

What Is CADIS?

Anti-social behaviour is one of the key priorities of our local community so in 2003 Bracknell Forest Council set up the Community Nuisance and Disorder Information System (CADIS) to record and identify anti-social behaviour and trends across the borough.

CADIS is a database that is used within our Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP):

- To record information on community nuisance and disorder
- As a problem-solving tool by analysing the data
- To produce maps showing trends and hot spots.

Why Do It?

Before the CADIS project was set up, information on anti-social behaviour reported to the police that was not recorded as a crime was largely not analysed. CADIS sought to redress this. In addition, by including data from council departments and other partners in our CDRP, such as the fire service and local Town and Parish Councils, CADIS gives a comprehensive picture of anti-social behaviour across the borough. The police now record anti-social behaviour for analysis using the National Standards for Incident Recording (NSIR)¹ but this does not include the wider range of information available within CADIS.

As part of our neighbourhood management strategy, the Neighbourhood Forums raise a range of anti-social behaviour issues. CADIS can be used to analyse anti-social behaviour and to help identify strategic solutions.

What Sort of Data is in CADIS?

Data on anti-social behaviour is currently provided by:

- Thames Valley Police
- Bracknell Forest Council departments:
 - Environmental Health
 - Street Care
 - Parks and Countryside Rangers
- Bracknell Forest Homes
- Town and Parish Councils
- Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service

It should be noted that all police data is sanitised before storing in CADIS to protect callers and victims and to prevent precise location identification.

Information for each incident can include date, time, location, police unique reference number (URN), detail of incident, geographical mapping reference, ward, neighbourhood, cost, council officer involved and source of report.

The type of data currently stored in CADIS includes incidents reported to the police that haven't been recorded as a crime but which have caused harassment, alarm or distress such as:

¹ <http://www.crimereduction.homeoffice.gov.uk/regions/nsircountingrules2007-08.pdf>

- dangerous driving including mini motorbikes, speeding, road rage and “displaying”²
- fights
- neighbourhood disputes
- inappropriate or hazardous parking
- harassment
- suspicion of drug dealing

Examples of council reports are:

- noise
- dumped rubbish
- fly tipping
- vandalism
- hypodermic needle or other drugs paraphernalia finds
- broken glass
- abandoned vehicles

The fire service provides details of deliberate fires and hoax calls.

What is it Used For?

CADIS data is used by partners within the CDRP and the Neighbourhood Action Groups as part of their work for the Neighbourhood Forums to provide a picture of behaviour that may be causing concern. Examples are:

- calls about persistent parking problems can be brought to the appropriate department’s attention;
- mapping areas of reports of off road vehicles, such as mini motorbikes, can be used to focus police resources;
- comparing the locations of deliberate fires with reports of dumped rubbish and fly tipping helps to direct services where they are needed most;
- maps showing any suspicious behaviour or needle finds around suspected drug houses have been used successfully in court as evidence;
- the borough’s Licensing team are provided with details of all incidents around licensed premises so that they can identify any that may need closer monitoring;
- Neighbourhood Action Groups can see trends in the problems that their residents have highlighted.

Where Can I Find Out More?

Maps and statistics for the borough and for each neighbourhood are now available on the council’s web site via the Community Safety web pages³.

More detailed figures and maps can be provided to partner agencies within the CDRP or Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) chairs.

Please note that information on CADIS is subject to the Data Protection Act and that every effort is made to protect names and locations of victims. The data is unaudited.

For further information contact:

² “Displaying” is the activity of motorists who deliberately do “donuts”, “wheelies”, race around car parks or similar.

³ <http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/liv-safer-communities.htm>

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