

YOBS ARE RUNNING RIOT IN PLYMOUTH, SO POLICE HAVE CALLED ON PARENTS TO HELP

Attacking police, beating up vulnerable people, frightening shoppers - the youngsters who are terrorising the city centre

Thinly stretched police are having to deal with wayward youths as young as 13 who regularly square up to officers, hurling abuse and even fists.

City centre officers are now counting on a partnership approach - and the parents of the youngsters - to help tackle the problem before it gets out of hand and the children end up with criminal records.

Sgt Rachel Ward and Sgt Greg Bridgett, two of the neighbourhood team leaders from the Plymouth's south and central section, admit their officers have - for several weeks - been dealing with a core group of problematic youths on "a daily basis".

Police say the group has originated from a tombstoning gang which plagued the waterfront area during the summer and have now moved to the city centre.

Sgt Ward said the group's activities range from anti-social behaviour to criminal behaviour, underage drinking and suspicion of drug use.

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