

So Safe - Glossary of Terms

ASB

Any action causing harassment, alarm or distress to another person. Classified in three ways:

- Personal – including intimidation, begging, public drug dealing, reckless driving on mini-motorbikes
- Nuisance – including excessive noise, animal related problems, criminal damage
- Environmental - including littering, graffiti, vandalism, fly-tipping.

Domestic abuse

Any incident of threatening behaviour, violence or abuse (psychological, physical, sexual, financial or emotional) between adults who are or have been intimate partners or family members, regardless of gender or sexuality.

Burglary dwelling

Any burglary taking place in an inhabited building, vehicle or vessel (i.e. caravan / boat) – or in an empty dwelling that is fit for habitation.

Burglary other

Any burglary in a non-residential building e.g. garage, shed, shop.

Theft from the person

Dishonest appropriation of property belonging to another with intention to permanently deprive them of it – e.g. purse dipping, shoplifting.

Robbery

Aggravated theft from a person, which involves force or threat of force on that person.

Violence against the person

Any violent act against a person including homicide, domestic violence, assault with injury, assault without injury.

Acquisitive crime

Any crime involving theft of property belonging to another person.

Serious acquisitive crime

Domestic burglary (residence), theft of a motor vehicle, theft from a motor vehicle and robbery (people and business).

Criminal damage

Categorised as:

- simple criminal damage (destroying or damaging property belonging to another)

- aggravated criminal damage (property destroyed or damaged, with the aggravating factor being that life is endangered by those actions)
- criminal damage by arson.

Positive Disposal

Any positive outcome of police action / intervention e.g. charge after arrest, community resolution, restorative justice, caution, warning, penalty notice.

Dip sampling

The Herts Stop and Search scrutiny panel periodically take a random sample of stop/search forms from across all CSPs. Terms of reference can be found here: <http://www.hertspcp.org.uk/Papers/2015-06-11/Stop-and-Search-Panel-Terms-of-Reference.pdf>

SPOC

Single point of contact – Stevenage police have SPOCs in place for all of the protected characteristics (e.g. youth SPOC, older persons SPOC etc.). They review and become involved in cases relevant to their category, and also proactively engage with those groups through community meetings and bespoke events.