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Press Release

BEGINS

St Mary's Road Play Area.

Atherstone Town Council is proud of its support for the local community and the recent investment made in the play area at St Mary's Road.

The Council shares the concern of local residents regarding anti-social behaviour at St Mary's Road play area, and has been involved with the efforts to combat this. The issue was raised during the Public Session at a Town Council meeting late last year and subsequently Atherstone Town Council has been working with the local Police and North Warwickshire Borough Council on efforts to resolve the problem.

Some of the Town Councillors have been involved with local parents and the Police, with a view to the setting up of a residents association, meetings being held at the Council offices.

Weekly litter picking has been initiated, with other visits ordered when necessary. If anyone finds the area in an unsuitable condition, e.g. broken glass, they should report it immediately to the Town Council on 01827 720829 and arrangements can be made to clear it up.

Councillors themselves have visited several times, including last weekend, to clean off graffiti.



The Town Council stresses that this sort of anti-social behaviour is a law and order issue and would ask people to contact the local Police if they witness it.

The issue was raised by Councillor Ray Jarvis at the Area Forum East, on January 14th. and all partners will be reporting back at the next meeting in April. The Police were asked to move one of their temporary CCTV cameras to the area; however since that meeting the Police have not received any calls regarding problems in the area. The Police stress that people should report any concerns to the Safer Neighbourhoods Team on 02476 483622 and ask for an incident number to be issued.

For the long term Atherstone Town Council are investigating the costs of extending the town centre CCTV system to the area which would then provide live monitoring.

The local Dog Warden, from NWBC, will monitor the area. Residents can report dog fouling anonymously and in complete confidence providing as much information as possible on 01827 715341.

**Graham Day
Town Clerk**