



People for Proper Policing in North Wales

Drunkenness, violence and vandalism blight most of Britain, admit officials. Mail Online by Steve Doughty on 29th December 2009

Officials running **Labour's campaign against anti-social behaviour** believe that most of the country has a major problem. A Home Office survey found that 73 per cent said drunkenness and rowdiness is a 'significant problem' in their area.

More than four out of five believe that teenagers hanging around the streets are also a concern. Seven out of ten cite vandalism and graffiti as a scourge of their district or town.

The figures came more **than a decade after Labour introduced the ASBO** and promised to reduce local disorder. Instead, however, there is growing anxiety over the continuing impact of uncontrolled drunkenness and street violence.

Last week, Lord Chief Justice Lord Judge warned about the violence that 'gives the city and town centres over to the kind of drunken yobbery with which we have become familiar'. He also pointed to 'a worried perception among decent citizens that it is not safe to walk the streets at night'.

For the survey, the Home Office questioned **230 specialist officials** employed by councils to run local anti-social behaviour programmes. A total of 83 per cent said teenagers hanging around was a problem. Some 71 per cent identified vandalism and graffiti as a significant local difficulty and 60 per cent said there was a problem with drug dealers.

Tories accused ministers of trying to bury the report. **Shadow Home Secretary, Chris Grayling**, said: *'When ministers won't even face up to the challenge of anti-social behaviour and instead try to cover up the bad news, then you know the Government has lost its way. Communities up and down the country are suffering. Yet our Government has wrapped police up in so much red tape that they spend more time filling in forms than policing our streets. We can't go on this way.'*

The co-ordinators in the survey are mainly **former local government officials or police officers**. They liaise between the police, courts, town halls and probation officers and can be contacted by residents worried about their neighbourhood.

The report said discussions with the officials showed that 'young people hanging around were frequently mentioned as the issue causing most public concern'.

It added: 'Alcohol-related incidents and noisy neighbours were also identified as important contributors to concern about anti-social behaviour.'

The PPP comments ... The UK is an international joke and a national disgrace. The government have dreamt up thousands of new laws and their dreaded initiatives. They have created a whole range of highly paid non-jobs which are gifted to time servers from the Police, quangos and other public sector early retirees. They almost all fail to deal with the real issues and the quality of life deteriorates and the cost to the tax payer goes ever upwards. All that is needed is real police on the streets upholding the existing laws and a criminal justice system punishing the persistent offenders. We are sick and tired of reading about and commenting on this issue, WHEN will our army of useless politicians get it sorted out?