



CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL
COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

COMMITTEE:	Community & Environment		
MEETING DATE AND TIME	22 September 2022 7.00pm	LOCATION	Town Hall
REPORT FROM	Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group		
AGENDA ITEM	10		
REPORT TITLE	Community Safety Charter Pledge		
Background	<p>On Thursday 8th September 2022, Congleton's Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group discussed the Community Safety Charter and is recommending that Congleton Town Council take the pledge and sign up to the Charter.</p> <div>  <div> <p>What is it?</p> <p>A charter that organisations and individuals can sign up to, in order to make their community safer and more resilient, and help eradicate anti-social behaviour, harassment, intimidation and hostility towards others. It is run by the National Neighbourhood Watch group.</p> </div> </div> <div>  <div> <p>Objectives</p> <p>Pledges</p> <p>Delivery</p> </div> </div> <p>The Community Safety Charter would give Congleton Town Council and its Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Working Group an opportunity to take a more proactive and preventative approach to ASB and related crimes of harassment, intimidation, and hostility towards others.</p> <p>It gives tools to send clear messages to victims that we want to create a safer town, and to perpetrators, that their behaviour is not acceptable and will be held to account.</p>		

Objectives of the Charter

1. Create an environment in which these crimes and incidents are not tolerated by the wider community.
2. Provide visibility for public intolerance for these crimes with posters and pledges to take an active stance to prevent and report them.
3. Equip a wider range of community members with heightened awareness about what constitutes these crimes and give options about what to do should they witness them.
4. Increase the number and range of volunteers, community members and organisations involved in taking an active stance in keeping their public spaces safe. We have been told that Congleton already has 74 Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators.
5. Better equip community members to recognise and prevent crime going forward.
6. Increase the support offered to victims by community members and referrals to support agencies.
7. Increase reporting of crimes which occur in public spaces.

The pledges

Each individual, organisation, group, club, business, police force etc will commit to:

1. **Promote a culture that does not tolerate anti-social behaviour, harassment, intimidation, and hostility towards others.**
2. **Enable others to identify and take an active stance against antisocial behaviour, harassment, intimidation, and hostility.**
3. **Actively encourage and support those who experience or witness antisocial behaviour, harassment, intimidation, and hostility to report it to the relevant authorities.**
4. **Support those affected by anti-social behaviour, harassment, intimidation and hostility and signpost those who need further support to agencies who can help them.**

Delivery



Topics covered

Everyone signed up to the charter will receive an information pack every two months for them to go through and share in their network.

- Harassment
- Hate crime
- Antisocial behaviour
- Becoming an active bystander
- Dealing with confrontation
- Leading the change in your community

Easy sign-up process through

www.ourwatch.org.uk/charter

You receive

- Welcome letter
- Individual pledge sheets
- Support and education pack

Topics covered by packs:

For example, the 'Harassment Pack' - This is a PDF training document to read with quizzes.



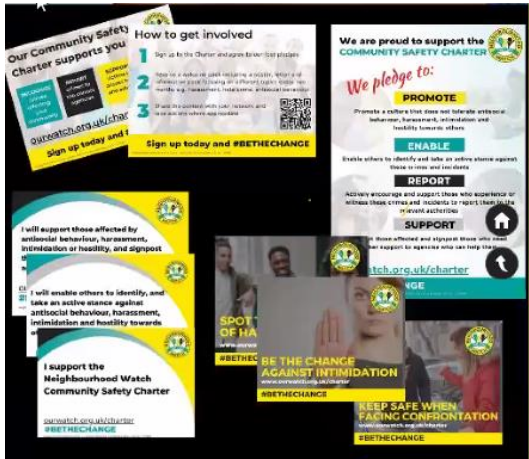
Hate crime training module is a Prezi presentation that is interactive:



The ask from the Community Safety Team:

Sign up your organisation, then

- Promote the Charter in your community
- Encourage others to sign up
- Display the CSC poster
- Share on social media
- Share the training content with friends, family, staff members and everyone!

	<p>Materials are provided such as social media banners etc:</p>  <p>Why is Neighbourhood Watch leading this?</p> <p>They want people to feel safer walking through their neighbourhood.</p> <p>Perpetrators should be educated that certain behaviours are unacceptable e.g., low-level harassment of women, homophobic comments etc.</p> <p>#BETHECHANGE</p> <p>How it works</p> <p>When you sign up the first pack will be the Harassment one. 2 months later, the Hate Crime one. Then the third one will be on ASB.</p> <p>Training video link for supporting victims: https://www.standup-international.com</p>
Financial Implications	<p>This will involve some officer time to help launch the campaign and some funding to host some sessions with the town's Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators. This can be managed within current budgets.</p>
Environmental Implications	<p>This campaign is all about making your local environment safer. There will be some carbon footprint from printing display materials, but most of the training is online.</p>
Equality and Diversity Impact	<p>The campaign has equality and diversity at its core, seeking an end to hate crime, and discrimination and equipping members of the community to call out behaviour that creates victims.</p>
PROPOSALS	<p>Recommend that Congleton Town Council signs up to the Community Charter Pledge and delegate responsibility to the Anti-Social Behaviour Group to take actions to fulfil the pledge: The Pledge is</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Promote a culture that does not tolerate antisocial behaviour, harassment, intimidation, and hostility towards others Enable others to identify and take an active stance against antisocial behaviour, harassment, intimidation, and hostility Actively encourage and support those who experience or witness antisocial behaviour, harassment, intimidation, and hostility to report it to the relevant authorities.

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