

SECTION FOUR

Jennifer Mellor

From: Rebecca Dangor <[REDACTED]@walsall.gov.uk> on behalf of Licensing <Licensing@walsall.gov.uk>
Sent: 05 August 2021 12:56
To: Jennifer Mellor; Sarah Heath
Subject: [Possible SPAM] RE: [External]: [Possible SPAM] RE: Lexx Bar and Grill

Hi both,

Yes we have Camilla Thomas down as DPS, she has now written to us to remove herself so they are now operating without a DPS.

Companies house shows the director of Lexx Jerkz Ltd as Melanie Jordan, so she is the only person authorised that could submit a DPS variation. Derek has no legal standing on the premises licence.

Regards

Rebecca Dangor
Licensing Officer

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Subject: RE: [External]: [Possible SPAM] RE: Lexx Bar and Grill

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His mobile is [REDACTED]

I've left a message on his mobile. I've spoken to the bar and the lady I spoke to said she would request he phones me on their group chat. She also confirmed Camilla had left

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From: Sarah Heath [mailto:[REDACTED]@walsall.gov.uk]
Sent: 05 August 2021 11:55
To: Jennifer Mellor; Licensing
Subject: [External]: [Possible SPAM] RE: Lexx Bar and Grill

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Hi Jen

It is supposed to be Derek Minott however he appears to be being rather elusive and the last few emails I have sent him he hasn't bothered replying to ! if you manage to get hold of him would you send me his number so I can contact him too. I have a load of noise complaints against the lexx bar and grill appears to be being run like a festival on the night times with the music being so loud !

Sarah

Sarah Heath-Marshall **ICA QA(RCO)**

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From: Jennifer Mellor
Sent: 05 August 2021 13:21
To: 'MEL. [REDACTED]'
Subject: Lexx Bar and Grill

Good afternoon Melanie

I believe you are the director or Lexx Jerkz Limited. I have received information from the council that the DPS has removed herself from the position at Bridge Street in Walsall. Any sales of alcohol is therefore no longer authorised and any sales would be unlawful. I also have footage of the bar being open until 05:05 hours on Sunday morning. Your licence only allows sales to 03:30.

These breaches are offences under the Licensing Act 2003 and need to be rectified immediately. Can you please contact me on my mobile to discuss.

Kind regards

Jennifer

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Jennifer Mellor

From: Walsall Licensing
Sent: 18 August 2021 11:12
To: Licensing
Cc: Community Protection
Subject: RE: [External]: DPS Variation - Lexx Jerkz Bar and Grill

Further to receipt of the application to vary the DPS to Melanie Jordan, West Midlands Police do have concerns. I therefore arranged a site visit with the agent and Melanie to discuss further which occurred on Monday. I do believe this was a very positive meeting and I will be writing to the agent and Melanie to outline what was agreed and a way forward.

However, it was very disappointing to evidence on their CCTV that during the time Melanie has been the Premise Licence Holder, breaching of their trading hours have been allowed to happen. Myself and Sarah Heath-Marshall viewed their CCTV on 28th July, 1st, 8th and 15th August. Unfortunately it was in a room with no lights so it was very difficult to make clear notes in the dark. However, on the 1st August customers were seen in the outside area holding drinks and food until 04.49 with the last ones being ushered out by door staff at 04:59. The premises should have been closed to the public at 04:30. On the 8th people inside at 04:46. Again during the dates viewed, the door to the premises was opened on a number of occasions to let people in outside of their normal trading hours and some of the staff including door staff with their guests/partners were allowed to remain on the premises to continue drinking. At these times the blind to the front door has remained open. West Midlands Police also have concerns with Derek Minott being associated and playing a part running this business, Derek is Melanie's partner. It has been evidenced his poor management at a recent hearing in Wolverhampton where he was the DPS. During a Licensing Subcommittee hearing on 25th April 2018 the committee was satisfied on the evidence that:

1. There had been significant breaches of the licence conditions and failure to comply with provisions of the Licensing Act.
2. Search procedures were inadequate.
3. There had been serious crime on the premises (wounding) and it was likely other criminal activity had occurred on the premises to include allowing patrons to smoke and use drugs.

West Midlands Police have also a number of reported incidents relating to this venue and it was due to this information that I contacted the DPS to be told she had left two weeks ago, hence this application.

With all of the above noted, both Sarah and I have agreed to work with Melanie and a number of measures have been agreed. The town safe radio will be provided to them for 6 months and the payment details after this time provided to them. Further licensing checks will be made and their CCTV checked to ensure no further breaches are evidenced. They have already changed their door staff so the after-hours drinking with staff and guests will cease. As pointed out to them, door staff are employed to work for them at quite a cost, it's not a social occasion for them to bring their partners.

Should the incidents/breaches continue or the venue decides not to continue to work with the Police, it would be at that point enforcement would be considered by way of a formal Review of their licence and this email would be produced as evidence together with the letter/email which will go to the agent and applicant giving full details of the visit and agreed actions. West Midlands Police are making no representations at this point in relation to Melanie Jordan becoming the DPS.

Kind regards

Jennifer

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Sent: 05 August 2021 15:46
To: Walsall Licensing <H_WALSALL_LICENSING@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk>
Subject: [External]: DPS Variation - Lexx Jerkz Bar and Grill

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Good afternoon,

Please see attached DPS variation received today. Last date for representations is 19th August 2021.

Regards

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WITNESS STATEMENT

Investigation Number:

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

Case Number

Statement of: Mr Philip Upton

Age if under 18: over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18')

Occupation: Neighbourhood Policing
Supervisor

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Date: Friday, 15 October 2021

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded ☐ (supply witness details on rear)

I am Police Sergeant 29944 UPTON of the West Midlands Police currently based at BLOXWICH POLICE STATION in the WEST MIDLANDS.

In the early hours of Sunday 26th September I was on full uniform foot patrol together with POLICE CONSTABLE 23125 WOOLDRIDGE, POLICE CONSTABLE 22726 MATTOO and POLICE CONSTABLE 24600 MCLAUGHLIN.

At this time we were engaged in licensing visits and patrols in BRIDGE STREET, WALSALL TOWN CENTRE.

At about 0000 hrs we attend LEXX BAR AND GRILL. At the front of the premises I spoke to a couple of door staff. I then spoke to a male who I believe to be the manager named Derek MINNOTT. I asked him some questions around how many people were inside, the capacity and what time he was closing. I informed him we would be carrying out a walk through of the premises which we then did. When I got to the rear of the premises/outside there was a strong smell of cannabis that had been smoked. I raised my concern with MINNOTT who did not appear happy of what I pointed out. I could not ascertain who had been smoking it but it was clearlyt being smoked on the premises. I am a serving Police Officer with 21 years service so can identify the smell. I could not see any fire exit to the rear of the premises so asked MINNOTT where the was one and there was only one fire exit nearer to the front of the premises.

I recorded my concerns in his occurrence book. I saw that when we were outside the door staff were searching people before entry. I was later informed that these searches were not being done when officers were not visibly present outside on the town centre CCTV.

There was also lots of cars outside that belonged to customers who I saw coming and going. They had also blocked the pavement with a Vauxhall the occupant of which was selling wristbands which I assumed were for entry. They had also blocked the pavement with railings and customers were queuing into the road to get in causing a danger to themselves and other road users.

I believe the facts stated in this witness statement and as amended in any tracked changes [and initialled] are true.

WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

Crime No. URN

Statement of Simon Bytheway

Age if under 18 Over 18 (if over 18 insert "over 18")

Occupation Police Constable 0876

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Signature:

(witness)



Date 21/10/21

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I am Police Constable 0876 Simon Bytheway of the West Midlands Police Force, and I am currently stationed at Bloxwich Police Station. I am a Neighbourhood Task Force Officer.

On Thursday 14th October 2020 I was on uniformed duties in Walsall Town Centre. I had been tasked with performing licencing checks on licenced premises within the vicinity, which included the use of drugs swipes in areas such as toilets to check for Class A drugs activity.

At around 1130 hours officers attended Lexx Jerkz Bar and Grill. Upon arrival at the location officers found it was open. There were only a small number of customers within the bar area. There were two staff members behind the bar, and a security staff member in the public area. Officers asked if the DPS was on premises. We were told no. None of the staff appeared to know who was in charge. The security officer wore a jacket which said security across the back and front which clearly identified him. However he was not wearing a SIA badge on his arm or anywhere else that was visible. The guard assisted officers in accessing the toilets and other areas of the premises.

Drug swipes were conducted in both toilets. Drug traces were located from within one of the toilets by other officers. Near to the toilets was a staircase leading to the first floor. As I was stood near this I noticed people coming up and down the stairs to the bar. The door was wedged open so there was no physical barrier in operation preventing access. I presumed this was another public area. I requested Staff escort me upstairs to what I discovered was some sort of recording studio. Here I could smell a strong aroma of what I recognise as Herbal Cannabis. Within the recording studios were desks. I swabbed these areas and there was no trace of drugs having been used on the table.

Signature



Signature witnessed by

03/2016

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Crime No. URN

Statement of Simon Bytheway

Whilst stood on the first floor of the premises, I saw an insecure door leading to a staircase. I requested staff show me what was up here. Again there was no lock or sign to prevent public from entering. As I went upstairs I could see a double bed within the store room. There was no persons present, and no smell of drugs within.

