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To Parent/Guardian,

Northumbria Police are asking for support from parents and carers – after recent anti-social behaviour at “ride out” events in Newcastle.

This has seen large numbers of young people on bicycles gather in the city centre on Saturday, March 14, and Saturday, March 21.

The latest “ride-out” saw around 300 attendees turn out, after the event was advertised on social media including on TikTok.

Police received a series of calls from the public, with riders travelling on the wrong side of the road, weaving in and out of traffic, and ignoring traffic measures.

They also heard of a handful crowding around vehicles and causing damage to them, with others shouting at passers-by.

Officers were already on duty in a bid to disrupt them – and they issued dispersal notices.

An investigation is ongoing to identify any of the young people who have been involved in criminality, and increased patrol activity will continue.

It is recognised that most young people are just out to have fun with their friends, but they could be at risk of serious harm.

Officers would urge parents and carers to ask their children not to attend any future events – and to check in with them around where they’re headed, and who with, before they get mixed up in any wrongdoing.

Anyone involved faces action being taken against them, including the seizure of bikes. Ultimately, they could face criminal action.

We need your support to ensure everyone can safely enjoy the city – and anyone with specific concerns to stop and chat with officers on duty.

People can share information by sending us a direct message on social media, or by using live chat and report forms on our website.

Those unable to make contact in these ways can call 101. In an emergency, or where a crime is taking place, always dial 999.

Kind Regards

Northumbria Police