

# Wandsworth Business Against Crime (WBAC)



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**Wandsworth Business Against Crime (WBAC) is a crime reduction scheme through which business in the area can work in partnership with the police and local authority to help reduce crime and disorder in Wandsworth.**

Operators and managers of licensed or retail premises have always had the ability to refuse entry to problematic persons, however information on individuals whom have been barred are not necessarily shared with other businesses or the police.

WBAC bridges that gap by providing member organisations with a password protected intranet database that allows members to securely view and upload photos and details of individuals who have been caught/ suspected of engaging in criminal activity and disorderly behaviour across the borough.

The online database provides members with the ability to submit incident reports or intelligence to the police, and provides members with access to a weekly newsletter featuring updates on active offenders and crime prevention advice. Membership also provides access to the WBAC

'alert system' where important/ time sensitive information is sent directly to members' email inbox. Information is updated weekly by Wandsworth Council and Wandsworth Police who are funding the scheme; making it free for members to access.

Offenders may regard being arrested, fined, cautioned or even brought before the courts as an occupational hazard, but an increasing number are expressing their unhappiness at additionally being banned from pubs, bars, clubs, and/or shops across the borough.

WBAC members will have the ability to work collectively to ban persistent offenders from all member premises for a period of time, depending on the severity of the offence(s). Problematic offenders will receive a WBAC banning letter, outlining a list of member premises from which they are banned.

The letter can be provided to the offender by the business, or served to the offender by the Police during arrest.

By becoming a member, you will be able to reduce crime and disorder in your premises, and increase profitability by protecting your business assets.

For more information on the Wandsworth Business Against Crime scheme, including information on how to become a member, contact the Community Safety Service at **[communitysafety@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:communitysafety@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk)**