Officers waited in the rear garden area for the landlord Derek to return. Upon arrival Derek informed me that the Security member was on duty at the time. I am aware that Derek had been hostile towards officers on the telephone. He believed a search warrant was being conducted. When he discovered this was not the case, he calmed down and was pleasant.

Derek was made fully aware of the reasons for why officers attended. He was aware that positive drugs swipes had been conducted within the establishments toilets, and also that there was a strong smell of cannabis within the recording area.

When officers attended the location it was relatively quiet with only a small number of customers. However, when officers returned past the location several hours later, there were approximately 25 vehicles parked on the pavement outside the location. Lexx was the only venue open at this time, and officers saw people coming and going from the location.

My visit was captured on my bodycam. I now produce this in evidence as follows:

Police Reference SCB/1, Court reference () - Lexx Walkthrough.

This was uploaded to evidence.com under reference 0000,14/10/21.

Signature

Signature witnessed by

03/2016

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Jennifer Mellor

From: Jennifer Mellor
Sent: 23 December 2021 08:20
To: mel [REDACTED]; The Licensing Guys [Licensing]
Cc: Sarah Heath
Subject: Lexx Bar & Grill Action Plan

Good morning all

My apologies for taking so long to come back to you but as Nick is now aware, I was involved in a car accident which resulted in a few weeks off work. I'm back on the mend now so I would like to address the current Action Plan and our last discussions which took place last month on 25th November, nearly a month ago now.

Going back to our meeting on the 28th September 21, a number of concerns were highlighted which resulted in your venue being placed on an Action Plan, these concerns were communicated via a letter dated the 14th October. Due to illness and concerns you had, we were unable to meet again until 25th November. Since that date, I have only been on duty a few days before going off work myself until this week and presently I am working from home. Our meeting on the 25th November, although professional and worthwhile, I believe it was also about moving forward in such a way that we felt comfortable to work together in achieving the same aims. Unfortunately during our meeting we discussed your concerns that I had been racist due to ethnicity, which as you can imagine when I first heard, came as a shock to me as you have no idea of my personal background, however, I hopefully ensured that any matters were aired and addressed so that we could move forward. I would like to point out that in my entire working life I have never been accused of causing such concerns, so as you can imagine I was horrified to hear this and trust that we can further develop a good working relationship. It would also be worth noting that we are only having discussions regarding an Action Plan due to the fact that you have not been operating within the Licensing Act 2003 and subsequently other legalisation..

As the Action Plan was for a three month time span and a copy of the Action Plan was never agreed or communicated to you due to the issues above I therefore feel it only appropriate and sensible to deem the Action Plan inactive. Derek has mentioned you are not currently advertising events, there is a Restriction Notice on the venue limiting capacity and with footfall being reduced on the town due to the NHS COVID passes it would be totally bureaucratic to continue.

From our meetings a number of concerns were raised so I would like to use this opportunity to run through a few of these from a police perspective:

Noise complaints:

From our last meeting the last complaint received was on the 17th October. On speaking with Sarah prior to her breaking up for the Christmas holiday they have had only one new complaint but this did not include any noise monitoring evidence so has been filed.

Rear fire exist:

This has been addressed by yourselves with the Fire Service becoming the lead agency.

Smoking within the building:

This has been highlighted to you with Environmental health becoming the lead agency.

Trading beyond the licensable hour:

From the meeting on 25th November there has been no new evidence of additional trading

Crime and Disorder:

On the 18th December we did have an incident which resulted in a crime being created for public order involving people within your queue. It was noted by the officers attending that your security staff were wearing all black with no one appearing to have any authority or control over the queue. During the public

order incident the only reason police know who they were, was because they had spoken to them earlier in the evening. Can I please ask for some guidance to your door staff on management of your queue and for you to consider hi vis vests.

To finish I must add, to see Derek at our multi-agency meeting lead by Mr Dolby on the current issues in Bridge Street and Ablewell Street was met with positivity and with you joining Pub Watch evidences commitment to work with the police and I would personally like to thank you for that. I would also like to set up one last meeting in the New Year, unless anything occurs in the meantime, to sign off this series of meetings and give you the opportunity to address any new concerns.

I wish you all a good Christmas and although we may see a bumpy start to the new year, fingers crossed for a better 2022.

Kind regards

Jennifer

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Jennifer Mellor

From: Jennifer Mellor
Sent: 04 February 2022 14:11
To: mel [redacted]; derrick [redacted]
Cc: The Licensing Guys [Licensing]
Subject: Next meeting

After catching up briefly with Derrick at Pubwatch can we schedule in another and hopefully, last meeting. Sarah is booked up next week so can you let me know if you have an hour the following week from Monday 14th.

Have a safe weekend everyone

Jennifer

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From: Jennifer Mellor
Sent: 16 February 2022 18:52
To: mel. [redacted]; derrick [redacted]
Cc: The Licensing Guys [Licensing]
Subject: RE: Next meeting

Mel

Further to my email from the 4th, Sarah and I are in Bridge St tomorrow at 1pm, are you about tomorrow at 12 noon for a catch up.

Realise its late notice but thought I would try.

Jennifer

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From: Robin White
Sent: 20 February 2022 15:15
To: Jennifer Mellor; Scott James
Cc: Elizabeth Pearson
Subject: Fw: LEXX JERKZ BRIDGE STREET WALSALL

Jennifer

Can I please bring to your attention the below email that I have sent Inspector Pearson in regards to a door supervisor who was found in possession of approx 6 small bags of cannabis inside a large bag - we would suggest possible drug dealing from the below club however there is no proof of this apart from the offender Mr WARD still having his SIA door badge on and knowing he works at the below venue.

Regards

Rob

From: Robin White
Sent: 20 February 2022 14:31
To: Elizabeth Pearson; Scott James; Simon Steptoe
Subject: LEXX JERKZ BRIDGE STREET WALSALL

Hello Boss

Can I please bring to your attention a job myself / PS James and PC Steptoe dealt with last night while covering Walsall Town Centre

On the 20TH Feb 2022 at approx 02.00 Hours we were in full uniform duty when we spotted a male now know to be as Mr [REDACTED] who was wearing his SIA Badge on his right arm while sitting in a [REDACTED] VW Golf - Mr [REDACTED] was seen to be holding cannabis and on seeing this we have alighted from our vehicle and found Mr [REDACTED] holding a A4 size bag with approx 6 smaller bags of cannabis - Mr [REDACTED] works the door at LEXX JERKZ (Bridge Street) and it was clear he had just came from this venue due to him still wearing his SIA Badge and due to the WV Golf sitting yards away.

Boss if I was a beating man I would suggest Mr [REDACTED] and possible the other door staff from this venue are dealing however we have no solid proof of this at this stage however every time we do a walk through there is a strong smell of cannabis - I have now reported Mr [REDACTED] to the SIA asking for his badge to be taken off him and I have update the Walsall Town Centre PMP.

Regards Boss

Rob

Sarah

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From: Jamie Hobday <[REDACTED]@westmidlands.police.uk>
Sent: Thursday, February 24, 2022 6:31:56 PM
To: Sarah Heath <[REDACTED]@walsall.gov.uk>
Subject: Lexx Bar & Grill

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Sarah,

I met with Mr Derrick Minott (Manager) and Tashan Nesbeth (Head doorman, PGS Security) of the Lexx Bar & Grill, 75 Bridge St, Walsall this evening, in relation to reports of violence, obstruction of police and strong smells of cannabis in their premises over the past few weeks. I have agreed to give him an overview of the incidents I am currently aware of, below:

- 18/12/2021 Friday 02:40 Between material times offender have been arguing and pushing and shoving at the door of Lexx Bar and Grill.
- 01/01/2022 Friday 04:18 THREE MALES HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN A FIGHT OUTSIDE LEXX JERKZ BAR AND GRILL. Offender admitted to being drunk in this bar earlier, when he was involved in a confrontation.)
- 19/02/2022 Friday 04:13 Reports of Disorder, Bridge St, outside Jamaican Restaurant. 20 people in involved. Vehicle also made off from officers, lights off.
- 19/02/2022 Friday u/k Strong cannabis smell emanating from the premises on a number of occasions. Some of the staff have also been quite obstructive towards Police Officers by such actions as refusing to give numbers of occupants, blocking them gaining access to the premises and having an unprofessional attitude.
- (20/02/2022 Saturday 02:00 Doorman in uniform and showing SIA ID badge found in possession of cannabis in Bridge St. Originally believed to be working at Lexx Bar, but Manager and Head Doorman have now denied this – investigation required to confirm his workplace.)

Both deny that this final incident is connected to Lexx Bar in any way, but I have recorded it here as this was our belief up until this meeting – we will investigate this further to confirm.

I have explained to both men the scale of the violence issue we have in Bridge Street during their opening hours on a Fri-Sat and Sat-Sun, and that there is a real focus by both West Midlands Police and Walsall Council to tackle this. Police officers reports of obstructive door staff and strong smells of cannabis were highlighted as having been made previously, so show a pattern of activity. These are evidence of poor management, and thus we were going to ask them to consider additional management actions to assist them in meeting the licensing objectives. Attached are some additional conditions I am asking them to consider, with a request to reply by **Tuesday 1st March**. I have made it clear that if breaches continue we will be seeking reduced opening hours.

