Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) is defined as behaviour causing either Alarm, Harassment or Distress

If you are experiencing street based anti-social behaviour, such as street drinking or begging you can contact Mark Hawkins the Anti-Social Behaviour Coordinator on mark.hawkins@mungos.org

- Not all rough sleepers beg or cause ASB, and not everyone who begs is rough sleeping.
- Giving money or even food to people begging on the street can sustain them in this unhealthy and risky lifestyle.
- Bournemouth Council funds a wide range of services in order to prevent homelessness and assist people who are homeless to access and maintain accommodation.
- The Bournemouth & Poole Rough Sleepers Team (BPRST) have specialist workers who actively seek out rough sleepers in order to help them move from the streets into sustainable and safe accommodation.

If you find someone rough sleeping please email BPRST, it is helpful to have their name or description and location for where they are sleeping so that we can engage with them. The email address is Bournemouth-streelink@mungos.org or call 01202 315962 to leave details on an answerphone.

BPRST operate a daily drop in service for rough sleepers at St. Stephen’s Church Hall, St Stephen’s Way Bournemouth between 9am and 10am each weekday morning.

Details of local soup kitchens and support can be found at http://faithworkswessex.org.uk/our-services/rough-sleepers/


Dorset Police

Emergency call 999
- if a crime is in progress
- life is in danger or risk of injury
- if offender is still at the scene or has just left

Non-Emergency call 101 or you can record your crime online www.dorset.police.uk/do-it-online

Clearance of items from the street – Tel: 01202 451199 or email enquiries@bournemouth.gov.uk
ASB/Begging

All cases of ASB should be reported to epic.reporting@bournemouth.gov.uk make sure you ask for an incident number and to be updated when the matter has been dealt with.

- Keep a record of what has happened including time, date and location of the occurrence with as much detail as possible including anything that was said.
- When you make the report ensure you let me know if you are happy to make a statement – without evidence enforcement teams will not effectively be able to deal with people who are begging.

Begging is committing a criminal offence but it is difficult to deal with the offenders as they are usually in prison for a day only. It is important you report any ASB because local agencies and Police need to collect evidence to link together to make a case against these offenders. The order that can be applied for is an ‘ASBI’ (anti-social behaviour injunction) which can bar an offender from a location/area.