



VIEWPOINT information on issue of concern

Graffiti will not be tolerated - it is criminal damage

GRAFFITI is a scourge that is not only unsightly, but uses up valuable resources that could be spent in much more productive ways. A recent estimate showed that the cost of removing graffiti was more than £2,000 over a five-day period. That cost is met out of the Council Tax that we all pay.

The Parish Council takes the view that when graffiti is ignored, it becomes an engraved invitation to other criminals that chaos reigns and crime is tolerated in an area. Residents can help, by reporting fresh graffiti when it first appears. Experience shows that when there is a delay in removing graffiti, the vandalism worsens.

If you see someone doing graffiti, or 'tagging' as it is known, dial 999. Or if you know who is carrying out criminal damage ring the police on 08458 505 505 or report it to Crimestoppers free on 0800 555 111.

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