

## **South Lakes Housing takes action on anti social behaviour.**

South Lakes Housing is not afraid to take tough action to deal with anti-social behaviour. Our approach is to try to change that behaviour, but we are prepared to take legal action against those who will not change.

Our 'preventative' work goes side by side with our tough stance when perpetrators refuse to mend their ways. We have no hesitation in using all our powers to take action against troublemakers.

On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2008, South Lakes Housing in partnership with local residents was successful in securing an Anti Social Behaviour Injunction with the power of arrest against a troublemaker from Thornfield Road Grange over Sands. South Lakes Housing submitted evidence to Barrow County Court showing that Mr Trevor Duxbury of 21 Thornfield Road, Grange over Sands, had acted in a threatening and abusive manner towards his neighbours.

As well as banning Mr Duxbury from using or threatening violence, or engaging in any form of harassment towards any of his neighbours or any other person going about their daily business in the neighbourhood of 21 Thornfield Road, Mr Duxbury is not permitted to cause a nuisance or annoyance in the aforesaid area.

This is the first Injunction secured against a tenant in the Grange area by South Lakes Housing.

Alison Kinnon, Housing Manager, South Lakes Housing said "we have recently undertaken a review of our anti social behaviour policy and procedures with both tenants and stakeholders including the Police and Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service and have provided training for our entire housing management staff. This was a major piece of work in which the country's leading experts on tackling anti social behaviour, Bill Pitt and Gary Woodward from ASB Action Ltd assisted us.

As a result, our staff are becoming ever more confident in dealing with complaints of anti social behaviour. South Lakes Housing aims to effectively investigate all cases of anti social behaviour or nuisance, to support and engage communities and individual witnesses and to take appropriate and proportionate action against perpetrators."