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This report was produced at the request of PC A Higgs, Fareham Police Station on Monday 28 January. It is in response to assist with the assessment of new projects introduced throughout 2007 within Portchester and the assessment of seasonal trends within Portchester on police beat areas FF05 and FF06.

Introduction

The aim of this report is to examine the extent to which Anti Social Behaviour and Criminal Damage offences are reported within Portchester (FF05, FF06). The report aims to determine if there has been any increase over the past 12 months and to assess if affected by seasonal trends. To identify the day and times of offences and to assist in the identification of any future trends.

Data for this report has been extracted from Records Management System (RMS) and Business Objects between 1 January 2007 and 1 February 2008.

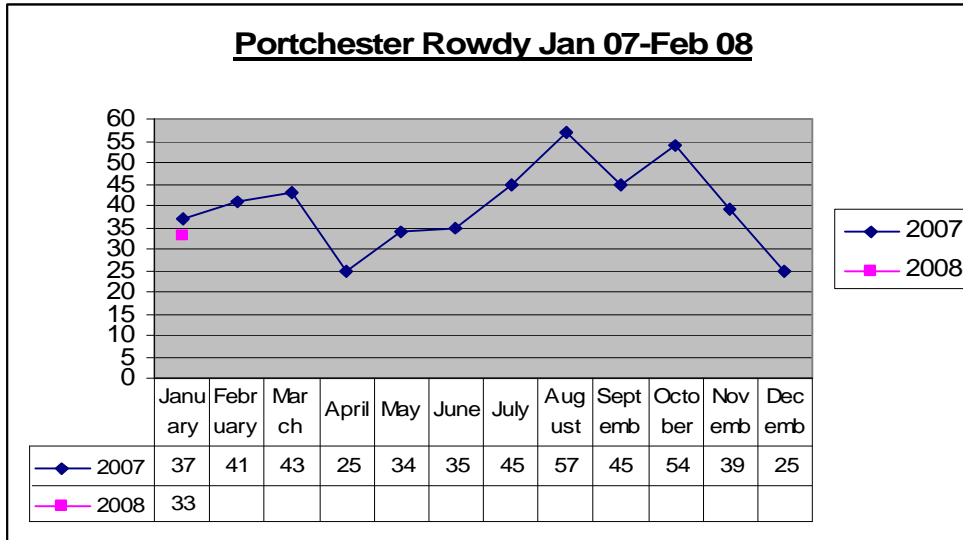
Anti Social Behaviour

The total number of rowdy and inconsiderate reports received within Fareham Division for the thirteen months reporting period is 3734, including 3507 for 2007. Portchester FF05 and FF06 accounted for 16% (480) of Fareham Division's Rowdy reports in 2007 and 15% (33 reports) in January 2008.

The month of August 2007 as shown in Graph 1, identified the highest number of reported Rowdy and Inconsiderate with 57 offences, comparing this to August 2006 (49 offences) there had been a 16% increase from the previous year. However, apart from October which includes Halloween and half term there has been a decrease in the latter half of 2007.

Graph 1

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Temporal Factors

The Rowdy and Inconsiderate reports have predominantly been reported on Friday and Saturdays, followed by Sundays and Thursdays. Peak times for ASB reports were late Fridays around 2100-2400 and Saturdays 2100

Graph 2

Month	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Grand Total
January	7	2	4	7	6	9	2	37
February	4	3	4	6	10	9	5	41
March	3	8	5	4	12	8	3	43
April	4	2	4	3	1	5	6	25
May	3	3	2	9	6	8	3	34
June	2	4	4	2	6	10	7	35
July	9	6	6	2	8	7	7	45
August	8	1	8	9	13	10	8	57
September	8	3	1	6	5	12	10	45
October	6	8	11	6	7	7	9	54
November	2	3	1	6	14	12	1	39
December	3	1	3	1	5	5	7	25
Grand Total	59	44	53	61	93	102	68	480

