

ASB Breakdown

The data for ASB within Northumbria Police is broken down by three main categories (which are taken from the National Standard for Incident Reporting, NSIR). Further to these categories, Northumbria Police also record ASB incidents by a specific behaviour/incident type (for example Neighbour disputes). Some of the behaviours/incident types can appear under more than one category. The following three categories will determine what a behaviour/incident type is recorded under:

Nuisance

This captures those incidents where an act, condition, thing or person causes trouble, annoyance, inconvenience, offence or suffering to the local community in general rather than to individual victims. It includes incidents where behaviour goes beyond the conventional bounds of acceptability and interferes with public interests including health, safety and quality of life. Just as individuals will have differing expectations and levels of tolerance so will communities have different ideas about what goes beyond tolerable or acceptable behaviour.

Personal

This is designed to identify ASB incidents that the caller, call-handler or anyone else perceives as either deliberately targeted at an individual or group or having an impact on an individual or group rather than the community at large. It includes incidents that cause concern, stress, disquiet and/or irritation through to incidents which have a serious adverse impact on people's quality of life. At one extreme of the spectrum it includes minor annoyance; at the other end it could result in risk of harm, deterioration of health and disruption of mental or emotional well-being, resulting in an inability to carry out normal day to day activities through fear and intimidation.

Environmental

This deals with the interface between people and places. It includes incidents where individuals and groups have an impact on their surroundings including natural, built and social environments. This category is about encouraging reasonable behaviour whilst managing and protecting the various environments so that people can enjoy their own private spaces as well as shared or public spaces. People's physical settings and surroundings are known to impact positively or negatively on mood and sense of well-being and a perception that nobody cares about the quality of a particular environment can cause those effected by that environment to feel undervalued or ignored. Public spaces change over time as a result of physical effects caused, for example, by building but the environment can also change as a result of the people using or misusing that space.

The below data highlights the top 5 ASB incidents (behaviours) 12 months to July 2026 for across the region, it provides the overall top 5 and the top 5 per category (as detailed above).

Overall Top 5 Incidents

ASB Incident Type	Volume
General ASB (Nuisance)*	8,314
Motorcycle disorder	5,653
Neighbourly disputes	4,475
Inapprop. use of public space	2,992
Noise complaint - Residential	1,414

Total number of incidents (per category and grand total)					
Nuisance		Personal		Environmental	
General ASB (Nuisance)*	8,314	Neighbourly disputes	1,563	General ASB (Environmental)*	760
Motorcycle disorder	5,191	General ASB (Personal)*	715	Motorcycle disorder	416
Neighbourly disputes	2,729	Noise complaint - Residential	170	Inappropriate use of public space	301
Inappropriate use of public space	2,628	Inappropriate use of public space	63	Bonfire and fireworks	238
Begging/Vagrancy	1,222	Motorcycle disorder	46	Noise complaint - Residential	200

*General ASB consists of incidents that do not fit into the pre-set behaviour types that are recorded on Northumbria Police's management system (some of these can include incidents relating to young people, for example large groups forming in a particular area). For assurances, Northumbria Police use the collated incident logs and intelligence for Neighbourhood Policing to problem solve and respond to these incidents appropriately and effectively.

Moving forward, an ASB breakdown, like the above will be provided in these reports as part of the Measuring Progress section that provides to date data from Northumbria Police.

Motorcycle Disorder

As this is recorded as one of the top 5 issues (as detailed above), significant work is already underway by Northumbria Police to address the issue of motorcycle disorder, with enhanced promotion and media coverage planned to provide greater reassurance to the wider public.

Motorcycle disorder is also a standalone priority on the partnership ASB action plan which is overseen by the Northumbria Strategic ASB Board. The Board which met in August have agreed that this will be their key area of focus for the next 6-12 months to ensure a robust and consistent approach is taken across the police force area. Delivery against the ASB action plan is coordinated through the multi-agency ASB Co-ordination Group.

The OPCC will also dedicate resource to coordinate the work and support the Northumbria Police lead in wider stakeholder engagement and governance reporting. A data led partnership problem-solving approach will be adopted to design innovative pilots and interventions that will target the specific areas and issues, with assessments and evaluations built in to allow learning of what works and scalability.

The work around motorcycle ASB will follow a three-pillar approach as outlined below:

- Prevention and education
 - Commissioners Community Funding for grassroots organisations to provide alternative activities
 - Work in schools covering road safety, consequences and impact of illegal or anti-social motorcycle use, including virtual reality resources.
- Intervention and diversion
 - You Only Live Once (YOLO) - diversion and mentoring pathways for young people involved in ASB, delivered through Newcastle United Foundation and Sunderland Foundation of Light.
 - Motorcycle specific interventions including training around maintenance, safe use, law and consequences – some Youth Justice Services (YJS) already offer this as part of their early intervention package to deter offending.
- Enforcement and rehabilitation
 - Alternative to court interventions delivered through Local YJS
 - Prosecution where appropriate and proportionate

We will continue to work with Northumbria Police to lobby MPs for legislative change to address the sales of motorcycles including electric bikes/scooters.