

Poynton Sports Club – Interventions summary:

DATE (APPROX)	INTERVENTION USED/CONSIDERED/ATTEMPTED	OUTCOME (including any reasons as to why the intervention did not take place or was not successful.
Mid 2012	At the outset of our problems advice was sought from the police and the PSCO's as to how we can protect our perimeter from people using our grounds as a "short cut" to the other side of Poynton. This included increasing our cctv coverage as well as the provision of steel fencing to cover the "short cut areas" and provide a security guard to be on site for around 6 hours per day for a period of approx. 3 weeks in order to deter	Our cctv coverage was increased and steel fencing was erected by a local commercial company along with the placing of a security guard for as long as we could reasonable afford at a total cost of approx. £5,000. These measures did have some initial positive effect but at a large cost which we clearly could not sustain for a longer periods.
Aug 2013	Purchased Mosquito noise maker, at a cost of £1200, at the suggestion of Poynton PCSO.	Initially reasonably effective but as time passed the young people seemed to endure the discomfort. This is a very regular and persistent occurrence.
2012 thro 2013 thro 2014 to date	On advice from police, a team of club volunteers met weekly to repair the hedgerows surrounding our site to restrict access to the main entrance only in order to deter trespass by both young and old alike. Overall cost to date approx. £200	Every time we repaired one gap, youngsters would create another. Difficult for the volunteers to continue in this frustrating manner but we continue, this is a very regular and persistent occurrence.
Spring 2014	We were advised to seek the assistance of the crime prevention officer.	The crime prevention officer carried out a survey of measures we have taken and gave good advice as to what we could do further. He advised an increase in our cctv coverage, which we have carried out, as well as to, to purchase more steel fence panels to prevent further incursion of the unwanted visitors. This we have done which was limited due to financial constraints, some of which have been destroyed.

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<p>Spring, summer, autumn, winter 2014, spring 2015</p>	<p>Non-members driving their cars on to our car park and using it a meeting place, causing a nuisance with noise, litter and the smell of cannabis. When we asked them to leave they refused with arrogance and coarse back chat, however, whenever the PSCO or police arrived they moved off with some alacrity and without issue.</p>	<p>They would return the same night or on following nights and continue their anti-social behaviour taking no heed to the requests not to return. This is persistent and regular.</p>
<p>Spring, summer, autumn, winter 2014, spring 2015</p>	<p>Boys and girls aged around 11-16, although non-members, started meeting at the club, bringing take-away meals, soft drinks in glass bottles (usually smashed and left on the grass playing surfaces) and sometimes alcohol with them. We asked them to put litter in the bins and leave the site but refused.</p>	<p>They ignored us and left the litter scattered over the car park and playing areas where they had been congregating, this is a very regular and persistent occurrence. This results in many people have to spend a great deal of time ensuring that the playing surfaces are safe for children and adults alike to play on.</p>
<p>Summer, autumn, winter 2014 and spring 2015</p>	<p>Signs were erected informing people that the car park was for members only and for visitors authorised to be there.</p>	<p>Several warning signs were purchased, at a cost of £90, advising them that they are not permitted to use our site, which is private property, other than for sporting or social purposes but they just ignored them, in fact, after less than 24 hours two of the signs were torn down destroyed.</p>
<p>Summer, autumn, winter 2014</p>	<p>Members were asked to take registration numbers of non-members' cars from which litter was being dropped on the car park, or from where anti-social behaviour and drug-use was observed we did this on advice from the police This information was passed to police.</p>	<p>It became apparent that this information could not be used by the police lawfully.</p>
<p>August 2014</p>	<p>A written warning message was given to these young people in an attempt to get them to understand that they had no right or reason to gather in our private grounds as they were not visiting our club for no valid reason or intention to play sport, spectate or use our facilities.</p>	<p>They showed no interest or accepted their responsibility for their behaviour as they discarded these messages as litter.</p>
<p>May 2014</p>	<p>The club investigated the possibility of purchasing a remote controlled barrier at the front of the grounds, next to the entry gate.</p>	<p>At a total cost of around £10,000 this facility was deemed to be beyond our means and was shelved.</p>

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November 2014	At the instigation of Poynton Sports Club a meeting was held in November 2014 with Laura Woodrow-Hirst, CEC Councillor, PSCO and police to discuss possibility of taking action under new legislation namely the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014.	Club officials were advised that Poynton Sports Club, as a private club with public access, did qualify to be covered by this new legislation.
December 2014	As a result of this meeting we were advised to seek a council grant towards the cost of hiring a security guard (SIA approved) to man the front gate, provide ore cctv coverage and gather and record information on the activities of our unwanted visitors for a trial period.	Grant application was submitted to Poynton Town Council which sought a small grant in order to assist us with the associated costs of employing an approved security guard for a period of two or three weeks to gather information. No reply received to date.
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April 2015	A representative from Poynton Sports Club met Police, who had taken over neighbourhood policing Poynton, to discuss problems and new ASB legislation.	Agreed we should tackle problems in several ways, including seeking a Public Space Protection Order. Laura Woodrow-Hirst informed.
April 2015	Implemented police suggestion that club barrier at front entrance should be locked each night when clubhouse closed.	The first lock was stolen after seven days, a second lock was vandalised and destroyed, third lock purchased, cost £25.
May 2015	Obtaining quotes for extending and improving CCTV coverage of clubhouse and car park.	Quotes received to be considered at next club executive meeting.
May 2015	A new group of unwelcome visitor have decided to set up a small camp, on the edge of a stream after darkness. They leave extensive litter including fast food cartons, pizza boxes, bottles etc. These young people are not members.	One of the activities of the security guard will be to monitor, in the first instance, this issue and report his findings. I believe that this issue has also been reported to the police by a local resident.

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26th May 2015

Chairman Poynton Sports Club