I have also stated that I will be instructing police officers to regularly visit Lex Bar this weekend to ensure all the current conditions are being strictly adhered to, that there is no smell of cannabis and the staff are supportive and aware of their legal obligations.

I have also told both men that there are a number of other premises we also have concerns about and that we will be taking the same approach with them.

I do not have Mr Minotts email to send this on to him – could you please forward this on my behalf (as our officer is on leave)?

Many thanks,

Jamie

Insp Jamie Hobday | Partnerships Team Manager
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Statement of PC 8317 Wall

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Signature: 

(witness)

Date 27/2/2022

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I am a Police Officer in the west midlands Police Force currently stationed at Bloxwich Police Station.

This statement is in relation to Lexx Jerkz Bar & Grill, 75 Bridge street, Walsall when it is open as a bar of a night. The information in this statement is derived from my own personal experiences when I have been on duty working the night time economy and also from information I have obtained from Police systems and having spoken to other Police Officers around the night time economy in Walsall.

When working the night time economy my role along with other officers on duty is to monitor the licenced premises in the town centre and to keep the public safe. To do this officers visit the licenced alcohol establishments at various times during the evening and early hours of the morning to ascertain the number of door staff on duty, whether their CCTV is working and customer numbers at each venue. We will also periodically undertake walkthroughs of the premises to assess the temperament of people in the premises and the ensure there are no obvious illegal activities or licencing issues at a particular premise.

I have worked the night time economy on a number of occasions since the beginning of November 2021 and at some point, during my tour of duty I will endeavour to visit all the licenced premises that are open in Walsall town identified as part of our patrol area. When I have done this at Lexx on several occasions I would have described the door staff's behaviour towards me as very guarded. They will all stand by the door which they keep closed and if I ask any licencing questions one of them very guarded and furtively hardly open the door to the club and literally squeeze themselves through the smallest of gaps they have created as though trying to stop anyone being able to see inside as they enter. After a short time one of the other staff will then come out of the door to talk to me. When the door is opened even to that small extent I have had a strong smell of cannabis hit me. This is not a smell of one person's quantity but what I would describe as a significant smell from a large amount of cannabis.

Two particular occasions that I recall the dates of having this smell from the premises were in the early hours of the 7/11/21 when I had to deal with a drug gang related incident that appeared to originate inside Lexx. This incident involve two drug dealers having a dispute that spread out of Lexx into the street which I managed to calm down before it escalated to violence. There was at least one other incident I have witnessed but I cannot recall if they were on the 13/11/21, 12/12/21 or the 24/12/21. The other occasion I do recall was the early hours of the 12/2/22. I recall this as I was aware of a pattern of the smell coming from the premises from previous visits so when I attended on this occasion I was looking to see if I could smell cannabis again which I did.

Signature 

Signature witnessed by

03/2016

OFFICIAL – (when complete)

Crime No. URN

Statement of PC 8317 Wall

As a result of having it confirmed from my own personal observations that there was a persistent smell of Cannabis emanating from Lexx and having other officers making such comments to me describing the staff as obstructive and confirming that they could smell cannabis coming from the premises when they have done checks I undertook research on Police systems. As a result of this research I became aware of positive Class A drugs swabs being found in the toilets and a strong smell of cannabis during a walkthrough. On several other occasions there is information relating to cannabis smell being observed by other people whilst undertaking walkthroughs or visiting the premises. I am also aware from peoples observations that staff are allowing females who are underage to drink in the premises.

From Police systems in 2015 Melanie JORDAN (Director of Lexx) and her partner Derrick MINOTT (Manager of Lexx) were spoken to by Officers at their home address with regards to an intercepted parcel from Jamaica containing 100g of Cocaine that was posted to their home. They denied any knowledge of this parcel at that time and there was no further Police Action.

From the above information I believe that the owners and staff of the premises would be aware of Cannabis usage and underage drinking on their premises. From the staff's furtive behaviour I also believe that drug usage is allowed or even encouraged on the premises by those responsible. I have therefore concluded that the premises is persistently being used for drugs usage, those responsible for the premises are aware of this and it goes without doubt that this is unreasonable behaviour.

The result of drugs usage in the town of a night time has led to a significant community impact to those living, working in and visiting the area. This has also resulted in Policing having to be increased of a night to keep people safe at significant cost to the West Midlands Police Force. From my experiences and observations on the town Lexx is a magnet for many of the people who have caused a significant portion of these issues.

Signature

Signature witnessed by

03/2016

OFFICIAL – (when complete)

Jennifer Mellor

From: Jamie Hobday
Sent: 16 March 2022 17:03
To: Jennifer Mellor; Richard Jacques
Cc: 'Sarah Heath'
Subject: FW: [External]: RE: Lexx Bar & Grill

FYI...

Jen, can you record this on Inn Keeper please?

Ta

J

From: Jamie Hobday
Sent: 16 March 2022 17:02
To: 'Derrick Minott' <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: [External]: RE: Lexx Bar & Grill

Good afternoon Mr Minott,

As promised I have reviewed the Decision Notice for the Premises License Review of the Bond Street Tavern in 2018. There is clearly evidence repeated failings and a lack of local police confidence in the management structure of the premises. It is particularly relevant to note that this includes similar concerns to those we have raised with yourself recently for Lexx Bar & Grill – the use of cannabis within the premises and obstructive door staff. Incidents of violence also feature at both premises.

These issues clearly undermine the licensing objectives and continue to raise concerns in relation to any closer involvement in the premises by yourself, such as you suggest. It is your choice as to when to apply for any Personal License, but I cannot give any reassurance that we would not object again.

Despite this fact we would still ask you to consider additional action you could take in the management of Lexx Bar, to help protect both your customers and the wider public in the town centre. I will ask Jenny Mellor, our licensing officer, to discuss this with you over the coming days.

Regards,

Jamie

Insp Jamie Hobday | Partnerships Team Manager
Walsall NPU | West Midlands Police
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From: Derrick Minott <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 28 February 2022 07:01
To: Sarah Heath <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Jamie Hobday <[REDACTED]>
Subject: [External]: RE: Lexx Bar & Grill

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Dear Inspector Hobday,

Thank you for meeting with us last week.

Thank you for the list of incidents that are causing you concern about our end of the road. I understand your concerns, but as we discussed at the meeting, do not accept the context of all that has been listed. But we all have to move on and work together, for the benefit of the Town Centre Night Time Economy.

I have looked through your proposed Conditions.

Can you just explain to me: By what means do you want the Conditions of my Licence changed so that they now adopt these new requirements?

The situation of my business is not ideal, mainly for the reason that the Police will not accept me as DPS of my own premises. This is because of something that happened several years ago when I had another business. However the incident complained about on that occasion happened nearly five years ago. Had my Personal Licence been revoked by the Licensing Authority (which it wasn't) I would have been able to reapply for a Personal Licence after five years anyway. With the time that has passed in between then and now, coupled with the fact that I am now the manager of Lexx and have been since 2019, I think the time has now come for me to assume the duties as DPS so that you and I can work together, going forwards, through PubWatch and any other form of partnership-working.

If we can agree that I can be instated as the DPS (as well as Manager) of Lexx, then I am very open to considering the new list of conditions ONCE you have explained to me how they can be placed on my Premises Licence.

Yours,

Derrick MINOTT.

From: Sarah Heath
Sent: 25 February 2022 09:03
To: derrick [REDACTED]
Cc: Jamie Hobday <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Fwd: Lexx Bar & Grill

Hi Derrick

I believe you met with insp Jamie Hobday yesterday he has asked me to forward on the email below

As always any questions just let me know jen is off until next Tuesday but drop us an email

Regards

WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

Investigation No.

Case Number

Statement of: Mr Scott James

Age if under 18: over 18 (if over 18 insert "over 18")

Occupation: Response Supervisor

This statement (consisting of 2 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature: Scott James 20749

Date: Tuesday, 09 August 2022

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded ☐ (supply witness details on rear)

I am Police Sergeant 20749 Scott JAMES, of The West Midlands Police, currently stationed at Bloxwich Police Station, attached to Force Response.

On a number of occasions, I have worked as part of Walsall Night Time Economy, providing a policing response to alcohol related crime and disorder, anti-social behaviour and ensuring licencing conditions are being complied with, where I have had dealings with Lexx Jerkz, Bridge Street Walsall.

On the 14th May I made the following observation during a licencing visit following feedback that door staff could be obstructive towards officers. Upon my attendance, staff did request collar numbers, however entry was not delayed and we found around forty customers inside the venue. There was a smell of cannabis inside the nightclub, however no persons seen smoking inside.

I also observed the side ally is being utilised for ticket sales, with a makeshift ticket boot having been made using a cut out door and hatch. Customers seen entering the alleyway were observed exchanging cash for a wristband, and then entry granted to the nightclub.

Lexx closed at 0430 with many customers exiting on mass, and slowly dispersing to vehicles, which again had been abandoned on pavements and within roadworks to little or no regard for the highway code or other road users.

