

Dispersal Order - 01.08.19

Following Police patrols in Bexhill Town Centre yesterday afternoon - officers arrested an adult male in Devonshire Road in relation to a 48 hour dispersal order covering the area of the town centre. The order was authorised by Rother Police Inspector Jonathan Hartley at 1245 hours on the 31st July to tackle an increase in anti-social behaviour related complaints.

The male failed to disperse from the area when ordered to do so by a Police officer in uniform. The male was taken into custody and interviewed where he received a caution having admitted to the offence before being released. He remains prohibited from returning to Bexhill Town Centre for 24 hours from the time of the requirement to disperse.

Arresting officer PC Brett White of the Hastings prevention Team said "Dispersal powers under Anti-social behaviour legislation enables officers to take action against individuals or groups gathered in an area who are contributing to members of the public being harassed, alarmed or distressed". The direction to disperse is necessary to remove or reduce the likelihood of anti-social behaviour, disorder or crime.

Failing to disperse will lead to arrest and is punishable by a fine and or court appearance.

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