



People for Proper Policing in North Wales

The jobs who commit one offence every second

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Police recorded 3.9million acts of anti-social behaviour - such as criminal damage and graffiti - in England and **Wales**.

But Government researchers say **only 11 per cent of such offences are actually reported to officers - pushing the true total to 35million**.

The Tories say the Government's anti-yob measures are not working. That is the equivalent of 95,890 people being intimidated by a yob every day, or one every second.

The Tories, who uncovered the figures, said they showed **Home Secretary Jacqui Smith's many anti-yob initiatives were not working**.

Ministers have used anti-social behaviour contracts and poured millions of pounds into the so-called **Respect agenda**, which was later abolished by Gordon Brown.

Shadow Home Secretary Chris Grayling said: *'We've seen initiative after initiative - but nothing they try has made any real difference. People want to see something done to tackle a problem that is disrupting huge numbers of lives.'*

The largest number of anti-social behaviour incidents recorded by the police last year was 388,000, in London. There were also 253,000 in Greater Manchester, 172,000 in the West Midlands and 171,000 incidents in both Lancashire and Northumbria.

The Respect agenda was scrapped shortly after Mr Brown became Prime Minister and Louise Casey, the Respect commissioner, was moved to another job in the Cabinet Office.

But, in recognition of the public's continued alarm at the high level of anti-social behaviour, the combative Miss Casey has since been returned to the fray. She is currently back inside the Home Office, working on an array of new anti-yob strategies.

The figures emerged as Home Secretary Jacqui Smith prepared to host the Government's first **'burglary summit'**.

The summit will include DIY stores, **Age Concern, Neighbourhood Watch**, and police, following a four per cent leap in burglaries in recent months.

The surge in housebreaking has been linked to the recession. Miss Smith is expected to say it will be backed by **a new Home Office fund** to **'help people in hard times'** by funding extra locks and alarms.

The PPP comments The Police in North Wales and elsewhere will do anything and everything BUT not what the customer wants which is high profile, effective, efficient, accurately targeted, 24 hour policing of our communities and properties. The Home office likewise will dabble in and finance, with our money, every daft initiative that their spin doctors come up with. We have had yellow cards and ASBOs, drug czars and respect commissioners, PCSOs and safety wardens, horses and CCTV. BUT not what we need.

Currently we are being insulted by being 'consulted' at Police Authority meetings by people who know or really care little about the real world and who have accepted the preconceived ideas from the home office. The destruction of the real meaning of the English language continues apace ... consultation, reassurance, respect, partner, stakeholder, safety, concern, all are being abused and dangerously devalued.

The reality is that our society and its values was built on a rock like foundation of religious belief, sound moral education and standards upheld by a system of law and order that was imperfect but effective and respected. This foundation has been replaced by a quicksand and we are floundering to treat the myriad symptoms of the resulting collapse. We must all contribute to the rebuilding of the foundations and find a better means of treating the symptoms.

One loss control & management system used in Industry used a **pyramidal diagram** to highlight relationships between minor and major events. This principle applies to crime (and road safety, another disaster area). The above figures (35million+) form the base of the pyramid and the **natural system ratios** will determine the numbers of really serious crimes at the top...(knife) murders, acts of terrorism and major robberies etc. The principle is that if we lose control at the base we lose control at every level. **This has happened. The Zero tolerance principle** tackles the base levels and the rest diminish in line with the ratios. This principle worked under Mayor Rudy Guilliani in New York and In Cleveland UK under Det. Supt. Mallon (until Cleveland ACC Brunstrom became 'involved'). Sound and effective management with **SKILL AND KNOWLEDGE, UNDERSTANDING, DISCIPLINE AND DEDICATION** can also change the ratios positively.

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