On 4th June 2022, a licencing visit was been completed at Lexx Bar and Grill. Door staff initially stated there were 60 Customers counted into the premises, however following walkthrough and headcount revealed there were between 110-120 persons inside. Their maximum capacity is 120. When challenged they could not provide a reasonable excuse for the misrepresentation of their numbers and were advised not to allow any more customers inside. There were also a number of customers inside the venue seen to be smoking. There was also a strong smell of cannabis emanating from the nightclub. Given the number of customers, and potential for disorder versus the number of police officers available to me to support, discretion was given to not proactively dealing with persons suspected to be smoking cannabis inside the venue. Body Worn video has been uploaded to evidence.com for licencing review, under reference: 3710,04/06/22, which I can produce to the court as my exhibit, Police Reference (SJ/1, Court Reference (#_____))

On the 26th June 2022 at around 0242 Hours, I again conducted a licencing check at Lexx Jerkz, where upon walking through the nightclub, we found a male I now know to be ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ was seen to be rolling a spliff in the rear garden of the bar. When challenged and subsequently

Signature: Scott James 20749

Investigation No.

Case Number

Statement of: Mr Scott James

searched by my officers, he was found in POSSESSION OF CANNABIS (CLASS B) - Crime Reference [REDACTED] refers. The licensee who I know to be LEXX agreed that the male would need to leave the nightclub.

Body Worn video has been uploaded to evidence.com for licencing review, under reference: 3951-25/06/22, which I can produce to the court as my exhibit, Police Reference (SJ/1, Court Reference (#_____)).
S.JAMES 09/08/22 2211 Hours.

I believe the facts stated in this witness statement and as amended in any tracked changes [and initialled] are true.

Signature: Scott James 20749

Signature: Scott James 20749

WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

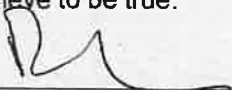
Crime No. URN

Statement of Robert Harmon

Age if under 18 O18 (if over 18 insert "over 18")

Occupation Police Officer

This statement (consisting of 1 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature: (witness) 

Date 19/06/2022

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded ☐ (supply witness details on rear)


I am Police Constable 20714 Harmon of the West Midlands Police currently based at Tipton Police Station.

On Saturday 18/06/2022 I was on full uniformed mobile patrol working on Walsall NTE.

At approximately 0310 hours together with other officers I conducted a walk through of Lexx Jerkz & Grill Bridge Street Walsall.

On entering the premises I came across a strong smell of what I believe to be cannabis.

I have been a serving police officer for approaching 15 years and can say that this smell was from cannabis as I have smelt this on previous occasions.

On exiting the premises the smell appeared to have deminished somewhat. Signature 

Signature witnessed by

03/2016

OFFICIAL – (when complete)

Jennifer Mellor

From: Simon Bytheway
Sent: 26 June 2022 06:41
To: Jennifer Mellor; Jamie Hobday
Cc: Scott James
Subject: Lexx

Sir / Jennifer.

Officers performed a walkthrough of Lexx Bar and Grill this evening at approx. 0240 hours.

There were approx. 50-60 persons within the venue at the time. It stunk of cannabis – as usual.

As we walked to the back of the venue, a male was found preparing cannabis in a grinder for smoking. He was detained under S23 Misuse of Drugs Act, and approx. £40 worth of cannabis was seized.

He was doing this in a public area, and was not making an attempt to conceal his activities from public view. Door staff were patrolling the location, and were no deterrent to him.

More interestingly the male coughed that he was a singer for the evening. Technically therefore he is an employee who was using drugs within the premises.

The drugs were seized and booked in [REDACTED] and PIR [REDACTED] has been submitted. The matter was crimed as [REDACTED]

Kind Regards

Simon

WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

Crime No. URN

Statement of Jay Alexander BRADBURN

Age if under 18 Over 18 (if over 18 insert "over 18")

Occupation Police Sergeant 24529

This statement (consisting of one page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature:

(witness)

24529

Date 26th June 2022Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded ☐ (supply witness details on rear)

I am Police Sergeant 24529 Bradburn of the West Midlands Police presently station at Walsall Civic Centre posted to St Matthews Neighbourhood Team.

At approximately 01:20 hours on Saturday 25th June 2022 I was on full uniformed duties in company with other officers when we attended Lexx Jerk Bar and Grill, Bridge Street, Walsall and served a licencing letter.

At this time I conducted a premises walk through under the Licencing Act. Upon entry there was a pungent smell of cannabis coming from within the premises. This seemed to be noticable at the bar area which is located at front of the premises. I can clearly say that this smell was not coming outside the premises.

I now produce my Axon body worn video as Police ref (JAB/01) exhibit ref ().

I have encountered cannabis in my twenty two years of service and I can confirm categorically that the smell was cannabis.

Signature

03/2016

Signature witnessed by

N/A

OFFICIAL – (when complete)

Witness contact details

URN: / /

Name of witness: Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss/Dr

Former name

*Email address:

*Email address needed for correspondence i.e. support material to be sent

Address

Postcode:

Preferred telephone number:

Alternate telephone number:

Agreed means of contact and frequency:

Gender

Date and place of birth

Ethnicity Code (16+1)

DATES OF WITNESS NON-AVAILABILITY: (12 months)**Witness care**

Does the witness require a Special Measures Assessment as a vulnerable or intimidated witness? (youth under 18; witness with mental disorder, learning or physical disability; or witness in fear of giving evidence or witness is the complainant in a sexual offence case. ALSO crimes involving gun and knife crimes and victims of Modern Slavery Act 2015)

Yes ☐ No ☐ If 'Yes', submit **MG2** with file in NGAP, contested or indictable only cases OR to read VPS in GAP cases.

Witness Consent (for witness completion)

- a) I am aware that I may have to attend court. Yes ☐
- b) I have been given the Victims' leaflet **with the crime number on**. Yes ☐ No ☐
- c) The Victim Personal Statement scheme (victims only) has been offered to me. Yes ☐ No ☐
- d) It has been explained to me what will happen next with this investigation. Yes ☐ No ☐
- e) I consent to police having access to my medical record(s) in relation to this matter (obtained in accordance with local practice). Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☐
- f) I consent to the statement being disclosed for the purposes of civil proceedings if applicable, e.g. child care proceedings, CICA, CLPD. Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☐
- g) **Child witness cases only.** I have had the provision regarding reporting restrictions explained to me. Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☐
- I would like the CPS to apply for reporting restrictions on my behalf. Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☐
- I understand that the information recorded above will be passed on to the Witness Service, which offers help and support to witnesses pre-trial and at court.
 - I understand that my details may be passed to other agencies who can offer me help and support in relation to being a victim of this crime.

I give my informed and explicit consent for my personal details to be passed to other agencies that can support me or are involved in the criminal justice process.

Yes ☐ No ☐

Signature..... Date

Parent/guardian signature..... Date

Address

Contact tel no

Supporter signature..... Date

Statement taken by (print name): PS 24529 B. H. O. B. V. A. N.

Station: Bloxwich - WS

Time and place statement taken: 1540hrs / Walsall Civic Centre

Signature: [Signature] W. H. A. Signature witnessed by: N/A

03/2016

OFFICIAL – (when complete)

WITNESS STATEMENT**Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B****Investigation No.****Case Number**

Statement of: Miss Georgia Taft

Age if under 18: over 18 (if over 18 insert "over 18")

Occupation: Investigation Officer

This statement (consisting of 1 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature: Georgia Taft 24320**Date: Sunday, 17 July 2022**Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded ☐ (supply witness details on rear)

I am PC 24320 TAFT of the WEST MIDLANDS POLICE and I am currently stationed at BLOXWICH POLICE STATION on Investigation Team 3.

On SATURDAY 9TH JULY 2022, I have been working overtime on Walsall Night Time Economy doing the tour of duty from 2300-0500 hours. Whilst on foot patrol, I have walked past LEXX BAR AND GRILL, 75 BRIDGE STREET, WALSALL, WS1 1JQ. Whilst walking past this location, a member of staff has walked out of the front door. When the door to the venue has been opened as I walked past, a strong smell of cannabis has come from the venue.

I have nothing further to add at this time.

I believe the facts stated in this witness statement and as amended in any tracked changes [and initialled] are true.

Signature: Georgia Taft 24320

Signature: Georgia Taft 24320

Witness contact details

Case Number:

Name of witness: Miss Georgia Taft

Former name: N/A

Email address:** [REDACTED]@westmidlands.police.ukEmail address needed for correspondence i.e. support material to be sent**

Address: Bloxwich Police Station

Postcode:

Preferred telephone number:

Alternate telephone number:

Agreed means of contact and frequency: As per MyTime

Gender: N/A Date and place of birth: N/A Ethnicity Code (16+1): N/A

DATES OF WITNESS NON-AVAILABILITY: (12 months) None**Witness care**

Does the witness require a Special Measures Assessment as a vulnerable or intimidated witness? (*youth under 18; witness with mental disorder, learning or physical disability; or witness in fear of giving evidence or witness is the complainant in a sexual offence case. ALSO crimes involving gun and knife crimes and victims of Modern Slavery Act 2015*)

Yes ☐ No ☒ If 'Yes', submit **MG2** with file in NGAP, contested or indictable only cases OR to read VPS in GAP cases.

