As of 10th November, more than incidents had been reported to the ASB tracker since the end of September. Unfortunately, a chunk relates to the Ben Jonson Podiumwhich included group noise, fast cycling and Parkour, which won't be a surprise as well some drug taking in an around Guildhall School for Music and Drama and below Gilbert Bridge. I know of at least 8 other incidents which have occurred but not reported in our system including vandalism to two of our new signs [ I have asked the BEO to repair and replace] and incidents of defecation which is far nastier/noticeable than late night urination in corners.

Some of the 8 incidents not recorded have been reported to the Police including criminal damage and assault - maybe even arson to the Gilbert House South Stairs door - which coincided with the late-night clubbing event last weekend at the Centre. [ You might recall the Barbican had its first graffiti in 50 years following a late-night event last year]. The Moor Lane garden sign displayed by the Culture Mile was also vandalised at the same time. A mini epidemic of bike thefts from inside the locked areas of Willoughby House also took place some weeks ago and half-term saw groups of kids intimidate and insult residents. Of course we can only note the incidents we hear about.

The way our ASB tracker works means I must validate/classify each incident. I have taken the decision to move from recording the process (e.g. fast cycling) to recording the outcome (e.g. intimidation or environmental nuisance). The tracker is used by a very small of residents.

We've gone around in circles a bit waiting for the City to develop an A4 poster signposting all the right routes for reporting ASB and crime but it might be that our ASB work has moved on anyway with the potential to use an Ai based phone and text reporting service created by David and Stephan that for the price of monthly Pret coffee allows residents to report the incident and the system then classifies the incident and captures the origin of the report because the BA member phone number is in our database. Our posters would obviously give the number to call or text and would prompt callers to report to the police if a crime.

I strongly support this initiative as an excellent service which could be rolled out in the New Year and evaluated in August. The traditional ASB Reporter could either be kept in the meantime but allowed to be eclipsed by the new system. I hope BAGC will agree we should move ahead with this new quick and easy initiative. It is highly unlikely that any resident is using the ASB reporter who is not also a member of the BA, but we can later finesse how best to capture incidents from non-BA members.

Finally - I am sure we all agree that it would be a tragedy for the multi-million Podium renewal to accidentally *design in* obnoxious ASB when we could *design it out*. Does anyone want to live by a racetrack?

I would like to give thanks for the support of our local councillors in trying to get all the key players to work together including the Centre.