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## **Rugby Town Speaks Out at Anti Social Behaviour**

Rugby is now tackling anti-social and violent behaviour in a more vocal manner as new speaker cameras went live within the Town Centre this week. Four talking speaker cameras are now in use and will be issuing verbal warnings to anyone seen breaking the law.

The new system has already been trialled across the country and has been very successful. Middlesbrough was one of the first to install this system and they saw a dramatic reduction in the amount of anti-social behaviour in the area. It is hoped that a similar success story will be seen in Rugby.

“The introduction of this system is good news and will help us tackle the problem head on,” said Aftab Gaffar, Operations Director of the Rugby BID Company. “We have already made major improvements to the security and safety within our town centre with the CCTV system and the Rangers. This addition should help us reduce anti-social behaviour further, particularly during the evenings and weekends, making Rugby a more inviting and safer place to visit.”

Three warnings will be issued via the speakers starting with a reminder that the person or persons are being monitored by CCTV, if they continue a further warning will be issued alerting them that they are now being recorded on CCTV and that the Warwickshire Police have been notified. If they persist a third and final warning will be issued announcing that the police will be attending.

It is hoped that these speaker cameras will have a significant impact particularly during the night-time economy.