



ASB Highlight Report

End of Year Report 2020

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How the Report Data was obtained

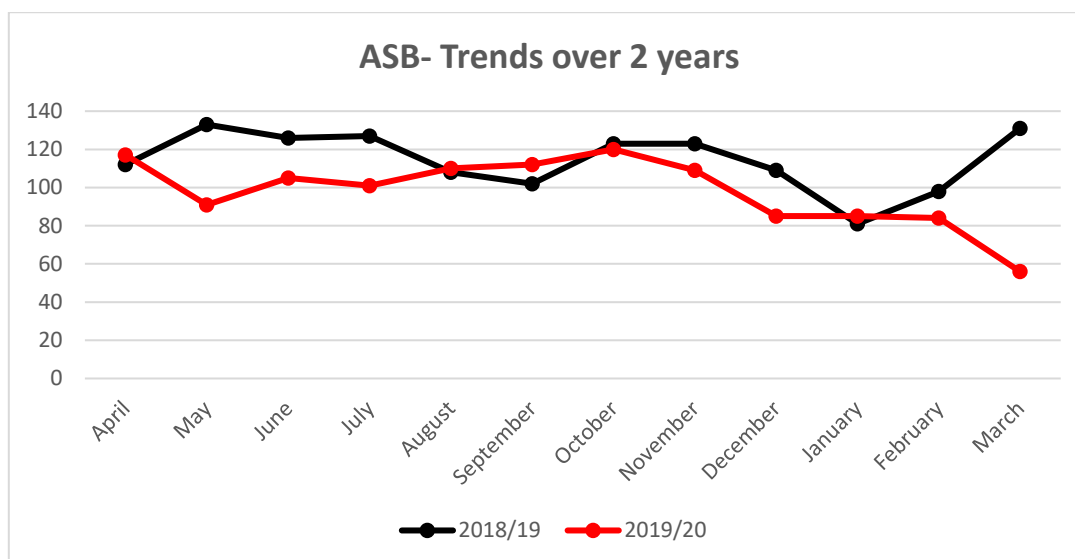
The data obtained in this report was completed using SAP Business Objects and extracting the information from RMS Niche. The search has been built on the criteria provided as a result of the ASB audit – it includes all occurrences where the local qualifier and stats classification are set to ASB.

City of London Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Data Highlight Report Overview

1.1 Key Findings

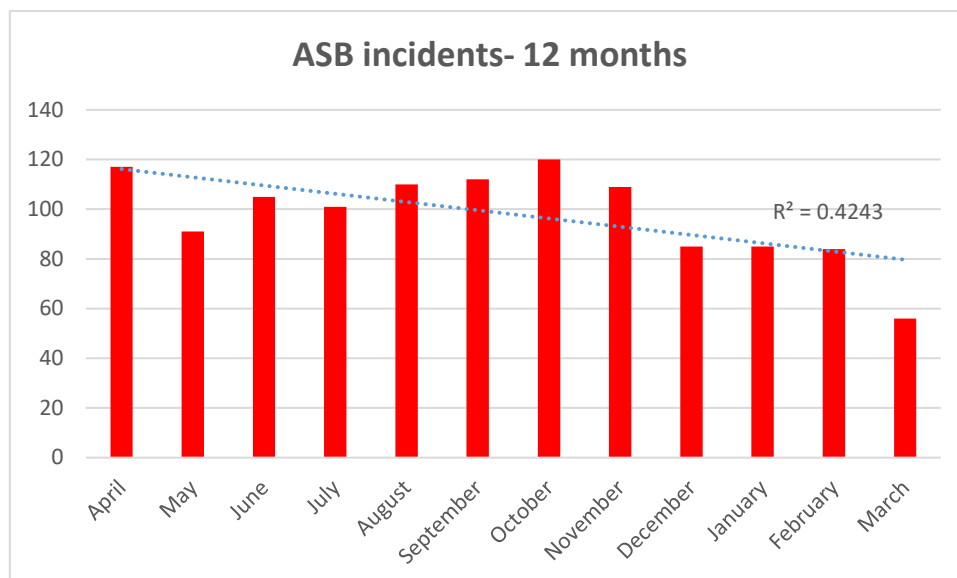
- There has been a decrease in ASB incidents in 2019/20 compared to 2018/19.
- The decrease is particularly evident in March where there has been a very large decrease most likely due to COVID-19.
- The most common issues raised were classified as Inconsiderate Behaviour, and many also featured drunken behaviour and/or begging and vagrancy- these were also the top 3 ASB incident categories in 2018/19 so ASB trends have remained the same.

1.2 ASB Incident Data Overview



The graph above compares trends for ASB incidents over the last two years. Despite similar levels for August-October to 2018/19 there have been lower levels of ASB incidents in 2019/20. This is particularly evident in March where the difference is largest. From the graph above it would be expected that an increase would be experienced in March however this is the lowest it has been all year. This trend is likely to continue with much lower levels of ASB due to the impact of COVID-19. With the UK in lockdown and only essential travel permitted there is a lot less people in the City. All licensed premises in the City are closed as well as any shops, premises that are not considered essential.