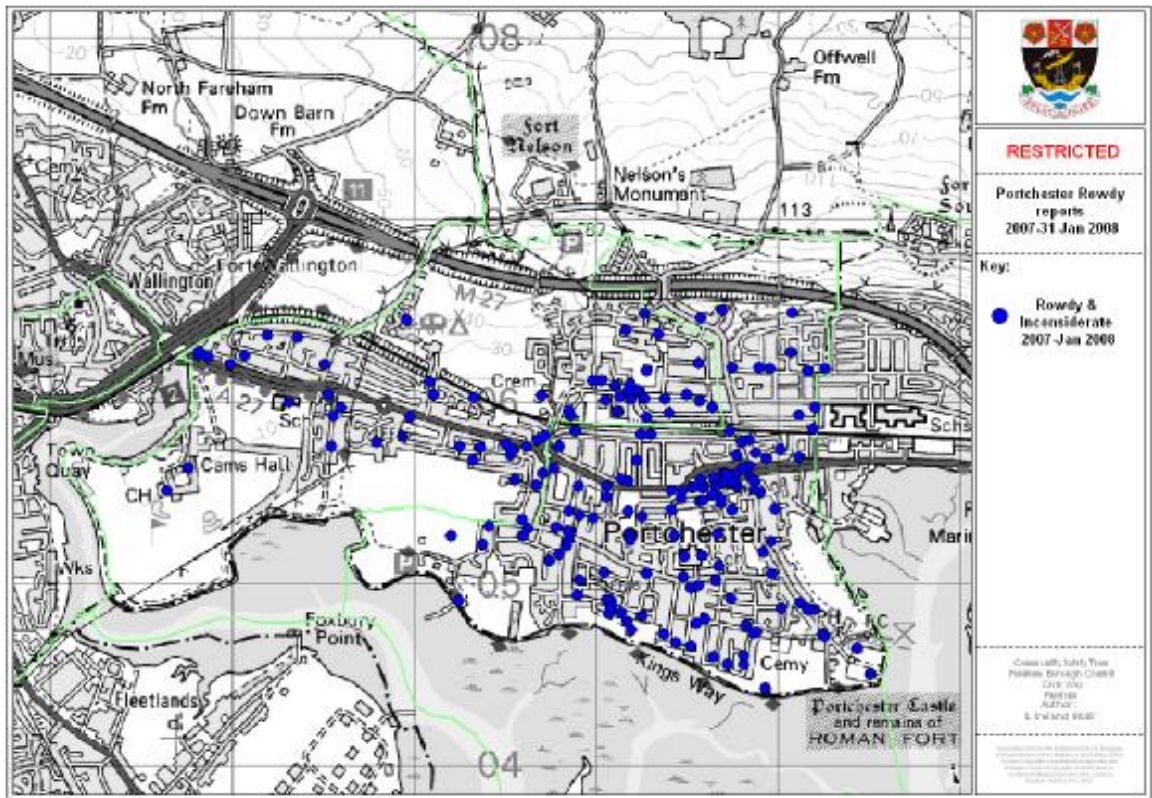
Month	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Grand Total
JANUARY 2008	5	11	3	3	5	2	4	33

Victims and Offenders

Due to anti social behaviour not being recorded as a crime there are no offenders. However for 65% (334) of Rowdy reports, the caller has identified youths or young persons as the perpetrators of the ASB being reported.

