

Whilst certainly not an expert on alcohol issues, my experience in the field of Community Safety has confirmed that alcohol plays a part, probably the majority, in disorder issues.

The following are suggestions/ideas that I have discussed with colleagues in Community Safety particularly related to town centre and licenced premises problems.

Cultural & Behavioural issues

Question 7. Drinking Patterns - affecting how people drink.

Answer

1) Would suggest that all drinks are sold in single units of alcohol e.g. some 'Alcopops' contain 1.5 units and could/should be just 1 unit. Makes counting units a lot easier e.g. if you are driving and just want 1 unit. This may also slow people down - why cram as much alcohol in as possible - it's not responsible?

2) Not a new idea but ban 'Happy Hours' - again it's not responsible to encourage as much speed drinking as possible. and finally quite an issue for rural areas:

3) Ban any drinking & driving!

Hope that some radical ideas come out of this process....