

Chesterfield Borough Council and Derbyshire Police are working together to implement a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) in Chesterfield town centre.

The aim of the PSPO is to provide help and support to vulnerable members of the community, to address aggressive begging, and deter anti-social behaviour.



The PSPO will see the council, police and other partners, including the community safety partnership and [Pathways](#), work together to address issues such as homelessness, rough sleeping, begging and anti-social behaviour.

The organisations work to provide help and support to people who experience a combination of related issues such as homelessness, rough sleeping, addiction, and poor mental and physical health. This support can include financial assistance, housing support and help for people to access accommodation where needed. Support is also available to help them break the cycle of homelessness, rough sleeping or begging and to address addictions and mental health issues so they recover and stabilise their lives.

Now the PSPO is in place members of the community will see an increased high visibility presence within the town centre as officers and support staff conduct patrols, engage with the community, provide support and help to those who are homeless or rough sleeping and deter anti-social behaviour.

The Public Spaces Protection Order:

Bans loitering around cash machines, shopping centre entrances, shop entrances, car park ticket machines and payment machines to beg for money.

Bans urinating or defecating anywhere that is not in a public toilet.

Bans putting up or using a tent or other temporary structure without the landowners permission.

Bans leaving any personal belongings unattended.

Bans any activity or behaviour which causes nuisance, alarm, harassment to distress to another person.

Enables the police or other authorised enforcement officers to make anyone found drinking alcohol, on the streets within the town centre, hand over open or unopened alcohol tins or bottles.