Geographical Locations

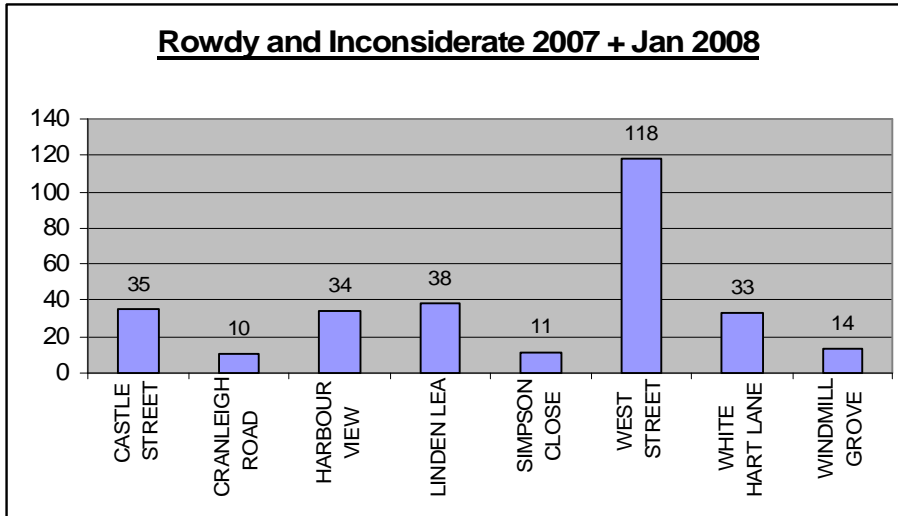
Map 1



Map one identifies the rowdy reports across Portchester and highlights the most predominant location within Portchester is West Street, accounting for 23 % (101 reports) of Rowdy and Inconsiderate calls, followed by Linden Lea with 7% (38 reports), the top eight locations for ASB are highlighted in Graph 3.

Graph 3

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A focus on the eight prominent locations for ASB identified that West Street was consistently busy over the seven day reporting period except Tuesday's. Linden Lea was particularly busy on a Thursday as shown in Graph 4 below.

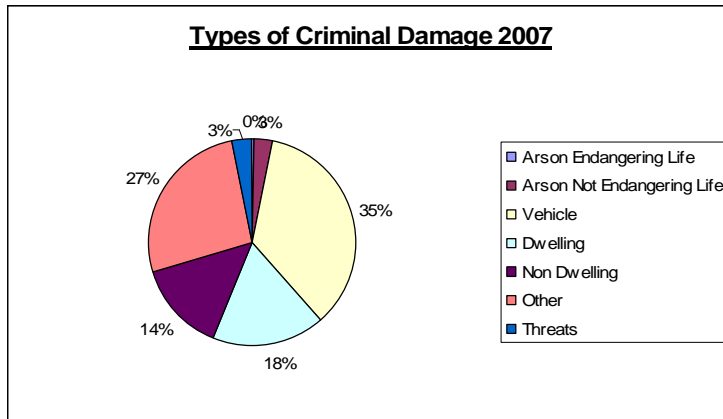
Graph 4

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Total
CASTLE STREET	5	3	4	5	4	12	2	35
CRANLEIGH ROAD		1	1	1	3	1	3	10
HARBOUR VIEW	4	2	5	5	8	4	6	34
LINDEN LEA	5	2	6	10	5	5	5	38
SIMPSON CLOSE	2				2	3	4	11
WEST STREET	16	8	12	16	14	16	19	101
WHITE HART LANE	2	5	2	4	8	7	3	31
WINDMILL GROVE		2	4	1	2	4	1	14
Grand Total	35	24	34	42	47	53	43	278

Criminal Damage

Over the thirteen month reporting period for criminal damage offences the total number of offences reported is 1774. Portchester accounted for 211 (12%) of these offences. In 2007 a total of 205 offences were reported and 35% (72) of Portchester damages are vehicle damage, followed by 27% other, offence types are highlighted in Graph 5. The highest proportion of damage to vehicles occurred in Castle Street with 10 offences.

