

Northampton TOWN CENTRE BID

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Northampton Town Anti-Social Behaviour Reporting Scheme (NTARS)

Funded by the BID, Northampton Town Anti-Social Behaviour Reporting Scheme (NTARS) is a bespoke programme designed to enable Northampton town centre levy paying businesses to collate and share intelligence on anti-social behaviour and 'low level crime'.

The system directly feeds into the Northampton Borough Council's (NBC) ASB Case management team and into Northampton Business Crime Partnership (NBCP), who are based within Campbell Square Police Station.

The information is used by the ASB Case Manager, Police and NBC Outreach Team and has a cross-flow of information and intelligence with Northamptonshire Police.

NTARS runs both on a computer and via an online (mobile phone) app. This means that if a business is a member of the scheme, all of its (relevant) staff can have access to the website and app.

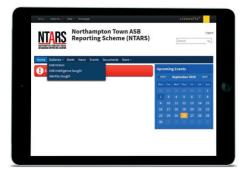
Businesses who sign up to the scheme will have the ability to directly report Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB), including beggars and street drinking, as well as 'low level' offences such as environmental criminal damage, graffiti and fly-tipping.

Why has this been launched?

According to official statistics ASB in Northampton town centre is on the decline and this figure forms part of the basis of Police resource allocation and focus.

Business feedback though, along with general visibility on the streets, reveals that this figure is not an accurate reflection of what is actually happening.

In particular, street drinkers and encampments on public and private land have become a major detraction for both customers and visitors alike. It has a financial impact to all businesses currently within the town centre, combined with a negative effect on growth and potential future investment in the town.



The Scheme will include

The collation of business crime intelligence of ASB issues by the NBC ASB Case Manager for action and can lead to identification of prolific offenders and issuing of Community Protection Warnings (CPW), Community Protection Notices (CPN) & Criminal Behaviour Orders (CBO). If the terms of CPW, CPN or CBO include all or part of the BID area, ASB Offenders may be banned from all or part of the Town Centre. (Data sharing around Offenders needs to be managed extremely carefully).

The system will create viewable 'galleries' of ASB offenders and be able to share with levy payers, information and Intelligence around ASB and low-level Offenders especially the conditions around CPW's, CPN's and CBO's.

Public Realm Reporting also enables public realm issues such as broken lights, graffiti, damage to street furniture, fly-tipping etc to be reported to the Borough and County Council.

Levy payers can also report actionable Intelligence into the system. This includes static images or CCTV stills.

Reports of rough sleeping will be fed through to the Outreach team and partnership groups so that positive interventions can be put in place and signposting to relevant agents if appropriate, to help and support vulnerable individuals off the streets.



Who can be a member of NTARS

Membership to NTARS is offered free to all fully paid up BID levy payers and voluntary members of the BID.

Any business in the BID area who is not a levy payer may apply to become a voluntary member of the BID (see separate application form) and then become a member of NTARS.

How to sign up for NTARS?

Membership can be requested by following the link on the BID NTARS page. www.northamptonbid.co.uk/ntars

Consent to be a member of NTARS will mean that you are consenting to receiving BID ebulletins and postal mailings about BID activity and projects.



Find out much more about NTARS by visiting: www.northamptonbid/ntars or telephone the BID on 01604 837766 to arrange a visit with the BID Host





