



Subject: Concerns Regarding Young People's Behaviour in our Community

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am writing to you as a representative of Safer Torbay the name given to Torbay's Community Safety Partnership (CSP).

The purpose of this letter is to draw to your attention certain concerns that have arisen regarding some young People's behaviour within our community. It is essential to address these concerns to maintain a safe, inclusive, and harmonious environment for the whole community as the summer holiday is nearly with us.

Over recent weeks, we have seen an increase in reports in groups of young people riding electric mopeds and bicycles in large groups often with face coverings. This has led to intimidation, ASB and at times a road safety issue. We are aware that other persons are offering to modify push bikes to have electronic assistance, these are an unknown risk from fire and are not legal to use in public. We have conducted operations in the last few months to target these scooters and bikes with numerous seized and destroyed.

Secondly, we have also seen numerous reports of young people climbing into and on top of the netting at the former Living Coast Zoo site. This presents a significant risk of serious injury and likely death given the height the netting extends to. No responder from Safer Torbay nor other blue light services wish to attend an incident resulting from this misadventure. It is important for us to work together to address these concerns promptly and effectively.

We kindly request your support in addressing the following matters:

- **Open Communication:** We encourage you to engage in open dialogue with your child about the behaviour observed and the consequences it may have on themselves and others if they engage in this behaviour.
- **Setting Clear Expectations:** Establish clear expectations and guidelines for behaviour both within our towns and in the wider community. Reinforce the importance of demonstrating kindness, empathy, and respect towards others.
- **Collaboration:** We value the importance of a collaborative effort between our service and parents/guardians. Let us work together to provide consistent messages ensuring that they understand the impact of their behaviour on the community.
- **Seeking Assistance:** If you are worried or believe that your young person is attending a local town or community and worried about their involvement or behaviour, please seek help using the contact details below or contact the school your child goes to.
- **Knowing Outcomes:** Any young person that is identified responsible for the behaviours displayed we will be using our Anti-Social Behaviour escalation process which includes warning



letters, this will be in collaboration with schools and police. Any criminal offences will be progressed with by the Police.

Our intention is not to penalise young people but rather to address these concerns collectively and as early as possible, ensuring that you are aware of what is happening within our community, for you as parents or guardians to be informed so you can help up to keep young people safe from harm as well as the wider community.

Thank you for your attention and understanding in this matter. We value working with parents and guardians we remain committed to encourage positive and healthy behaviour. Together, we can ensure that our towns and communities remain a safe place for all members of our community and a wonderful safe place for our children to grow up in and thrive.

Should you wish to discuss this further or want to provide any information please make contact with us using our reporting links.

We wish you and your families a fantastic and sunny (hopefully) summer!

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<https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/ro/report/asb/asb->

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