

Sussex police commissioner plays down effectiveness of ASBOs



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ANTISOCIAL behaviour orders do not work, according to Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner Katy Bourne. Since their introduction in 1998, Asbos have divided opinion as to whether they have the desired impact on offenders.



NO FAN: Katy Bourne, pictured with Sussex Police chief constable Martin Richards, admits she doesn't think Asbos work

Mrs Bourne, who became the county's first crime commissioner in November, has told the News she believes the sort of criminals who would get an order are "better off doing community service".

She said: "Asbos don't work. It's as simple as that. I'm not a great lover of them.

"The Government has proposed a new scheme that involves offenders doing some community service so there's an element of payback, which I think has much more effect.

"There's just no responsibility taken for Asbos.

"The offender has to take responsibility for their actions, but they also have to be properly administered for them to work.

"When they are done properly, they can be very effective. But, on the whole, they don't work."

Mrs Bourne also prefers community resolutions - in which the victim and culprit agree on punishments for minor crimes - to Asbos.

"It gives the victim a much better resolution, because they feel they have been involved," she said.

"But, most importantly, it prevents the offender from getting a criminal record."

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