

OPERATION GROG.



Getting Rid of Graffiti

A joint operation between CRIMESTOPPERS Denbighshire Community Safety Partnership.

The romantics amongst us would have us believe that graffiti is art. Reality is that the majority of graffiti is illiterate scribble, usually personally abusive to another or depicting cartoons that until recently were confined to the walls of the less well maintained public toilets

Those responsible are committing crime. Criminal damage costs the local community many thousands of pounds each month to remove. Failure to remove graffiti in a timely manner can give rise to the fear of crime, whatever the message, it always 'says' that criminals operate in this area.

Unchecked the financial burden, and fear of crime will continue to rise.

This year in partnership with the Probation Service, STARS (Wardens) North Wales, and Denbighshire County Council, Denbighshire's Community Safety Partnership has been delivering a coordinated approach to effectively tackling graffiti by;

Employing an Environmental Warden to clean up graffiti using the labour of those on Community Punishment Orders.

Denbighshire County Council has employed the services of an artist to work with young people to produce wall murals in Graffiti hotspot areas. The murals as well as being bright and attractive, are 'busy' and so graffiti drawn on them is not easily recognisable, and so these large expanses of unattractive walls are no longer 'graffiti friendly'

Those responsible 'sign' their 'artwork' with a 'tag'. Collating those photographs has revealed that some individuals are responsible for many thousands of pounds of criminal damage. This is an escalation from anti social behaviour to serious crime.

Operation GROG will

- Publish in the media photographs of 'tags' of the most persistent offenders, and invite those who are able to identify the miscreants to report them anonymously to CRIMESTOPPERS and possibly earn a cash reward
- Test purchase in retail outlets of shops that supply aerosol paints and have a robust prosecution policy
- Continue to remove unsightly graffiti and prioritise the early removal of that which is racist abusive or otherwise distressing

Help us identify

**SOPE - CONOR - DYLAN - STACEY - AYDY (ANDY) - OVERRATED
- MH-AESO - KORZ - SIK / SIZE / WI - BA-**

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Conor



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STACEY



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