

ALCOHOL  
EXCLUSION ZONE  
PROJECT:

Calne  
Wiltshire



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**CALNE TOWN BACKGROUND:**

Calne is a small but busy market town, set 5 miles east of Chippenham. The town is inclusive of seven public houses, two hotels, five social clubs, 8 off licence premises, three restaurants and six take away premises.

**AIM:**

To combat alcohol related Crime and Disorder within Calne Town. This includes young people who gather in open spaces to drink, especially in the summer months. This action has an affect on anti-social behaviour and alcohol related crime.

**AREA COVERED:**

Attached is a map with a suggested area to be covered by the order.

**SIGNS:**

The signs should be placed in such locations around the town that clearly show the area is subject to an alcohol exclusion zone.

To avoid criminal damage or removal of the signs they will need to be placed at a height over 10 feet.

**OTHER TOWNS:**

Other towns in Wiltshire have already implemented the Alcohol Exclusion Zone scheme. Although bigger towns, Devizes has over 100 signs and Warminster over 120 signs. Although this is a large number of signs, some have been placed back to back so only occupy 50-60 locations within the towns. Malmesbury a town similar to the size of Calne has between 30-40 signs.

## CALNE AEZ REQUIREMENTS AND RECOMMENDED STRUCTURE BY WILTSHIRE POLICE:

The outline of the Alcohol Exclusion Zone should include the whole of Calne, this does not mean that people cannot have private parties or quiet picnics, but if persons are found wandering or gathering in the street drinking causing problems, then they can be asked to stop drinking or their alcohol poured away by a Police Officer.

To save on cost and the amount of signs to be used within the zone, the signs could be strategically placed on junctions of streets so that they can be read from a number of angles.

- The locations must be selected so that any person walking within the zone or driving into any road in the town would have to pass a sign on the way in order to conform to the legal requirements of the law.

It is my suggestion that a joint meeting is held to suggest likely sites for the locations of these signs.

### **Incidents of Alcohol abuse and disorder:**

1<sup>st</sup> January 2006 until 1<sup>st</sup> September 2006.

From interrogation of the Police logs the following incidents of drinking in the street, disorder, anti-social behaviour and other related incidents have been recorded.

#### The Pippin:

26 reported incidents which have occurred in the area of The Pippin, around Somerfields and Sainsbury's stores. The majority of these incidents have been reported between 170hrs and 2300hrs. These reported incidents involve abusive youths, large groups of up to 30-40 persons drinking, urinating in a public place, disorder, threatening behaviour and general drunkenness.

### **The Strand, High Street, Wood Street, Phelps Parade:**

22 reported incidents which have occurred in the area of the Town Centre. The majority of these incidents have been reported between 1400hrs and 0200hrs. These include drunken persons, bottle smashing, abusive behaviour, disorder, urinating in a public place and general drunkenness.

### **Anchor Road, The Recreation Ground:**

11 reported incidents which have occurred in the area of The Recreation Ground and Anchor Road. The majority of these incidents have been reported between 1600hrs and 2200hrs. These include criminal damage, groups of drunken youths and general rowdiness/drunkenness.

### **London Road:**

7 reported incidents which have occurred in the area of London Road and adjacent roads. The majority of these incidents have occurred between 2000hrs and 0001hrs. These incidents are mainly of disorder and drunkenness.

### **Church Street:**

4 reported incidents which have occurred in the area of Church Street and adjacent roads. The majority of these incidents have occurred between 2200hrs and 0100hrs. These incidents are mainly of disorder, drinking in the street and drunkenness.

### **Stokes Croft:**

3 reported incidents which have occurred in the Stokes Croft area. They are between the hours of 2000hrs and 2300hrs, and are of drunken people drinking in the children's play area.

### **North Street:-**

6 reported incidents which have occurred in the area of North Street and adjacent roads. The majority of these incidents have occurred between 2200hrs and 0100hrs. These incidents are mainly of disorder, drinking in the street and drunkenness.

### **Coleman's Farm Estate:**

11 reported incidents which have occurred in the area of Coleman's Farm Estate. The majority of these incidents have occurred between 2200hrs and 0100hrs. These incidents are mainly of disorder, bottles smashing, drinking in the street and drunkenness.

### **Oxford Road:**

7 reported incidents which have occurred in the area of Oxford Road and adjacent roads. The majority of these incidents have occurred between 1400hrs and 0000hrs. These incidents are mainly of disorder, drinking in the street and drunkenness.

### **Lansdowne Park:**

10 reported incidents which have occurred in the area of Lansdowne Park. The majority of these incidents have occurred between 1600hrs and 2200hrs. These incidents are mainly of disorder, youths gathering, drinking in the street and drunkenness.

### **Other Information:**

Police officers in Calne are also able to state that many other reported incidents of disorder or anti-social involve alcohol, but this matter is not always added onto the incident logs.

There have been 20 recorded incidents of alcohol being seized from young persons in the street also there are no records of alcohol seizure where the owners have left it in the street as Police approach.

There have been 19 reported crimes, which have involved alcohol by either the offender or injured party.

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