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The graph above breaks the last 12 months down and it demonstrates a decreasing trend of ASB incidents throughout the year. ASB incidents peaked in October and were particularly high for the period of August-November. Since December there have been much lower volumes of ASB incidents month and month and this mirrors the trend for Home Office recordable crime where the large percentage increase was starting to become more consistent.

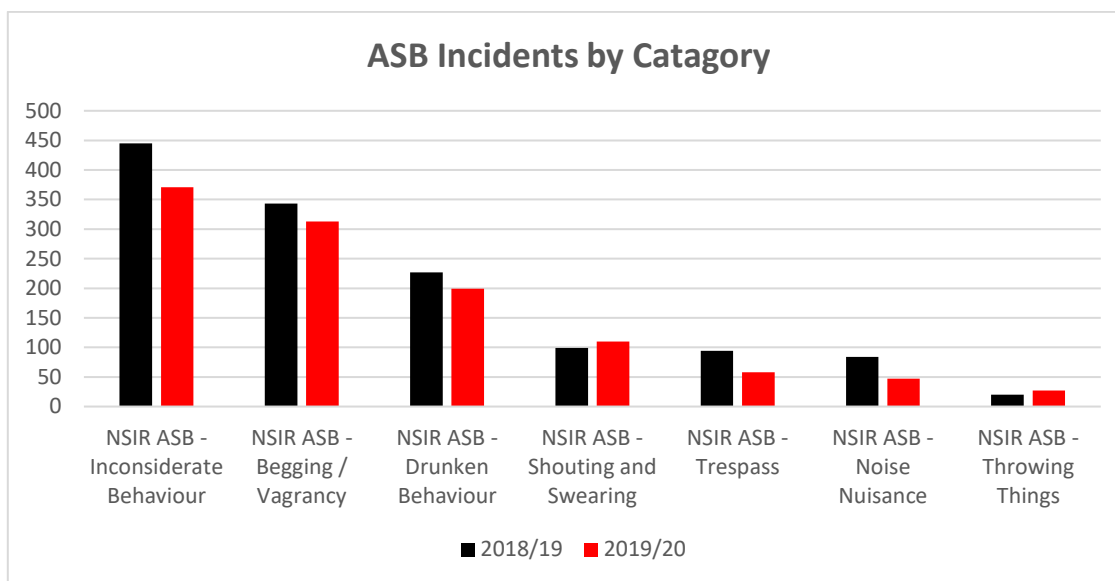
Month (2019-20)	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
Incidents	117	91	105	101	110	112	120	109	85	85	84	56

The current quarterly period (Jan-March 2020) recorded an average of 75 incidents, this is compared to 92 in the previous three month period and 114 in the quarter previous to that. Although this year follows the recognised pattern where December and January have lower ASB due to the Christmas period the spike experienced in March last year is not reflected in the data for this year. Again this is most likely to be due to COVID-19.

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1.3 Data Breakdown

1.3.1 Highest Recorded Categories of ASB

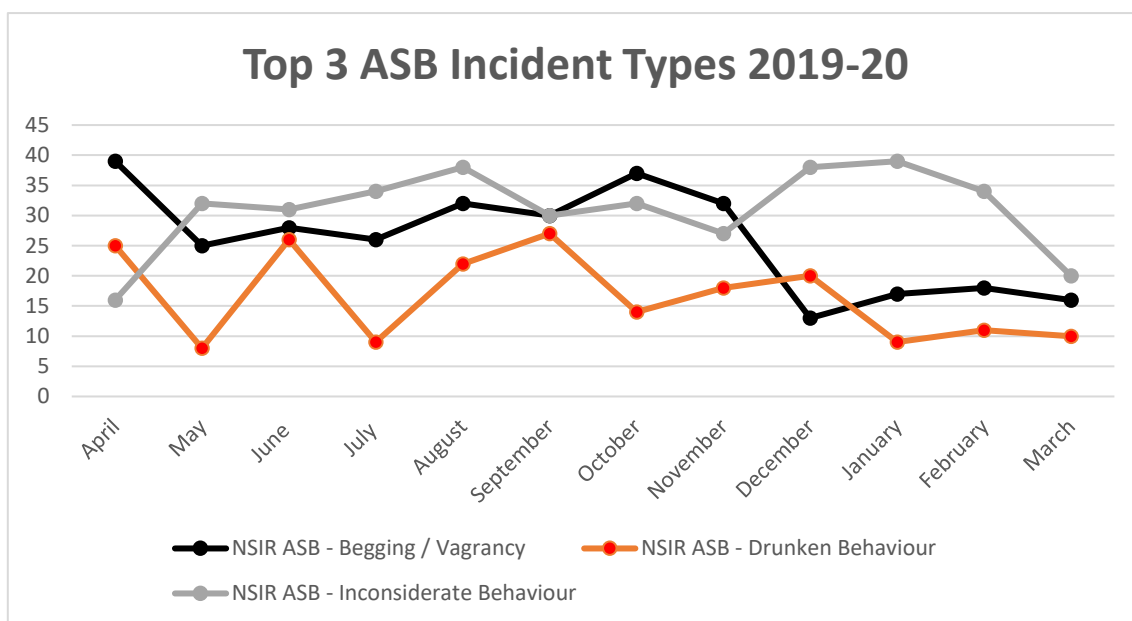


The above graph demonstrates the most common categories of ASB incident over each year. Despite volumes being smaller in 2019/20 the same types of ASB incidents are most common.

