

are you anti-social?

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“ WELL I’LL JUST REFUSE TO PAY IT ”

you say when getting a fine. But should you refuse they will chase it up and charge you one and a half times the original amount.

WHAT YOU GET FINED FOR

List of offences with a fine of £80:

- ▶▶ Wasting police time or giving false report, S5(2), Criminal Law Act 1967
- ▶▶ Sending false message, S43(1)(b) Telecommunications Act 1984
- ▶▶ Knowingly giving a false alarm to a fire brigade, S31, Fire Services Act 1947
- ▶▶ Using threatening words or behaviour likely to cause alarm, harassment or distress under section 5 of the Public Order Act 1986
- ▶▶ List of Offences with a fine of £40:
- ▶▶ Being drunk in a highway, other public place or licensed premises, S12, Licensing Act 1872
- ▶▶ Throwing fireworks in a thoroughfare, S80, Explosives Act 1875
- ▶▶ Trespassing on a railway, S55, British Transport Commission Act 1949
- ▶▶ Throwing stones, etc. at trains or other things on railways, S56, British Transport Commission Act 1949
- ▶▶ Buying or attempting to buy alcohol for consumption in a bar or licensed premises by a person under 18 (NB. offence committed by adult buying alcohol)
- ▶▶ Disorderly behaviour while drunk in a public place, S91, Criminal Justice Act 1967
- ▶▶ Consumption of alcohol in designated public place, S12, Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001

THE KINGSTON ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR CO-ORDINATOR HAS BEEN ASKED ABOUT ASBO’S

How many of the ASBO’s have been to young people in Kingston?

At this time two people under 18 have ASB Orders.

What sort of offence is attracting the most ASB orders, or what is the most common anti-social offence?

ASBO’s are only taken out after a lot of hard work has been done by Council departments and the police to get the person causing the problems to change their ways. This behaviour will have been upsetting other people in the borough.

A lot of the Anti-social behaviour is low level nuisance and crime. For example like riding scooters dangerously, graffiti and excessive noise late at night. In general ASBO’s are issued where one person causes another person to feel intimidated or unsafe by what they are doing.

Is it possible for a police officer to issue an ASBO on

the spot?

An ASBO can only be given out by a court; a police officer can not give you one in the street.

The police or the council tell the court about the persons behaviour if the Magistrate’s think it was bad enough they will give out the A.S.B Order. The court can tell the person not to go to certain places and what time to be in at night. If the person does not do what the order tells them they will be arrested and taken back to court and can be put into prison.

A useful website which tells you more is www.crimereduction.gov.uk/asbos9.htm