

Help us defeat the Vandals

Once again the Towns parks and public open spaces have been plagued by Anti-Social and destructive behaviour over the summer period.

Last year Eaton Street Park was the subject of numerous arson attacks which culminated in the destruction of a basket swing and saw the systematic burning of park benches.

With little left to burn on site the vandals have moved their attention to the bowling green using a shopping trolley to ram the fencing and gain access to the green. These same louts are often under the influence of cannabis and alcohol and provide a less than welcoming approach to the park, behaviour which is illegal in itself and worthy of reporting.

Eaton Street is not alone as Browns Field also gets its share of unwanted Anti-Social Behaviour, the evening of 21st August saw this homage to mindless vandalism take place.



Ultimately this type of behaviour costs the tax payer thousands each year, and deprives those whom the equipment is intended for, which in this case is young children, this money should be spent on improvements not repairs.

With resources squeezed tighter than ever the Police have less of a street presence than ever before and therefore it is absolutely vital that local residents report any anti-social behaviour and or vandalism as it is happening to direct resources to the problem. Unfortunately in the face of continued public sector funding cuts the Town Council cannot replace damaged equipment indefinitely.

This problem cannot be tackled without the support of residents, if these acts are not reported when they are happening, those responsible will never be caught.

If you see any acts of vandalism taking place please pick up the phone and call the Police as soon as possible.