

Continuation of Statement of Steve ELSMORE.....

Whilst at the Community Hall numerous local residents had varying reasons to attend the hall, and the manageress had a friendly rapport with all of them.

She is obviously a popular and respected key community member.

Recently the Elsing Estate has become one of Safer Estates priority patrol areas.

This is mainly due to youths congregating on KEMPE ROAD, EN1. They tend to loiter on a village green like area flanked on one side by a parade of shops and KEMPE HALL on the other.

The majority of the youths are unknown to officers and when spoken too politely engage in conversation. However amongst them are known GMG members, who noticeably stand out from the others by their surly countenance.

As the Manageress and KEMPE HALL are such an integral part of the community the SAFER ESTATES arranged the meeting as means of introduction.

We were informed that the hall can be hired by its members for varying functions.

We were also informed that the local youths were allowed to use the hall as a youth club. Wednesday - 1800hours to 2200hours.

The Manageress told us that she has not encountered any problems with the youths who attend.

We did, however, warn her that the group who attend the youth club could consist of gang members and that if she should have, at a later date, any concerns, to notify SAFER ESTATES. We also recommended the use of a knife arch at one of these meetings.

The Manageress seemed keen to liaise and work with SAFER ESTATES in resolving any issues that could occur at the youth club.

Also present at this meeting was the following MALE -

Simon CORDELL

dob 26/01/1981

MALE

IC3

F510

Address unknown.

Mr CORDELL has in the past, been known to police. He appeared to be there in an advisory capacity, and when we made delicate enquiries as to why Mr CORDELL was there we were informed by the Manageress that "he is helping us".

Mr CORDELL had an entrepreneurial persona with his brief case and lap top. He spoke of his events Management Company called "TOO SMOOTH" and presented a thick catalogue consisting of all manner of to hire equipment for the purposes of holding outdoor events - speakers, canopies, band stands etc.

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