
10 YEARS OF ASB HELP!

TEN YEARS OF ASB HELP THIS MONTH SEES THE TEN-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF ASB HELP – TEN YEARS OF SUPPORTING VICTIMS, RAISING AWARENESS OF THE ASB CASE REVIEW AND WORKING WITH PROFESSIONALS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY. HERE, WE CELEBRATE OUR ACHIEVEMENTS OVER THE PAST TEN YEARS AND LOOK AT WHAT STILL NEEDS CHANGING.



A word from our founder Julian Richer-

“I was deeply moved by the case of Fiona Pilkington and her daughter. When I researched the subject of anti-social behaviour, I discovered



how many were suffering and how little support there was for them and was determined to do something about it... ASB Help was born.”

Our CEO Harvi Saimbhi said:

“It gives me great pleasure to be celebrating the 10-year anniversary of the charity, which was set up in 2013 by our founder Julian Richer. Julian remains involved with the charity as a key member of our board. He works closely with Jenny Herrera, who chairs the Board of Trustees and was CEO of the charity from its inception until 2019.



The Board of Trustees is made up of several professionals working within, not only the community safety arena but the academic and business sector too. Their collective skills, knowledge and experience ensures that the charity has a clear strategy, and that its work and goals are in line with its vision, to create better outcomes for both the victims experiencing and the practitioners tackling ASB.

Since 2013, the charity has grown exponentially, not just our growing team but also in terms of our reach. We continue to regularly work with key stakeholders in the field such as the APCC, College of Policing, Victims Commissioner, Department of Levelling Up and Communities, various Police and Local Authorities, Housing providers.

We sit on the Home Office ASB Strategic Board and most recently were invited to join the national Home Office Task force for the implementation of the Governments ASB Action plan launched this year.

We strive to promote best practice and consistency in relation to the ASB Case review (previously known as the Community Trigger) and ensuring the victims voice is placed at the heart of the response when tackling ASB. As a team we are always ready to impart our knowledge, expertise, and enthusiasm to improve service delivery. We recognise that the more knowledge and expertise practitioners possess, ultimately results in better outcomes for victims. Each member of the ASB Help team brings a wealth and variety of experience having worked in Community Safety, Victim Support Services, Local Authority, Police, and the Housing Sector.

Top tips for a successful ASB injunction

We asked Adrian Tonge, one of our board of trustees for his advice on best practice in securing an ASB injunction...

Top ten tips for a successful ASB Injunction –

1. Make sure the paperwork looks professional – comply with court rules for presentation, single sided, double spaced, correct spelling and good grammar, numbered paragraphs and always correctly formatted – presentation does matter and helps the judge quickly understand what the case is all about.
2. Use direct evidence wherever you can – we all know hearsay evidence is admissible in civil cases but direct evidence from a witness who has experienced the problem behaviour is what a judge will be looking for.
3. Make sure victims set out what the impact of the behaviour has been on them (but avoid stock phrases such as “I was caused alarm, harassment and distress...”) – describe the impact on them in their own language, both in terms of impact on health and altered personal routines (such as sleeping).
4. Use CCTV and other recorded evidence where it will make a big impact – use short clips which are exhibited to witness statements. Avoid using long clips where nothing happens, and make sure it will work on your device and have a copy for the defence.
5. If there are multiple incidents, summarise in a simple schedule, setting out in simple but precise and concise terms the behaviour complained of – but do not cut and paste from a witness statement!



Adrian Tonge, Principal Legal Officer, Leeds City Council & trustee for ASB Help.

6. Always include what you know of the defendant's personal circumstances relating to health (including mental health), including any treatment you know of.
7. Address any equality issues, the public sector equality duty and any proportionality assessments made at an early stage – and make sure you know what those duties are when you get to court.
8. Set out what lesser interventions have been made, such as warning letters, conversations or other contacts.
9. Set out what referrals to health or social care or other third sector agencies have been made, especially if alcohol or drugs are an issue with the defendant.
10. Provide the judge with a draft order (both hard copy and by email if possible) – this will help the judge, smooth the hearing process and allow you to make suggestions as to exactly what you want the judge to order.

ASB Help 2013 – 2023

We have been so busy over the last 10 years, here we share a few snapshots of the valuable work we have been doing.....

Strategy and Campaigns:



Training and Empowerment...



Team building and sharing ideas....



Thank you!

Finally, a thank you from the whole ASB Help team for your support, work and dedication to supporting victims of anti-social behaviour. You can keep up with our work via our website:

www.asbhelp.co.uk

or on Twitter @ASBHelp



Supporting victims of anti-social behaviour