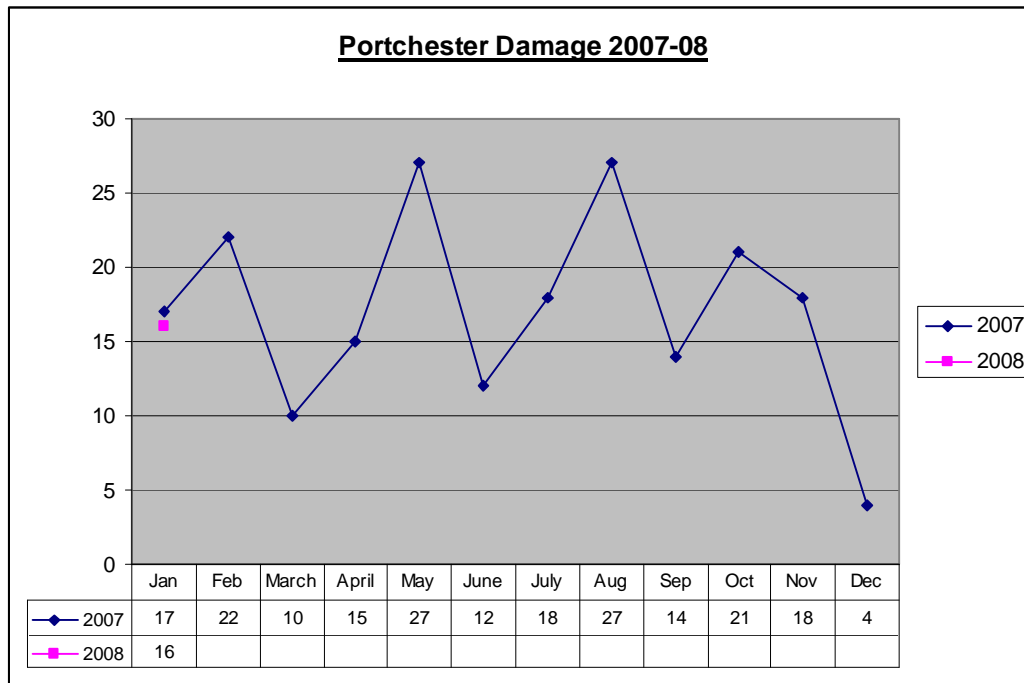
Graph 5



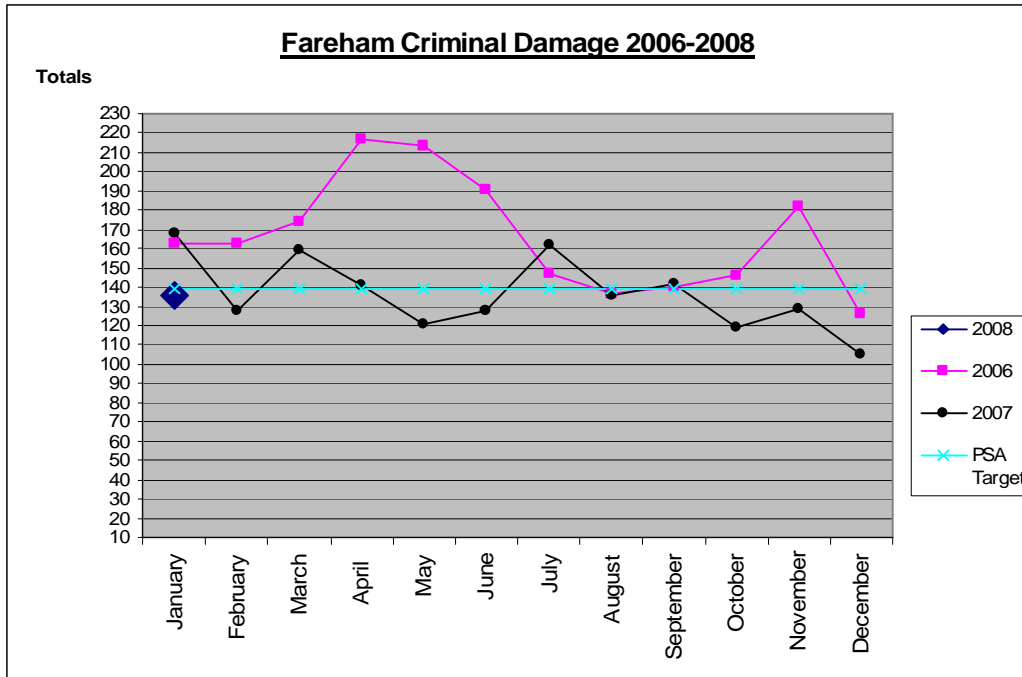
Temporal Factors

Over the 13 month reporting period there is significant peaks and troughs, see Graph 6, with damages peaking in May and August 2007. This is possibly due to bank holiday periods. February and October were also busy periods, possibly due to half term school holidays and October Halloween. November and December both show a decline in damage offences with a slight rise in January. December saw a significant decrease in damages and could be attributable to the extending services of the Portchester Youth Club, which opened from a Saturday night from October and may also indicate why Portchester declined in November as opposed to Fareham division which increased in November as indicated in Graph 7.