Witness Consent (for witness completion)

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| a) I am aware that I may have to attend court. | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | |
| b) I have been given the Victims' leaflet with the crime number on. | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| c) The Victim Personal Statement scheme (victims only) has been offered to me. | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| d) It has been explained to me what will happen next with this investigation | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| e) I consent to police having access to my medical record(s) in relation to this matter (<i>obtained in accordance with local practice</i>) | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| f) I consent to the statement being disclosed for the purposes of civil proceedings if applicable, e.g. child care proceedings, CICA, CLPD. | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| g) Child witness cases only. I have had the provision regarding reporting restrictions explained to me. | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| I would like the CPS to apply for reporting restrictions on my behalf. | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>I understand that the information recorded above will be passed on to the Witness Service, which offers help and support to witnesses pre-trial and at court.</i>• <i>I understand that my details may be passed to other agencies who can offer me help and support in relation to being a victim of this crime.</i> | | | |
| I give my informed and explicit consent for my personal details to be passed to other agencies that can support me or are involved in the criminal justice process. | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |

Signature: Georgia Taft 24320

Address: Bloxwich Police Station

Contact tel no: Not provided

Statement taken by: Georgia Taft

Place and time statement taken: Bloxwich Police Station 03:07 PM

WITNESS STATEMENT**Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B****Investigation No.****Case Number**

Statement of: Mrs Libby Clark

Age if under 18: over 18 (if over 18 insert "over 18")

Occupation: Neighbourhood Policing Officer

This statement (consisting of 1 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature: Libby Clark 21704**Date:** Friday, 05 August 2022Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded ☒ (supply witness details on rear)

This statement is in relation to the Lexx Bar and Grill, 75 Bridge St, Walsall WS1 1JQ.

On SATURDAY 30th JULY 2022 at approximately 23.30hrs I attended Lexx Bar and Grill, 75 Bridge St, Walsall WS1 1JQ in company with Sgt 5328 COPE and PS 0670 HOLLOWOOD. We conducted a routine walk through of the premises. I asked if there were any door staff at the location and a female who identified herself as 'Melissa' stated that the door staff were not there at the time, they currently had 6 people inside the premises and it was a private party until the door staff got there.

We conducted a walk through of the property and as soon as we entered the entrance of the club there was a strong smell of cannabis just inside of the property, it was pretty much empty apart from the staff, DJ and 3 members of the public. When we asked where the Door staff were she stated that they were on route, tried to call her manager and then had a varied response of how long they were going to be. It was clear the staff were not in place and the staff present did not know when and how long they were going to be there for before the door staff arrived. The property is dirty and looks run down.

I have produced my body worn video of the walk through and uploaded it onto evidence.com and produce this as EC/01 and Court Reference ().

I have nothing further to add.

I believe the facts stated in this witness statement and as amended in any tracked changes [and initialled] are true.

Signature: Libby Clark 21704

Signature: Libby Clark 21704

Witness contact details

Case Number:

Name of witness: Mrs Libby Clark

Former name: N/A

Email address:** [REDACTED]@westmidlands.police.ukEmail address needed for correspondence i.e. support material to be sent**

Address: walsall civic centre

Postcode:

Preferred telephone number: [REDACTED]

Alternate telephone number:

Agreed means of contact and frequency: Not provided

Gender: N/A Date and place of birth: N/A Ethnicity Code (16+1): N/A

DATES OF WITNESS NON-AVAILABILITY: (12 months) None**Witness care**

Does the witness require a Special Measures Assessment as a vulnerable or intimidated witness? (youth under 18; witness with mental disorder, learning or physical disability; or witness in fear of giving evidence or witness is the complainant in a sexual offence case. ALSO crimes involving gun and knife crimes and victims of Modern Slavery Act 2015)

Yes ☐ No ☒ If 'Yes', submit **MG2** with file in NGAP, contested or indictable only cases OR to read VPS in GAP cases.

Witness Consent (for witness completion)

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| a) I am aware that I may have to attend court. | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | |
| b) I have been given the Victims' leaflet with the crime number on. | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| c) The Victim Personal Statement scheme (victims only) has been offered to me. | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| d) It has been explained to me what will happen next with this investigation | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
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| g) Child witness cases only. I have had the provision regarding reporting restrictions explained to me. | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| I would like the CPS to apply for reporting restrictions on my behalf. | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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| I give my informed and explicit consent for my personal details to be passed to other agencies that can support me or are involved in the criminal justice process. | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |

Signature: Libby Clark 21704

Address: walsall civic centre

Contact tel no: 8896303

Statement taken by: Libby Clark Place and time statement taken: Walsall Civic Centre 08:21 AM

Crime Number:.....

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

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Statement of: Carl Dodgson

Age if under 18: Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: PCSO 31622

This statement (consisting of page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it, anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature: C DODGSON Date 03/08/2022

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded ☐ (supply witness details on rear)

MG11 (2016)

On Wednesday 03/08/2022 at 09:32 I attended the following location Walsall Civic Centre Partnerships Office to view CCTV alongside Kenney Patten Community Support Officer of Walsall Council in relation to possible licensing issues at Lexx Bar & Grill, Bridge St, Walsall WS1 1JQ in the early hours of Sunday 31/07/2022. I viewed this CCTV from time stamp 02:40 to 03:00 and observed the following. At 02:40 two females entered the premises without being searched or a bag search being conducted, they were followed moments later by two males who also entered the premises without being searched. At 02:41 a male and a female enter the premises without a search including bag search on the female taking place. At 02:42 a group of three males then enter the premises with no search being conducted, these males are then followed by two males at 02:43 who had been in a car outside the location who appear to show a wristband and are allowed entry with no search taking place. At 02:44 a lone male attends the premises, this male has his jacket briefly patted down before being allowed access to the premises. Four males attend and are allowed entry to the premises with no search taking place at 02:46 and a further male is allowed access to the venue without search at 02:50. Two females who had previously left the venue to attend a parked vehicle over the road were allowed access without search at 02:52 as were two females at 02:54 and one female who had visited a vehicle minutes before returned to her vehicle again and was allowed entry without search again at 02:55, in these instances where the females had bags the bags were not checked. One male was also allowed access to the venue without search at 02:54. Furthermore at 02:56 a group consisting of two females and one male were allowed into the venue without search including bag search for the females as was a singular male at 02:57. Kenney Patten Community Support Officer is producing this CCTV should it be required at a later date. I have booked this CCTV into property under reference [REDACTED] & Seal [REDACTED]. I have nothing further to add.

Signature: C Dodgson..... Signature witnessed by:

OFFICIAL (when complete)

WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

Investigation No.

Case Number

Statement of: Jenny O'Neill

Age if under 18: over 18 (if over 18 insert "over 18")

Occupation: Neighbourhood Policing Officer

This statement (consisting of 1 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature: Jennifer O'Neill 24370

Date: Wednesday, 07 September 2022

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded ☐ (supply witness details on rear)

I am Police Constable Jenny O'Neill, collar number 24370 of the West Midlands Police, currently attached to Blakenall Neighbourhood Policing Team and stationed at BLOXWICH POLICE STATION, 1 STATION STREET, BLOXWICH, WALSALL WS3 2PD.

Between 2300HRS on 06 August 2022 and 0500HRS on 07 August 2022, I was deployed to police Walsall Night Time Economy (NTE), log 3607. I had responsibility for Zone 3 with PC 8317 WALL and PC 24181 ROLFE which covered a venue called the LEXX JERKZ BAR AND GRILL, BRIDGE STREET, WALSALL, WS1 1JQ.

During the night, I was tasked with updating the NTE log in relation to the numbers of persons at various premises within Zone 3. I made three log entries from information provided by the door staff about the numbers of persons at the LEXX BAR. The first log entry at 0030HRS, I recorded 30 persons and 4 door staff at venue, then at 0156HRS door staff said that there were 25 persons at the venue. Throughout the night, I noted quite significant numbers of people attending the venue with very few actually leaving, which made me question whether the numbers provided were accurate.

At approximately 0250HRS, myself, PC WALL and PC ROLFE completed a walk-through of the venue. This was following a further report that there was then 40 persons at the venue. Upon walking through the venue, there were clearly more than 40 persons in the venue and this was later challenged by my colleagues, resulting in the door staff subsequently reporting a different number of 85, still within the maximum capacity of 120, 60 in the front and 60 in the back. I updated the log accordingly with this information at 0255HRS.

I was in possession of my Body Worn Video, which has recorded the walk-through of the Lex Bar and I can exhibit this as JLO/01 (court ref.....).

I believe the facts stated in this witness statement and as amended in any tracked changes [and initialled] are true.

