



InfoSheet 03



Criminal Activity: Damage to Property

The Problem

Damage to property and cars in The Park are rare events, but there have been waves of 'activity' in the past - often found to be attributable to repeat offenders - and there will no doubt be more in the future. What is important is that these incidents are reported, but also kept in perspective. Some roads are clearly more prone to this than others with peripheral streets and cut through routes being the most vulnerable. Damage not related to theft is often the result of spontaneous and drunken behaviour which if left unchecked can become a regular occurrence, as it did some years ago on Lenton Road, resulting in the eventual closure of the gate to Lenton, until this was deemed to be a protected right of way and reopened by the City Council - not that the situation has ever reached those levels again since.

The Solution

Before action could be taken on Lenton Road, evidence had to be collected for over a year and the process in total took over two. Should a similar situation arise again, requiring an issue to be considered as a possible priority for police attention, you can do so in a number of ways - such as completion of a neighbourhood survey, speaking to your local police ward team or discussion with your councillor. The priority is agreed by councillors at the relevant Area Committee meeting. These meetings are held four times a year and dates can be found here <https://committee.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=963&Year=0>

The Process

<https://www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/priority/criminal-damage-and-asb>
or report online: <https://onlinecrime.notts.police.uk>

The Park Neighbourhood Watch scheme is there to be made use of, but requires participation, which usually only happens when there is a need, so the fact that is little spoken about should be seen good sign.

http://www.thenottinghamparkestateltd.co.uk/pages/67/1/Police___Neighbourhood_Watch.html