Graph 6



Graph 7

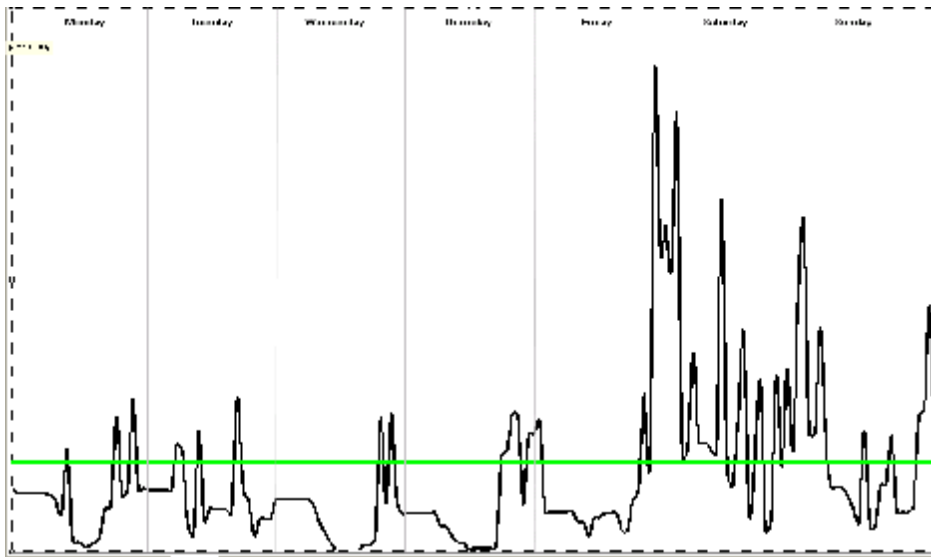


Graph 8

Month	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Grand Total	
January		1	1	2	2	3	6	2	17
February		2	3	3	0	2	6	6	22
March		1	1	1	1	2	2	2	10
April		2	2	0	2	2	5	2	15
May		3	0	3	0	7	9	5	26
June		1	0	1	3	2	4	1	12
July		3	2	2	1	4	4	2	18
August		5	1	1	2	9	6	3	27
September		1	1	0	2	8	1	1	14
October		1	3	3	1	6	5	2	21
November		2	2	3	0	5	5	1	17
December			2	0	1	0	1	0	4
Grand Total		22	18	19	15	50	54	27	205

Graph 8 highlights the days and months of criminal damage offences, identifying Saturday followed by Friday as the busiest period, followed by Sundays. This was again confirmed using a time analysis tool. Showing peak times of Friday night 2200-2400, followed by Saturday 0200, also overnight Saturday/Sunday see Graph 9.