Signature: Jennifer O'Neill 24370

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Witness contact details

Case Number:

Name of witness: Jenny O'Neill

Former name: N/A

Email address:** [REDACTED]@westmidlands.police.ukEmail address needed for correspondence i.e. support material to be sent**Address: West Midlands Police, Bloxwich Police Station, 1 Station Road, Walsall
Postcode: WS3 2PD

Preferred telephone number: [REDACTED] Alternate telephone number:

Agreed means of contact and frequency: Not provided

Gender: N/A Date and place of birth: N/A Ethnicity Code (16+1): N/A

DATES OF WITNESS NON-AVAILABILITY: (12 months) None**Witness care**

Does the witness require a Special Measures Assessment as a vulnerable or intimidated witness? (*youth under 18; witness with mental disorder, learning or physical disability; or witness in fear of giving evidence or witness is the complainant in a sexual offence case. ALSO crimes involving gun and knife crimes and victims of Modern Slavery Act 2015*)

Yes ☐ No ☒ If 'Yes', submit **MG2** with file in NGAP, contested or indictable only cases OR to read VPS in GAP cases.**Witness Consent (for witness completion)**

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| a) I am aware that I may have to attend court. | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| b) I have been given the Victims' leaflet with the crime number on. | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| c) The Victim Personal Statement scheme (victims only) has been offered to me. | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| d) It has been explained to me what will happen next with this investigation | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| e) I consent to police having access to my medical record(s) in relation to this matter (<i>obtained in accordance with local practice</i>) | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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- *I understand that the information recorded above will be passed on to the Witness Service, which offers help and support to witnesses pre-trial and at court.*
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- I give my informed and explicit consent for my personal details to be passed to other agencies that can support me or are involved in the criminal justice process.
- Yes ☐ No ☒

Signature: Jennifer O'Neill 24370

Address: West Midlands Police, Bloxwich Police Station, 1 Station Road, Walsall
Contact tel no: 07765601685

Statement taken by: Jennifer O'Neill

Place and time statement taken: Bloxwich 08:46 AM

WITNESS STATEMENT**Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B****Investigation No.** 20/720708/22**Case Number**

Statement of: Mr Scott James

Age if under 18: over 18 (if over 18 insert "over 18")

Occupation: Response Supervisor

This statement (consisting of 3 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature: Scott James 20749**Date: Friday, 12 August 2022**Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded ☐ (supply witness details on rear)

I am Police Sergeant 20749 Scott JAMES, of The West Midlands Police, currently stationed at Bloxwich Police Station, Walsall, attached to Force Response Team B.

On the morning of Friday 12th August 2022, at 0121 Hours, I came across an altercation outside Lexx Jerkz Bar and Grill, Bridge Street Walsall. It appeared that customers had been arguing with doormen on the front door, but no persons were willing to speak to myself in relation to what had happened.

I spoke to the Council CCTV control room, who advised me that they had observed a male walk away from Lexx Jerkz Bar and Grill towards Goodall Street, where he had gone to a vehicle VRM [REDACTED] a [REDACTED] Audi Q7 and secrete what they believed to be a weapon in the spare wheel compartment of the boot.

The male was described as a Black male, Khaki Green Shorts, and black T-Shirt, and had been observed to go back onto Bridge Street

I relayed this information to officers, Pc Burnage and Pc Hughes who had just arrived on scene, requesting that they detained the male for the purpose of a search for Weapons. The male was detained outside Lexx Jerkz which resulted in a bit of a hostile crowd forming.

Pc Burnage informed the detained male that he was being detained for a search, and attempted to place him into handcuffs, but he became passively resistant, using his size and build to his advantage. Fearing that the male would try and make off, I have gone behind the male, using a bear hug to assist Pc Burnage with placing the male into handcuffs. The male eventually calmed down sufficiently for handcuffs to be applied and a search was conducted.

Pc Burnage located an Audi vehicle key.

I took this key, explaining to the male that he had been witnessed placing a suspected weapon in the vehicle, and advised him that the vehicle would also be searched. I asked him to come and observed the search of the vehicle.

The male, along with a group of bystanders followed us onto Goodall Street where the vehicle was parked. Using the

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20/720708/22

Case Number

Statement of: Mr Scott James

key I unlocked the vehicle, raised the boot, and lifted the boot floor, to uncover a knife in the void between the boot floor and spare wheel. Along with the knife was a bottle of spirits, rope and other items of no significance.

I would describe the knife as a small kitchen knife, black handle with black metal blade, which was heavily scratched and snapped at the end so the blades point was missing.

Conscious to the fact we had a hostile crowd about us, I closed the boot, to secure the knife until we had gained further control.

I ensured Pc Burnage was aware I had located a knife. The male was subsequently arrested for Possession of a knife, but proclaimed he was a chef. Officers began to walk him away to the vehicle. The bystanders then became more hostile towards us, filming and shouting in my face, claiming that we were racist. One male as he spoke, I would describe as 50-60 years of age, light skinned Jamaican, slim build wearing dark clothing, was spraying spittle as he shouted, of which some landed on the right hand side of my face. Disgusted and wishing to create some distance from him, I have pushed him back, telling him not to continue spitting. This seemed to inflame the situation almost immediately. The male became more aggressive, and was showing signs of aggression clenching fists, leaning forward and saying threatening things, fearing for my personal safety, I have drawn Parva spray in preparation to use it against the crowd.

I was soon joined by further units namely PC Steptoe and Police dog handler PC Hawkins. Their presence dispersed the crowd sufficiently to allow me to continue to search the vehicle and recover the knife.

At 0145 Hours, I recovered the knife from the rear boot void, which I can produce to the court as my exhibit, Police Reference (SJ/1) Court Reference (#____), subsequently booked into detained property under reference [REDACTED]

I was then alerted to a small bag of herbal cannabis found in the drivers door pocket, which I have seized at 0149 Hours, which I can produce to the court as my exhibit, Police Reference (SJ/2) Court Reference (#____), subsequently booked into detained property under reference [REDACTED]

During the incident I have been utilising body worn video, of which I have uploaded two clips to evidence.com under reference 0187,12/08/22, which I can produce to the court as Police Reference (SJ/3) Court Reference (#____), and Police Reference (SJ/4) Court Reference (#____),

I believe the facts stated in this witness statement and as amended in any tracked changes [and initialled] are true.

Signature: Scott James 20749

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WITNESS STATEMENT**Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B****Investigation No.**20/720708/22,
20/720534/22**Case Number**

Statement of: Mr Mark Burnage

Age if under 18: over 18 (if over 18 insert "over 18")

Occupation: Response Officer

This statement (consisting of 3 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature: Mark Burnage 22593**Date: Friday, 12 August 2022**Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded ☐ (supply witness details on rear)

I am PC 22593 BURNAGE of WEST MIDLANDS POLICE currently stationed at BLOXWICH POLICE STATION.

On THURSDAY 11TH AUGUST 2022, I have been on uniformed patrol attached to call sign RWO86 in company with PC 24033 HUGHES.

At approximately 01:20 on FRIDAY 12TH AUGUST 2022 I have been directed to BRIDGE STREET, WALSALL following reports of disorder at the location. I have been informed via my police radio a male had been seen to approach an AUDI vehicle and place a weapon within the boot before walking back towards BRIDGE STREET.

A description of this male has been given as an IC3 male, slim build in a black t-shirt and green shorts, a male matching the description has been located outside of LEXX BAR & GRILL on BRIDGE STREET, I have directed the male away from LEXX GRILL as I have done so, I have been informed via my police radio that CCTV operators had confirmed the male I had approached was the male seen to dispose of a weapon within a vehicle.

With this information I have conducted a Section 1 PACE search on the male who I now know to be [REDACTED] bn: [REDACTED] on searching the male I have located an AUDI CAR KEY within his shorts pocket, [REDACTED] has directed us to his vehicle parked a short distance on GOODALL STREET, [REDACTED] has identified his vehicle as a [REDACTED] AUDI Q7 VRM: [REDACTED]

PS 20749 JAMES has completed a search of the vehicle where a kitchen knife has been located within the spare tyre compartment of the boot.

At approximately 01:40 I have informed [REDACTED] that he was under arrest for POSSESSION OF AN OFFENSIVE WEAPON I have then "CAUTIONED" [REDACTED] who has made no reply after "CAUTION"

I have been travelling along towards WOLVERHAMPTON CUSTODY when I have been informed by PS 20749 JAMES during the search of the vehicle a bag of herbal cannabis within the drivers door card.

Signature: Mark Burnage 22593

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Statement of: Mr Mark Burnage

reference: [REDACTED] Seal Number: [REDACTED]

I believe the facts stated in this witness statement and as amended in any tracked changes [and initialled] are true.

Signature: Mark Burnage 22593

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Statement of: Carl Dodgson

Age if under 18: Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: PCSO 31622

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Signature: C DODGSON Date 17/08/2022

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded ☐ (supply witness details on rear)

MG11 (2016)

On Tuesday 16/08/2022 at 13:30 I attended the following location Walsall Civic Centre Partnerships Office to view CCTV alongside Kenney Patten Community Support Officer of Walsall Council in relation to possible licensing issues at Lexx Bar & Grill, Bridge St, Walsall WS1 1JQ in the early hours of Friday 12/08/2022. I viewed this CCTV from time stamp 01:15 and observed the following. At 01:17:32 the male later involved in crime reports 20/720708/22 - Having an article with a blade or point in a public place & 20/720534/22 - Having possession of a controlled drug - Class B – Cannabis, is seen to be ejected from inside of Lexx Bar & Grill out onto Bridge Street, Walsall. I have nothing further to add.