Inconsiderate Behaviour is the most common category of incident recorded with just over 371 incidents in 2019/20 this is a decrease of 74 (445) since 2018/19. The next most common categories of incident are **Begging/Vagrancy** with 313 and **Drunken Behaviour** with 199 incidents. These three categories are consistently the highest recorded.

After reviewing records classified as '**Inconsiderate Behaviour**' some records could have been recorded in other categories in the above table as they have referred to specific behaviours such as drunkenness, playing loud music, throwing objects etc. Categorisation is based on the recording officer or staffs interpretation and where some incidents refer to multiple categories they may have been recorded against inconsiderate behaviour as a catch-all. This could explain why it is always the most prevalent category in data returns.

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The above breakdown of the top three ASB categories demonstrates that the overall fall in incidents during December was driven by a dramatic fall in Begging/Vagrancy. This category was relatively stable with between 25 and 40 incidents per month throughout the year, but fell to only 13 in December, with a minimal rise to 18 in January which has continued in February and March.

In contrast, Drunken and Inconsiderate Behaviour both rose in December with drunken behaviour falling off in January and also remaining constant for February and March- this is likely to be due to Christmas parties etc. Inconsiderate behaviour maintained its increase in February before dropping slightly in February and eventually falling dramatically in March.

The majority of Begging/Vagrancy incidents related to rough sleepers blocking entrance points, and refusing to wake up and/or move on. There were also complaints of abusive behaviour towards passers-by or staff, busking and begging, and public urination/defecation.

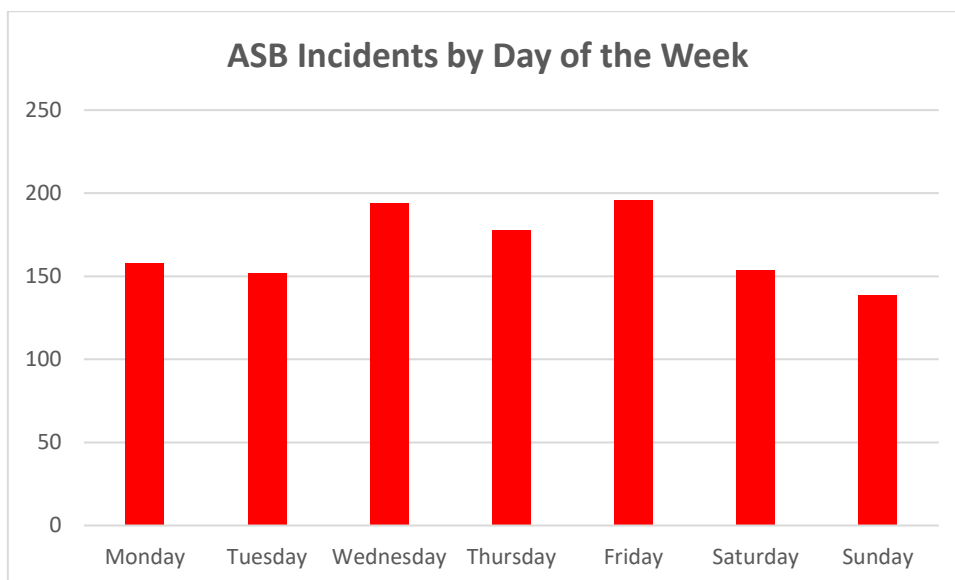
Drunken behaviour issues reported in the period included people refusing to leave licenced premises, demonstrating aggressive behaviour and starting fights, and public urination. The majority involved a solo male offender, although there were similar reports featuring groups of males.

Many of the reports of Inconsiderate Behaviour could have been included under the drunken behaviour or begging/vagrancy incident types. A large proportion of the additional issues included youths gathering on private property, skateboarding and cycling without permission, and smoking cannabis. Further incidents featured people arguing and refusing to leave premises.

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1.3.2 Days of Week

On average there have been three ASB incidents reported per day during the current yearly period. Incidents are most commonly reported on Friday and Wednesdays. Friday has been the most common day for ASB incidents to occur when analysing by quarter with Wednesday not usually showing as a trend, however when analysing a year of data this is a clear trend. Weekends are also relatively low.



1.3.3 Time of Day

Reporting of all ASB incidents in the current period are shown in the below graph broken down by three hour periods across the day. Incident reports tend to be lower in the early hours of the morning through to lunchtime. Occurrences then peak during the evening rush hour and from 9pm to midnight. Looking at the incident types, Begging/Vagrancy incidents are mostly recorded during the mornings from 0900 hours, while Inconsiderate Behaviour starts at midday peaking in early evening. As might be expected, Drunken Behaviour is highest during the late afternoon though to the early hours of the morning.

