HOW WE ARE TACKLING ASB THIS AUTUMN

Halloween and Bonfire Night are cause for celebration with many community events being hosted throughout the area. Unfortunately, however this can also be seen by some as an opportunity for anti-social behaviour, which is unacceptable.

Staffordshire Police have a dedicated operation aimed at tackling the issues that arise this time of year. Local Policing Teams will be working alongside our partners throughout this period to ensure that people can feel safe out in public and in their homes and that Halloween and Bonfire Night are enjoyable and peaceful occasions for all. Officers will be out and highly visible across the area engaging with people and providing reassurance to local communities. We want to reinforce the message that there is no excuse for nuisance and anti-social behaviour. Anyone intending to cause trouble for the decent majority will be pursued.

A dedicated phone line has been set up with Stoke-on-Trent City Council so that the local community can report any concerns regarding ASB related to Halloween and fireworks.

01782 233400

operationsparkler@stoke.gov.uk

You can also report crime as follows:

Call 101

Visit www.staffordshire.police.uk and use the Live Chat function or the reporting form

DIAL 999 IN AN EMERGENCY OR IF A CRIME IS IN PROGRESS

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SAFETY ADVICE FOR PARENTS

Here is some guidance for you and your children to celebrate Halloween and Bonfire Night safely.

Make sure they are accompanied by a responsible adult if they go out trick or treating and that they don't go alone

Consider bright costumes or reflective strips so they can be seen by drivers when they cross the road

Make them aware of staying to well-lit areas and only going to houses of people that they know and who are happy for them to visit

They must not knock on houses that have a sign saying 'No trick or treat here'

Advise them against scaring elderly or vulnerable people and throwing eggs and flour - anti-social behaviour will not be tolerated

Make sure you know where your children are if they are going out

Educate them on the dangers of fireworks. It is against the law to carry fireworks in public if under 18 years of age and they could get an on the spot fine of £80

It is important to respect others, stay safe and look out for each other at this time of year.

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