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Signature: C Dodgson..... Signature witnessed by:

OFFICIAL (when complete)

Witness contact details

URN : / / /

Name of witness: Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss/Dr

Former name.....*Email address:

Jennifer Mellor

From: Jennifer Mellor
Sent: 01 September 2022 13:06
To: Melanie Jordan
Cc: Neil Aston-Baugh
Subject: Lexx Bar and Grill

Good afternoon Melanie

West Midlands Police are continuing to smell cannabis at your premise together with concerns you are operating over capacity.

On Saturday evening in the early hours of Sunday morning one of our Sgts were engaging with your door staff. When asked on their capacity numbers they initially stated they had 122 customers inside, but when challenged a lady called Melanie which could have been yourself, stated she only had 90 persons inside. Whilst the Sgt was at your premise Melanie stopped persons entering stating that the venue was now at capacity and was a "one in one out" from this time. Today the Local Authority CCTV was viewed from the point where the police left the venue to ensure that the "one in one out" direction was being followed which was the case until 02:50 hours. Nine people were then allowed entry to the premises by door staff in the following 5 minutes with no customers leaving through the same route. The Sgt has also commented that the smell of cannabis could be smelt emanating from your club.

Can you please confirm if this was yourself at the door and why the venue was allowed to go over capacity with a continued smell of cannabis.

Kind regards

Jennifer

Jennifer Mellor
Walsall Licensing and Regulatory Services Officer
Walsall Partnership Team
Walsall Police
Civic Centre, Walsall

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Signature: C DODGSON Date 01/09/2022

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded ☐ (supply witness details on rear)

MG11 (2016)

On Thursday 01/09/2022 at 11:20 I attended the following location Walsall Civic Centre Partnerships Office to view CCTV alongside Kenney Patten Community Support Officer of Walsall Council in relation to possible licensing issues at Lexx Bar & Grill, Bridge St, Walsall WS1 1JQ in the early hours of Sunday 28/08/2022 from 02:30. I viewed this CCTV from time stamp 02:30 and observed the following. At 02:32 a police officer attends the entrance to Lexx Bar & Grill, according to police log 3803 of 27/08/22 the following conversations have taken place " Usual smell of Cannabis emanating from Lexx Bar, however insufficient officer numbers from 0230 Hours to enable a proactive walkthrough. I have spoken to door staff who initially stated they had 122 customers inside, but when challenged about capacity, had forgotten their cap. Melanie has then been on the door and monetarily stated she only had 90 persons inside, but challenged about her door staffs numbers and has then stopped persons entering whilst I have been at their door, stating that the venue was now at capacity and was a one in one out from this time. No further issues reported, and generally an older crowd." I have viewed the CCTV from this point to ensure that the one in one out direction was being followed which was the case until 02:50 where nine people were allowed entry to the premises by door staff in the following 5 minutes with no customers leaving through the same route. I have nothing further to add.....

Signature: C Dodgson..... Signature witnessed by:

OFFICIAL (when complete)

Witness contact details

URN : / / /

Name of witness: Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss/Dr

Former name.....*Email address:

Spate of violence in Walsall leads to increase in police patrols

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Police are upping their presence in Walsall town centre after a spate of violent attacks in the area.

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Police in Walsall town centre. Photo: SnapperSK

Violence has increased in the centre of Walsall in recent weekends, with Bridge Street and Leicester Street seeing an increase in incidents according to West Midlands Police.

Flashpoints have included a man needing hospital treatment after being punched to the ground during a fight with three other men on Leicester Street last Saturday.

The week before, father-of-two Daniel Wheeler fractured his skull and suffered a bleed on the brain when he was hit by a car which mounted the pavement on Bridge Street. The same vehicle was also seen driving the wrong way down one-way streets and weaving across roads.

And in another incident weapons were used during a brawl in the town.

West Midlands Police is now increasing the number of patrols in the town in a bid to clamp down on the violence.

The force said it has a good working relationship with the local hospitality industry and Walsall Council's licensing team and will work with venues to prevent any licensing breaches.

Inspector Liz Pearson, who is responsible for policing in Walsall, said: "We've seen an increase in people returning to the town centre, which is great.

"I can completely understand that people are excited to get out and meet people following the lifting of the restrictions we've all been under.

"We know it often starts as aggressive behaviour fuelled by excessive drinking but it has had some devastating consequences.

"We want people to enjoy a safe evening so we're stepping up our policing presence, and we continue to work with security staff in licensed premises, and our wider partners.

"Please come and enjoy our vibrant town centre - but be kind - we must look after each other and enjoy a great atmosphere."

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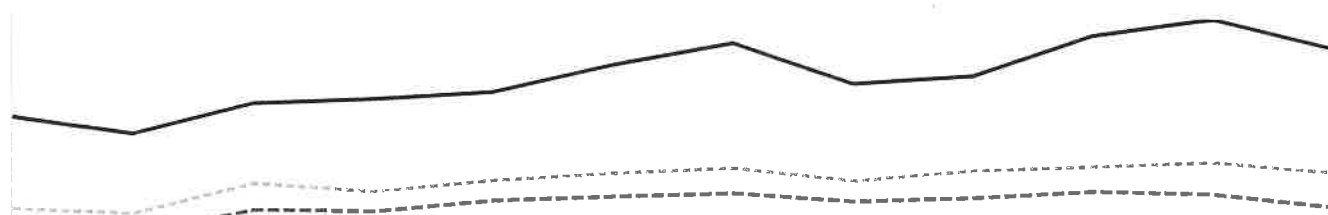
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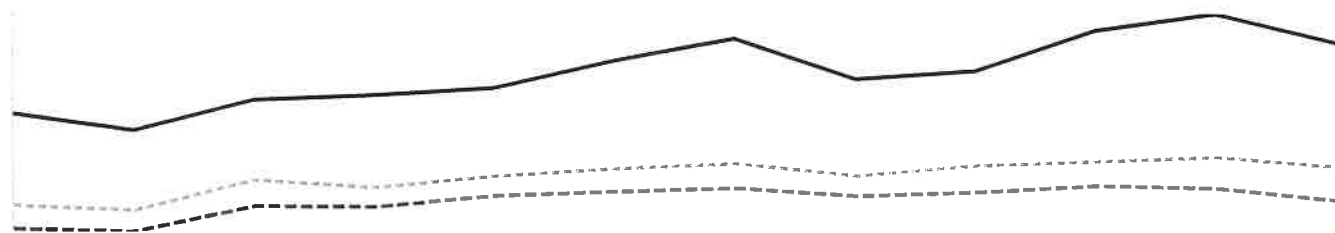
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2021	143	10,482
2020	110	8,065
2019	110	8,028
2018	108	7,890
2017	96	7,030
2016	88	6,450

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Crime	Walsall		West Midlands		Rate Difference
	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	
Anti-Social Behaviour	1,073	14.65	35,993	12.29	↓ 16% more dangerous
Bicycle Theft	68	0.93	2,439	0.83	↓ 11% more dangerous
Burglary	570	7.78	18,775	6.41	↓ 18% more dangerous
Criminal Damage and Arson	755	10.31	28,353	9.68	↓ 6% more dangerous
Drugs	272	3.71	7,355	2.51	↓ 32% more dangerous
Other Crime	175	2.39	6,671	2.28	↓

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Crime	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Rate Difference
Other Theft	685	9.35	20,301	6.93	↓ 26% more dangerous
Possession of Weapons	233	3.18	5,486	1.87	↓ 41% more dangerous
Public Order	1,095	14.95	35,215	12.02	↓ 20% more dangerous
Robbery	239	3.26	7,409	2.53	↓ 22% more dangerous
Shoplifting	489	6.68	12,987	4.43	↓ 34% more dangerous
Theft From the Person	116	1.58	3,202	1.09	↓ 31% more dangerous
Vehicle Crime	1,049	14.33	29,930	10.22	↓ 29% more dangerous
Violence and Sexual Offences	4,736	64.68	166,641	56.90	↓ 12% more dangerous

Walsall Compared to Nearby Major Towns

Major Town ▲ ▼	Total Crimes ▲ ▼	Crime Rate ▲ ▼	Rate Difference ▲ ▼
Sutton Coldfield	6,682	62.14	↑ 130% safer
Solihull	7,840	72.34	↑ 98% safer
Stourbridge	5,203	80.51	↑ 78% safer
Dudley	11,105	130.94	Search by area

Major Town ▴ ▾	Total Crimes ▴ ▾	Crime Rate ▴ ▾	Rate Difference ▴ ▾
Walsall	10,482	143.15	-
West Bromwich	11,926	151.00	↓ 5% more dangerous

Crime Over Time in Walsall

View crime percentage over time for

Anti-Social Behaviour

Recent Crimes in Walsall

Date	Crime Type	Location	Outcom
May 2022	Violence and sexual offences	On or near Glebe Street	

