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PARISHES AND COMMUNITIES



Restorative approaches must be value for money, must be what the people want and must strengthen communities.

A restorative intervention can prevent escalation from a minor event to a major occurrence within a community. Restorative approaches can increase and restore a sense of community where the harm is directed to a parish or community.

Empowering your community means that as a community you take the initiative and responsibility to improve your neighbourhood. As members of the public we should feel a desire to make our local community a pleasant place to live and there is a lot that ordinary residents can do to achieve that. Where there is anti-social behaviour, such efforts are likely to include police and/or council officers but working together will lead to positive results.

Early intervention has proved to be highly effective in stopping anti-social behaviour and giving the offenders the help they need to turn away from problem behaviour before it escalates out of control and into a life of crime. Victims and communities have an important part to play in supporting early intervention techniques, especially in restorative approaches and practices.¹

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