



Through Public Voice on Policing (PVP) meetings held by the Police Authority, members of the public are given the chance to voice their opinion about crime and policing issues in their local area.

The comments that were gathered have been categorised as follows.

#### General nuisance / noise issues

- Noise from quad bikes and motorbikes which could be heard up to midnight
- Riders ignoring speed limits and road signs
- The presence of off-road vehicles on the streets and open land was intimidating and created fear amongst residents

*"We suffer bike nuisance night after night"*  
(Greater Manchester Resident)

#### Dangerous Riding

- Dangerous riding on pavements and on public footpaths where families and young children often walk
- The use of these vehicles in a reckless manner in public parks where young children play

*"To say these bikes are dangerous is a clear understatement"* (Greater Manchester Resident)

#### Damage to property / public land

- The churning up of the grass in parks and greens
- Potholes have appeared in some roads as a result of the off-road vehicles being ridden in a reckless manner

*"We have small motorbikes and quad bikes up and down our street all day and at weekends"*  
(Greater Manchester Resident)

#### Seeking advice / details of the law

- Where can these off-road vehicles be used and parked?
- Why is there no current registration scheme for off-road vehicles?

## MEDIA ARTICLES

Listed below are just some of the headlines from hundreds of media articles collated. All of the headlines regard separate incidents and have been grouped into categories.

#### Personal injury or death of a rider

- Boy dies after collision
- Crash teenagers 'critical'
- Quad bike tragedy
- Young boy killed in bike accident

#### Dangerous riding

- Biker rams Police Constable
- Skateboard pair left in agony by hit-run biker
- Woman hurt by hit-and-run biker

#### General nuisance

- Train slams into quad bike
- Off-road riders threaten wildlife
- Noise nuisance from bikers

#### Bike theft

- Youngsters' bike stolen by thieves
- Held to ransom over stolen bike

These are just some of the headlines that made national and local news. The chances are you have experienced similar nuisance in your neighbourhood.

Here are some of the comments given by other Police Authorities which illustrates that off-road nuisance is a national problem, not just a Greater Manchester issue.

*"...our Force has seen a significant increase in complaints over the last few years."*

*"...we too suffer from a significant number of persons who insist on making themselves a nuisance by riding these machines"*

*"The problem is widespread and affects every part of the country to some degree. And its going to get a lot worse over the next few years as more and more bikes become available, both legally and illegally."*