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Date	Crime Type	Location	Outcome
May 2022	Violence and sexual offences	On or near Ford Street	Unable to
May 2022	Public order	On or near Southmead Way	Unable to
May 2022	Criminal damage and arson	On or near Alumwell Close	Unable to
May 2022	Violence and sexual offences	On or near Moncrieffe Street	Action to
May 2022	Public order	On or near Walsall Road	Investiga
May 2022	Burglary	On or near Further/Higher Educational Building	Investiga
May 2022	Violence and sexual offences	On or near William Street	Investiga
May 2022	Violence and sexual offences	On or near Lysways Street	Unable to
May 2022	Possession of weapons	On or near Bloxwich Road	Unable to
May 2022	Robbery	On or near Bradford Street	Unable to
May 2022	Violence and sexual offences	On or near New Mills Street	Unable to
May 2022	Violence and sexual offences	On or near Broadway North	Unable to
May 2022	Vehicle crime	On or near Henry Street	Investiga
May 2022	Public order	On or near Supermarket	Investiga
May 2022	Vehicle crime	On or near Little Newport Street	Investiga
May 2022	Possession of weapons	On or near Manorhouse Close	Search by area to

Date	Crime Type	Location	Outcome
May 2022	Other theft	On or near South Street	Unable to
May 2022	Criminal damage and arson	On or near Ryecroft Park	Unable to
May 2022	Violence and sexual offences	On or near Southbourne Avenue	Investiga

Walsall Crime Trends

Crime Rate Per 1,000 Residents

Crime	2018	2019	2020	2021	Trend
Anti-Social Behaviour	20	16	22	15	↑ Safer
Bicycle Theft	0.81	0.83	0.83	0.93	↓ Getting worse
Burglary	10	9	7	8	↑ Safer
Criminal Damage and Arson	10	10	9	10	↓ Getting worse
Drugs	1.6	3.1	2.9	3.7	↓ Getting worse
Other Crime	1.3	1.8	1.9	2.4	↓ Getting worse
Other Theft	12	8	8	9	↑ Safer

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Crime Rate Per 1,000 Residents

Crime	2018	2019	2020	2021	Trend
Possession of Weapons	1.3	1.7	2.1	3.2	↓ Getting worse
Public Order	6	8	11	15	↓ Getting worse
Robbery (inc. mugging)	3.5	3.4	2.7	3.3	↑ Safer
Shoplifting	11	11	6	7	↑ Safer
Theft From the Person (inc. pickpocketing)	1.6	1.6	0.87	1.6	↑ Safer
Vehicle Crime	15	11	10	14	↓ Getting worse
Violence and Sexual Offences	34	41	49	65	↓ Getting worse

Changes In Walsall's Crime Rates Over Time

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Comparing Walsall to the UK's Major Cities

Major Town ▲ ▼	Crime Rate ▲ ▼	Rate Difference ▲ ▼
Barnet	67.08	↑ 113% safer
Croydon	82.48	↑ 74% safer
Sheffield	91.10	↑ 57% safer
Bristol	93.77	↑ 53% safer
Coventry	102.37	↑ 40% safer
Leicester	111.75	↑ 28% safer
Liverpool	127.90	↑ 12% safer
Birmingham	137.17	↑ 4.4% saf

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Major Town ^ v	Crime Rate ^ v	Rate Difference ^ v
Walsall	143.15	-
Bradford	145.60	↓ 1.7% more dangerous
Leeds	153.06	↓ 6% more dangerous

Crime in Walsall's Neighbourhoods

Walsall Central is the most dangerous neighbourhood in Walsall, followed by Walsall West in second place, and Walsall North East as the third most dangerous area. Walsall's safest neighbourhoods are, in order, The Delves, Walsall East, and Walsall South East.

Neighbourhood ^ v	Crime Count ^ v	Crime Rate ^ v	Danger Rank ^ v
Leamore	861	121	Fifth
Palfrey	1,016	94	Sixth
Pleck	1,177	133	Fourth
The Delves	624	94	Seventh
Walsall Central	3,670	332	First
Walsall East	540	81	Eighth
Walsall North East	969	139	Third
Walsall South East	279	41	Ninth

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Neighbourhood ▴ ▾	Crime Count ▴ ▾	Crime Rate ▴ ▾	Danger Rank ▴ ▾
Walsall West	1,313	159	Second

Walsall Neighbourhood Crime Breakdown

Showing the safest and most dangerous parts of Walsall for specific criminal activity, with crime count and rate shown in brackets.

Crime Type	Safest Neighbourhood	Most Dangerous Neighbourhood
Anti-Social Behaviour	Walsall South East (26)	Walsall Central (403)
Bicycle Theft	Palfrey (2)	Walsall Central (43)
Burglary	Walsall South East (24)	Walsall Central (200)
Criminal Damage and Arson	Walsall South East (15)	Walsall Central (256)
Drugs	Walsall South East (2)	Walsall Central (132)
Other Crime	Palfrey (10)	Walsall Central (58)
Other Theft	Walsall South East (14)	Pleck (195)
Possession of Weapons	Walsall South East (2)	Walsall Central (113)
Public Order	Walsall South East (25)	Walsall Central (422)
Robbery (inc. mugging)	Walsall South East (7)	Walsall Central (101)
Shoplifting	Walsall South East (1)	Walsall Central

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Crime Type	Safest Neighbourhood	Most Dangerous Neighbourhood
Theft From the Person (inc. pickpocketing)	Leamore (1)	Walsall Central (86)
Vehicle Crime	Walsall South East (40)	Walsall Central (254)
Violence and Sexual Offences	Walsall South East (139)	Walsall Central (1,556)

Crime in Walsall During Coronavirus Lockdowns

Looking at the months the UK was in lockdown in 2020 due to Covid-19, how did crime rates in Walsall change compared to the same month in 2019? The biggest increase in lockdown crime came in May, when Walsall saw a 250% increase in bicycle theft. Walsall saw a large fall in theft from the person during April, when it fell by 90% compared to April in 2019.

Crime	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
Anti-Social Behaviour	+9%	+130%	+57%	+46%	-2%	+27%	+64%	+70%
Bicycle Theft	+150%	-25%	+250%	-	-42%	+40%	+133%	-56%
Burglary	-31%	-40%	-45%	-19%	+7%	-15%	-41%	-55%
Criminal Damage and Arson	+33%	-2%	-24%	-32%	-7%	-5%	+12%	+23%
Drugs	-23%	+18%	+33%	-25%	+20%	-41%	-27%	-46%
Other Crime	+11%	+14%	+50%	-22%	+20%	-	Search by area	0%

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Crime	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
Other Theft	-21%	-50%	-22%	-	+43%	+8%	+15%	+24%
Possession of Weapons	+9%	-38%	+9%	+67%	-8%	+25%	+20%	+89%
Public Order	-25%	+35%	+18%	+14%	+96%	+25%	+56%	+84%
Robbery	-43%	-33%	-6%	-48%	-45%	-16%	-38%	+23%
Shoplifting	-73%	-71%	-61%	-68%	-45%	-25%	-29%	-33%
Theft From the Person	-11%	-90%	-62%	-71%	-71%	-29%	-38%	-50%
Vehicle Crime	+19%	-44%	-60%	-48%	-42%	-38%	+7%	-8%
Violence and Sexual Offences	+10%	-14%	+1%	+8%	+31%	+17%	+17%	+61%

Frequently Asked Questions About Crime in Walsall

What police force serves Walsall?

Walsall's local territorial police force is the West Midlands Police.

How dangerous is Walsall?

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Walsall is the second most dangerous major town in the West Midlands.

What is Walsall's most common crime?

The most common crimes in Walsall are violence and sexual offences.

What is the least common crime in Walsall?

Walsall's least common crime is bicycle theft.

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Police 'forced to fight for lives' dealing with drunken violence in Walsall

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Police officers have been forced to fight for their lives while dealing with drunken violence in Walsall, the town's top cop has said.

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Police in Walsall town centre

Chief Superintendent Phil Dolby revealed the horrors his teams face as he described the night-time economy as a "blight on the town".

At a recent scrutiny overview committee meeting, Walsall Council leader Mike Bird said he wished the town closed at 6pm because of the crime levels.

Ch Spt Dolby, who was made commander in Walsall 12 months after nearly dying of coronavirus, told the meeting: "The night-time economy in the town is a blight upon the town. My officers and I have done it until five in the morning. They are physically fighting for their lives.

"It's not something that is going to bring anything to the town other than the wrong people.

"The nature of young people going out has changed over the last two years. They come late, they don't come until about midnight.

"What happens at 4am when everyone is chucking out is really difficult. There used to be a model where when we left at midnight, other cops would come in.

Walsall town centre

"That model isn't there any more so at the moment I'm spending a lot of public money on overtime to keep officers there until five in the morning.

"Of course, the hospitality industry is having a terrible time and I'm not trying to damage people's business but we can't afford to keep using public money to do that."

Police have had to deal with a number of incidents in and around the town centre during the past few months.

These include two men being stabbed in the early hours of a Saturday in January during an attack which took place in Leicester Street.

Meanwhile at around 4am 4am on Saturday, September 11 last year, 31-year-old Dan Wheeler suffered a fractured skull and bleed on the brain when a car mounted a pavement in Bridge Street and knocked him down.

And a week after that incident, a man was left needing hospital treatment after suffering a nasty cut to his head during a fight which involved three other men. He was punched and banged his head on the floor in Leicester Street

Councillor Bird said the council could help the police in its role licensing premises in the borough.

The Conservative authority leader said: "I used to say years ago, Walsall closed at 6pm. I wish it did now because the crime we get from alcohol fuelled individuals.

