gets aggressive and shouts, accusing them of moaning and ruining his fun.

Paul ignores previous warnings from the local Police not to kick the ball against the houses, so the elderly resident called police for help again for fear of going out to speak to the group. When Police arrive they see Paul kicking the ball at the house.

Remember Paul has already had a Police warning to stop this.

Sarah hangs out with her brother David and his mates at the local park by nearby houses. The group can get quite big, loud and rowdy. Being around older people in the group influences Sarah be loud, rowdy and swear... things she wouldn't normally do.

A resident from a nearby house comes out to ask the group to stop swearing and to keep the noise down as her young child was sleeping. The group got annoyed about this and started to kick the lady's fence when she had gone back into her house. Sarah and David both joined in, the group's behaviour caused the fence to break.

The Police were called by the owner and another neighbour who saw what was happening. As Police arrive, the group run off; officers manage to stop some of them, and take their names and addresses to contact their parents because the fence had been damaged.

Sarah and her brother have never been in trouble with Police before, can this make a difference on the outcome?

Hannah, Jake and Tom are friends, they like to hang out at the local shops where lots of other young people get together. They meet to ride bikes, scooters, skateboards and climb the railings and other stuff. Some of their mates smoke and the older ones bring alcohol.

Sometimes, the crowd gets really big and people get annoyed with them blocking the shop doorways, nearly running customers over, being loud and blowing cigarette smoke at people as they go in and out of the shops.

The staff are always asking the group to move away, keep the noise down, stop smoking and stop swearing but many of them are rude and abusive to the staff and refuse to move.

The Police are called to attend as customers and staff feel intimidated and harassed.