

**MEMORANDUM**

APPENDIX 1

To:
Phillip TART
Director of Law, Property and Human Resources.

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From:
Sgt 8743 Kevin Jones
Halesowen Neighbourhood Team

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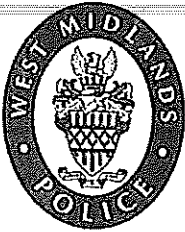
Date:
15/5/09

SUBJECT:
Halesowen Town Centre- Alcohol Team

I have supervised the policing of Halesowen centre for the last 12 months and understand the alcohol ban has been in force for sometime prior to that.
My officers tell me the ban has had a positive effect and assisted them greatly in the policing of the town centre.
Prior to the ban the officers were regularly dealing with persons causing Anti-social behaviour who were clearly under the influence of alcohol and still in possession of alcoholic drinks.
With the ban being in force for some time now its is quite clearly working as incidents involving alcohol are very few.
The town centre is now a pleasant and safe place to visit with out coming across the regular drunk on the many public seating areas.
The ban has enabled the town centre officers to concentrate on more important issues rather than drunken ASB.
I have no doubt if the ban was revoked the usual state of affairs would soon return.
There has been little cause to ask for the ban to be extended out from its current boundaries.

If any further information is required please contact me at Halesowen Police station.

Kevin Jones
Police Sergeant 8743
Halesowen Neighbourhood Team

**MEMORANDUM**

To:
Philip TART
Director of Law, Property & Human Resources

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From:
Sgt 2398 Rob SIMPSON
Sedgley and Gornal Neighbourhood Team

Ext:

Date:
18/4/09

SUBJECT:
Sedgley Town Centre - Alcohol Ban

With regards to the Sedgley Town Centre Alcohol Ban I have the following to report:

Since the implementation of the Alcohol Ban in Sedgley Town Centre in May 2008 this has had an extremely positive effect for local community. In the last twelve months it has been in place, Police Officers have visibly themselves seen a reduction in the consumption of alcohol on the streets in Sedgley. It is also the case that prior to the ban the police only had powers to remove alcohol from persons under the age of 18 in public, and, as a large number of groups in Sedgley contain people over the age of 18 this new power has enabled the police to be more pro-active in removing alcohol. I am of the opinion that this has assisted in reducing the potential for both alcohol fuelled violence and Anti-Social Behaviour which are a major cause of complaint for the Sedgley residents. This has a positive knock on effect in the calls for Service to the Police enabling officers to be more pro-active in other areas. As a result of the success of the Sedgley Alcohol ban I would be very much in favour of the ban being expanded to also include the areas of both Upper and Lower Gornal as these locations also suffer from alcohol being carried/consumed in public.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to get in contact.

Regards

Sgt 2398 Rob SIMPSON



MEMORANDUM

To:
Philip TART
Director of Law, Property and Human Resources.

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From:
PS 8157 Jones
Dudley Town and Castlegate Team.

Ext:

Date:
15/5/09

SUBJECT:
Alcohol Ban - Dudley town Centre

The Dudley town centre alcohol ban has been implemented since April 2005.

There is a clear visible reduction in the amount of alcoholics in general public areas and congregating on benches in the Town Centre area. The area is visibly cleaner in that we do not see empty alcohol containers strewn across the streets, we also do not have reports of drunken persons urinating in the area.

Since the introduction we have been able to gather evidence in terms of seizing alcohol using the ban legislation. This has led to us being able to secure numerous ASBO orders against numerous individual suspects.

The ban has had an outstanding impact on the Local community. I have had positive feedback from the community who state they now feel safer walking through areas of Dudley which was in the past frequented by Local drunks. This has led to the Community feeling 'safer'.

This in terms of financial implications has had a positive impact as we no longer have to concentrate resources on solely dealing with local drunks.

If you need any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

PS 8157 J Jones
Dudley Town and Castlegate Neighbourhood Team.
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MEMORANDUM

To:
Janet Elliot
Licensing, Dudley MBC

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From:
Police Sergeant 6872 David Rennison
Stourbridge Neighbourhood Policing Team

Date:
15th May 2009

SUBJECT:
Stourbridge Town Centre: Alcohol Ban

Since the implementation of the alcohol ban in Stourbridge Town Centre there has been a dramatic reduction in on street alcohol consumption. This has had a positive effect on the local community as a whole.

Together with the policing of the night time economy (Operation Flent) there has been a reduction in alcohol fuelled violence and anti social behaviour.

A typical example I will use is on Saturday nights the Crystal Leisure Centre is open for young persons to attend to take part in a roller disco. Historically incidents have taken place outside that have resulted in violence, the main cause being that groups use to meet and drink alcohol which resulted in disorder. Parents of young persons attending the roller sessions can now collect their children in the knowledge that they will not be met by youths under the influence of alcohol.

The whole alcohol ban initiative in the town centre is seen as a success and should continue.

The same initiative is in place in Mary Stevens Park and again instances of anti social behaviour have dropped in recent months since the ban came into force, it gives the police an excellent tool when dealing with crime and disorder and assists in reducing violent crime. Again a project that following a review should remain in place.

I submit this report for your information & attention.

PS 6872 David Rennison
Stourbridge Neighbourhood Policing Team.