Graph 9



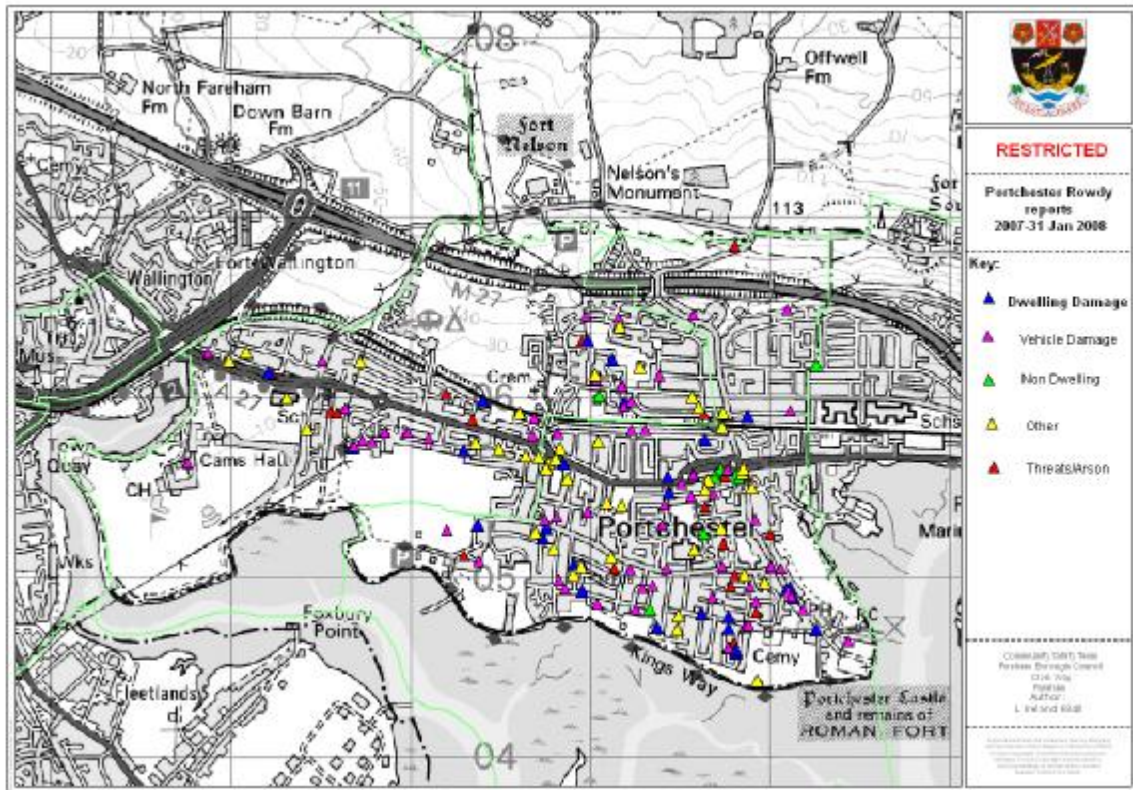
Victims

The victims were predominantly business with 51 offences. Of the named victims the Nearly a third of victims were aged over 60 (41 victims), only 2 victims were aged 17 or under.

