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Background

- Significant number of complaints regarding nuisance vehicles
- Not just ASB - crimes
- Not just a police issue
- Multi Agency Working group formed





Partnerships

- Increases range of legislation and procedures available
- Wider range of intelligence gathering opportunities
- Opportunities for target hardening





What is Anti-Social Use

- Relates to vehicles used in a manner causing alarm, distress or harassment
- Applies to motorbikes, quads, E-Scooters and 4x4 vehicles
- Can be dealt with by both PC's and PCSO's





Definition:

Where a constable in uniform has reasonable grounds for believing that a motor vehicle is being used on any occasion in a manner which—



(a) contravenes section 3 or 34 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 (c. 52) (careless and inconsiderate driving and prohibition of off-road driving), and



(b) is causing, or is likely to cause, alarm, distress or annoyance to members of the public,



he shall have the powers set out in subsection (3).

Vehicles should be issued with a warning first, unless this is impractical. An example of it being impractical would be the offenders leaving the vehicle/making off or the vehicle being unregistered and unable to be traced - therefore a warning unable to be placed. If an officer also reasonably believes a warning has been given within the past 12 months - whether or not recorded on the [Police National Computer](#) or similar system, they can seize the vehicle immediately.



Definitions cont/d....

- **Driving**

in this section has the same meaning as in the Road Traffic Act 1988.

[Road Traffic Act 1988 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](https://www.legislation.gov.uk)

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- **Motor vehicle**

means any mechanically propelled vehicle, whether or not it is intended or adapted for use on roads

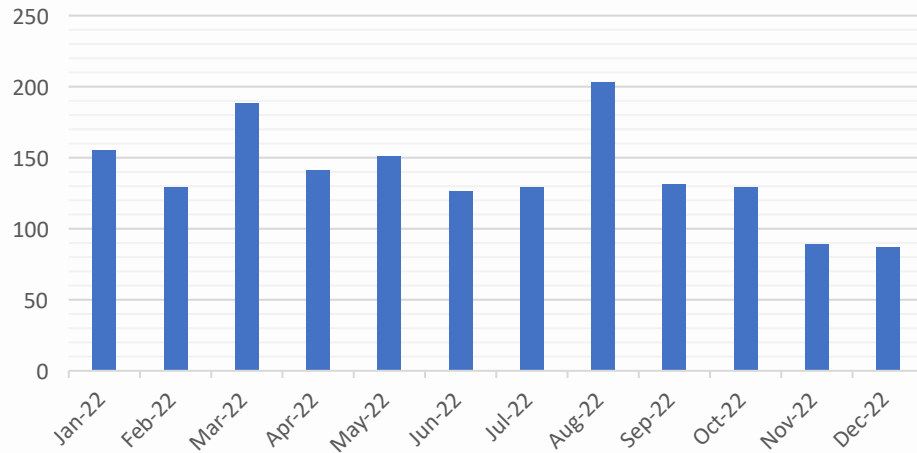
- **Private dwelling house**

does **not** include any garage or other structure occupied with the dwelling house, or any land appurtenant to the dwelling house.

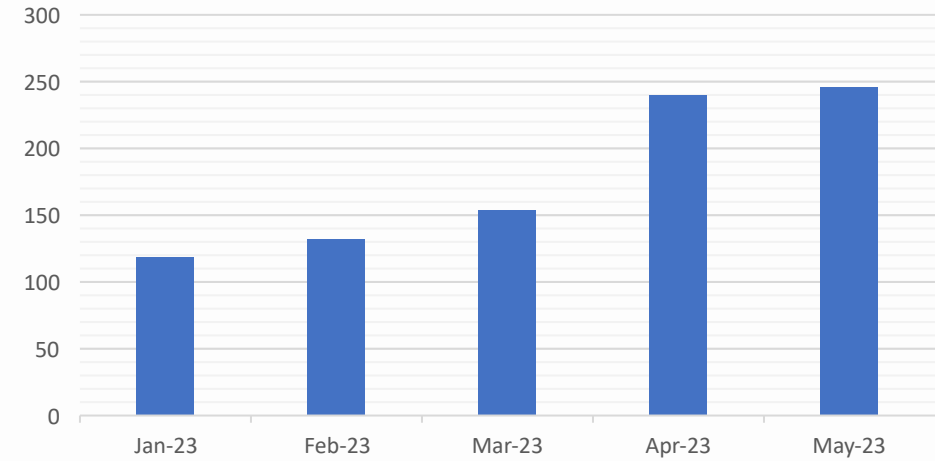
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Calls received 2022



Calls received 2023



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WHY?

- Increased publicity
- Awareness of reporting mechanisms
- Confidence in action being taken



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WARNING



Anti-social use of motorised vehicles will lead to further action being taken. Vehicles will be seized without further warning.

Pursuant to Police Reform Act S.59



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- Seizures of vehicles

- PCSO's can issue warnings and seize vehicles under Police Reform Act 2002
Only PC's can seize under Op Takeaway
- Reporting for offences
- Retention and crushing of bikes
- Further actions
- Work with auction houses





OP ENDURANCE TOOLKIT

Introduction

Off road vehicle nuisance is a widespread problem across the force area. Bike section consists of 5 officers for Durham and with resourcing issues and competing demands therefore mean that it is no longer an option for the motorcycle section to simply deploy off road motorcycles in response to e-mails from local staff and the capacity to self deploy is extremely limited. In the light of this Op Endurance has evolved as a way to encourage local problem solving at source using a range of tactics to reduce off road vehicle nuisance; the deployment of off road motorcycles is only small part of the range of tactics available.

There are thirteen tabs below that offer pointers as to how you can help develop a problem solving approach:

- Introduction
- Where
- Intel
- Open Source
- Prevention
- Enforcement
- Young People
- Housing
- RIPA
- Misc
- Venues
- Off Road Patrols
- Contacts

Please consider all of your options when dealing with off road vehicle complaints. Where problems persist compile a problem profile to record all of your actions, identify intelligence gaps, highlight prevention, intelligence, enforcement and reassurance opportunities. Off road motorcycle support is one tactical option but be prepared to demonstrate what else has been done locally in an effort to resolve the problems, be realistic about what you expect off road motorcycle patrols to achieve, 'waving the flag' with off

Introduction

WHERE

INTEL

Open Source

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What next?

- Section 59 warnings and seizures (post incident)
- Community Protection Warning's / Community Protection Notices
- Inform housing
 - tenancy warnings
- Driving Offences
- Criminal Behaviour Orders
- Closure Orders
- Safeguarding reports – children
- Social Media / footage circulation



Motorcycle Section

- 5 bike officers & 1 Sgt
- Investment in department
- No longer panacea
- NPT's
- Operations /abstractions



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Vehicle seized suspect stolen, no insurance and on false plates.
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Reporting Methods



Ongoing incidents

- Call 101
- Live Chat
- Local Authorities

If not ongoing

- Local NPT contacts
- Crimestoppers 0800 555 111
- Keep in the Know
- Op Endurance email





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