

**Enforcement action taken by Boston Borough Council to address Anti-Social Behaviour
between 1st April 2024 and 31st March 2025**

Boston Borough Council's Anti-Social Behaviour Officer works in partnership with Lincolnshire Police, Housing Associations, and other agencies to tackle Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB). Officers follow the guidance set out in the Countywide Procedures for Tackling ASB in Lincolnshire, which details the tools and powers provided by the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

An incremental approach is used to encourage people to stop the ASB by offering advice and warnings before considering more formal methods. Where appropriate, people are provided with support, guidance and signposting to other organisations who may be able to help.

The process differs for adults and young people, below is an example of the approach.

Stage 1

Adults and Under 18s: Advice letter (for under 18s a letter is also sent to the parent/guardian).

Stage 2

Adults and Under 18s: Warning letter (for under 18s a letter is also sent to the parent/guardian).

Stage 3

Adults: Community Protection Notice Warning (CPNW)
Under 18s: Acceptable Behaviour Agreement (ABA)

Stage 4 (formal action)

Adults: Community Protection Notice (CPN)
Under 18s: Civil Injunction

Stages 1-4 for adults also applies to the Noxious Odour Procedure and the Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) in Boston which restricts the consumption of alcohol within a specified area. In addition, Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) can be issued for breaching the PSPO (i.e., if an individual refuses a request from an authorised officer to desist from drinking alcohol within the designated area or refuses to leave the area).

Enforcement Data – Anti-Social Behaviour

The table below shows the type of enforcement action used in Boston Borough to tackle ASB between 1st April 2024 and 31st March 2025, with comparisons to the previous three financial years.

Anti-Social Behaviour - action taken between 1st April 2024 and 31st March 2025

Year	Stage 1 - Advice	Stage 2 - Warning	Acceptable Behaviour Agreement (ABA)	Community Protection Notice Warning (CPNW)	Community Protection Notice (CPN)	Civil Injunction
2024-25	53	18	11	1	1	0
2023-24	45	8	2	3	0	0
2022-23	85	11	6	0	0	0
2021-22	78	28	8	0	0	0

Of the 53 Stage 1 letters issued, 48 were issued to young people and five to adults. 29 of the Stage 1 letters were issued for 'Trespass', 19 for 'Inconsiderate Behaviour', two for 'Shouting & Swearing', one for 'Animal related', one for 'Drunken Behaviour' and one for 'Vehicle Nuisance'.

Of the 18 Stage 2 letters issued, 17 were issued to young people and one to an adult. Fifteen letters were issued for 'Inconsiderate Behaviour' and three for 'Inappropriate use of fireworks'.

Enforcement Data – Noxious Odour Procedure

The Noxious Odour Procedure aims to address reports of noxious fumes, linked to drug odour, which affects the quality of life of individuals in the community. The process is incremental, starting with advice and warning letters then moving to a Community Protection Notice Warning and full Notice if the problem persists and can be evidenced.

The table below shows the number of enforcement actions taken during April 2024 to March 2025 in Boston with a comparison to the previous year.

Noxious Odours Procedure – action taken between 1st April 2024 & 31st March 2025

Year	Stage 1 Advice	Stage 2 Warning	CPNW	CPN
2024-25	16	4	0	0
2023-24	21	8	0	0

The informal warnings have been effective at minimising the impact of noxious odours reported by Boston residents with no formal measures being used to-date.

Enforcement Data – Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO)

Boston Borough Council's Public Spaces Protection Order (in relation to Alcohol) commenced on Monday 12th January 2015 and has been extended on three occasions. The PSPO will expire on 11th January 2027 unless a further extension is agreed.

The effect of the order is to restrict the consumption of alcohol within the PSPO area and to require specified things to be done by person/s consuming alcohol in that area, i.e. desist from consuming alcohol or surrender it. It is an offence not to comply with these requests made by an authorised officer.

The table below shows the type of enforcement action used in relation to the PSPO between 1st April 2024 and 31st March 2025, with comparisons to the previous three financial years.

PSPO – action taken between 1st April 2024 & 31st March 2025

Year	Stage 1	Stage 2	CPNW	CPN	FPN
2024-25	198	22	11	3	0
2023-24	48	5	2	0	0
2022-23	22	0	0	0	0
2021-22	27	4	0	1	0

The increased number of actions taken in the last financial year is directly linked to the two Community Rangers who patrolled the town centre targeting people drinking alcohol in the PSPO area, this was one of the elements of 'Operating Plotting'.