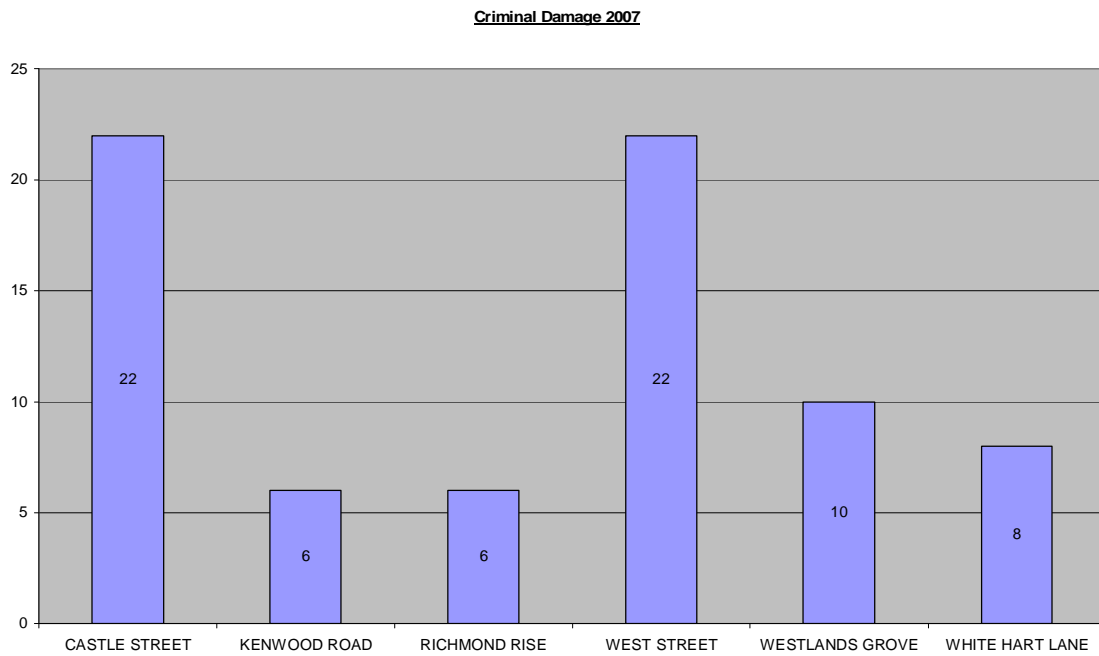
Geographical Locations

Portchester damage is highlighted in Map 2. The most prominent location for Criminal Damage within Portchester is West Street and Castle Street accounting for 21% (44 offences), West Street damage is significantly non dwelling and Castle Street vehicle damage. The third highest number of damages occurred in Westland's Grove and over 90% (9 offences); occurred at the Community Centre, see Graph 9. Comparison with Graph 3 the ASB locations and Graph 9 Criminal Damage locations show a link with West Street and Castle Street, White Hart Lane also featured but there are variations with the prominent Anti social behaviour locations, particularly Linden Lea and Harbour View.

Map 2



Graph 9



Suspects Offenders

A total of 132 offenders were identified for criminal damage offences. A significant proportion were aged 10-18, a total of 85% (112 offenders) and 89% were aged under 20 (118 offenders). The most predominant age was aged 17 with 55 offenders (42%). 85 detections were junior reprimands or simple cautions indicating that 65% of offenders were not repeat offenders.

Conclusion

A total of 513 Anti Social behaviour incidents were reported and 211 criminal damage offences were reported in Portchester over the thirteen month period. The similarities are described below.

- West Street and Castle Streets both feature predominantly in both ASB and criminal damage offences. In September 07 both streets appeared in Fareham division top five streets for criminal damage. However since September 2007 criminal damage has decreased in Portchester by 29%.
- The highest type of damage is vehicle damage accounting for 35% of overall damages, this predominantly occurred in Castle Street.
- August was the busiest period for both ASB and criminal damage offences, highlighting increases in both occurrence types and a link between the two. Seasonal trends occurred with significant peaks and troughs in criminal damage, increasing in May and August. Decreasing in September and increasing again in October, probably due to half term, school holidays and Halloween. Since October criminal damage trends and Rowdy reports have decreased throughout November and December, rising slightly in January and this may be attributable to Portchester Youth club extending to Saturday evening and High Visibility Patrolling.
- The majority of offences occurred on Saturdays followed by Fridays for criminal damage and anti social behaviour reports, indicating a link with the night time economy and a link between the two. Although alcohol confiscation is not covered within this report, there is significant research linking anti social behaviour, criminal damage and alcohol. The Fareham Strategic Assessment of October 2007, identified alcohol affecting over 28% (826) violence and 6% (165) criminal damage offences
- Over three quarters of criminal damage offenders in Portchester were youths aged 10-18, indicating a link with juveniles, anti social behaviour and criminal damage. Alcohol is increasingly linked to ASB and underage drinking has grown within the UK. This national trend for underage drinking has been reflected within Fareham. The introduction of the DPPO Designated Public Place Order (borough wide alcohol ban) in June 2007 and its impact on the town centre has been positive. It has ensured the reduced impact on the night time economy for licensable activities on the environment and community safety.