

Date 06/06/2019

The Resident
Chalvey
Slough

Dear resident,

Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO)

Due to receiving complaints of anti-social activities in Chalvey that were having a negative impact to the local community's life, we implemented a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) to cover Chalvey as of 11/12/2018, lasting for 3 years. A PSPO is designed to stop individuals or groups behaving anti-socially in a public space and to protect the quality of life of those in the area.

The conditions of the PSPO in the restricted area are as follows:-

- a) Not to loiter as a part of a group of two or more people that are causing or likely to cause nuisance, intimidation, harassment, alarm, distress or any other anti-social behaviour.
- b) Failing to disperse from the group in the restricted area and then remain dispersed from that group within the restricted area for a period not less than 48 hours when asked to do so by a Constable or any other Authorised Officer.
- c) Not to use a motor vehicle to cause vehicle related anti-social behaviour between the hours of 10.00pm and 07.00am. Vehicle related anti-social behaviour includes playing music in a stationary motor vehicle or sounding horns so as to cause a nuisance.

More details can be found on the Slough Borough Council website: <http://www.slough.gov.uk/parking-travel-and-roads/public-spaces-protection-orders-pspos.aspx>

Breaching the PSPO

We understand that groups of people will be out and about in the area, going about their daily lives, so they will not necessarily be breaching the PSPO. They will only be breaching the PSPO should they be loitering and causing or likely to be causing nuisance, intimidation, harassment, alarm, distress or any other anti-social behaviour.

People have the right to gather and have conversations in any public area, so we ask that residents be tolerant of each other and treat each other with respect. If people are gathered around talking and socialising outside their properties, or anywhere in a public space, they MAY be breaching the PSPO if they are behaving in an anti-social manner.

With regard to using motor vehicles to cause anti-social behaviour, the PSPO condition is very clear as to the times and type of nuisance that will cause a breach of the PSPO.

Evidence from the Community

In order for us to take action against anyone in breach of the PSPO, we require evidence. When reporting any incidents, it is important that you provide as much accurate information as you can on what you witnessed.

- Try to identify people involved on each occasion. If you don't know the name of person/people but can describe them or know their nickname, tell us.
- Address or location – try to provide us with a road name or house number of where the incidents are occurring. If you don't know the actual location include as much information as you can, such as near the supermarket on XX road
- Say what actually happened. For example you should include all swear words or other inappropriate language if you have witnessed these. This gives a better understanding of what happened and can be powerful evidence at court.
- It is important that you include your feeling and how the incident has impacted on your normal life – for example if it has made you feel scared, depressed, has stopped your children playing out in the street or stopped you from going to the area.
- If there were any other witnesses include their details – name and address if you know it.

What to do if you believe the PSPO is being breached?

You should report any breaches of the PSPO to the Police immediately via their website <https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/ro/report/asb/af/antisocial-behaviour/> or you can call 101.

Alternatively you can report anti-social behaviour to council via the website https://slough-self.achieveservice.com/service/Report_anti_social_behaviour or call the ASB Hotline on 01753 875298.

You can also report any breaches to the Community Wardens who are out and about in Chalvey. They are approachable and one of their roles is to engage with the community. They are able to issue fixed penalty notices should they feel there is a breach of the PSPO.

Community involvement

For the PSPO to be a success and to stop persistent anti-social behaviour, we need community co-operation. Resources (officers) can only be allocated to any area by the Council or Police should there be evidence of anti-social behaviour. Therefore all your reports will enable us to build a picture of the problems, and to allocate the appropriate resources to deal with the problems, thus improving the quality of life for residents.

Attached are ASB diaries in which you can record of any breaches/incidents in relation to the PSPO. These can be sent back to the SBC Resilience & Enforcement Team, Landmark Place, High Street, Slough SL1 1JL, or can be given to a Community Warden or Police Officer once you have completed them. We will look at your evidence and decide the most appropriate action to take.

Yours faithfully,

Housing Services

Date & Time of Incident	Details of incidents, including who did it, if known, and where it happened	Were there any other witnesses? If so, who?	Was the incident reported? If so when & to whom?	How did the incident affect you, or make you feel physically or emotionally?

PLEASE SIGN AND DATE THIS FORM AND RETURN IT TO THE PERSON/AGENCY WHO ISSUED IT TO YOU.

I CONFIRM THAT THIS IS A TRUE ACCOUNT OF THE INCIDENTS WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE.

The incidents recorded above are causing a serious nuisance and I am prepared to give evidence in court to support my complaint.

SIGNED: _____

DATED: _____

ADDRESS: _____

USEFUL NUMBERS

Anti Social Behaviour Hotline: 01753 875298

Police Non Emergency: 101