

ISR REPORT 1502-0437

15/02/12

Grange Vets, Victoria Road, Darlington

21.32

Caller reporting that there are eight youths keep attending the property and climbing the fence, trying to get into the premises. Caller states that the youths have been there on and off for the past 30 minutes.

Unknown who the youths are, but believed that the youths are drunk as there is a night-club around the corner and believed they are from there.

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McDonalds, Northgate, Darlington

Caller: [REDACTED]

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Caller would like assistance at the above location, there are 50- 60 youths congregating outside of the premises. They are queuing to be served , but there are only three members of staff on and they cannot cope with the numbers of persons present.

This incident is part of ongoing disturbance in the town centre (approx 600 youths).

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DURHAM CONSTABULARY	Form MG11(T) <small>(amended June 04)</small>
Witness Statement	
<small>(CJ Act 1967, s.9 MC Act 1980, ss 5A (3)(a) and 5B, MC Rules 1981, r70)</small>	
URN 	
<p>Statement of [REDACTED]</p> <p>Age if under 18 0/18 <small>(if over 18 insert 'over 18')</small>. Occupation: [REDACTED]</p> <p>This statement (consisting of 4 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.</p> <p>Signature: [REDACTED] Date: 18th February 2012</p> <p>Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded <input type="checkbox"/> (supply details on rear)</p> <p>On the evening of Wednesday 15th February 2012, my daughter [REDACTED] aged 15 years left the house to go to a friend's house in order to attend what she said was a birthday party at The Grange in Darlington. I believed because she had been to a birthday party at the same venue a few weeks previously, that it was safe and alcohol-free, and I assumed like the last time, adults would be present.</p> <p>She left at 3.30 p.m. At approximately 8.15 p.m. on that night, I got a call from the police, saying that our daughter [REDACTED] was in the police vehicle, and she was intoxicated. I was directed to meet the police in Darlington town centre. When I got to Grange Road, I was directed to a police van, where I saw [REDACTED] sitting in the van, being supported by a police officer. I was shocked to see that [REDACTED] was obviously extremely drunk. She seemed to be past drunk, her eyes were rolling and she seemed to be not conscious. I was very concerned. She was not speaking at all. She was so ill that I instantly thought I would take her to hospital. The police told me that they had already called an ambulance, but it would be 26 minutes.</p> <p>I put [REDACTED] in my car with the help of an officer. My wife had gone into the Grange pub, not realising that I had already found [REDACTED]. She was looking for her. When my wife came back and saw [REDACTED] she was really shocked, and we took [REDACTED] to Darlington Memorial Hospital, where staff there put her on a drip and induced vomiting. I stayed in Darlington with [REDACTED] until 4 a.m. the next morning, when she was allowed home. I am truly horrified that this event was allowed to take place without anyone knowing what was actually going to take place. We wrongly assumed that it was a controlled alcohol-free event like the previous birthday party for [REDACTED] who is a sixth-former at Carmel School.</p> <p>What we saw was a huge crowd outside The Grange. They were all drunk and it was unorganised and chaotic. It was what it was, a load of kids in the town centre, drunk. I later heard that there was a wristband system: green if you were over 18, and red if you were under 18, so there were people inside the venue, actually buying alcohol for these youngsters. I feel strongly that this disgraceful event was not controlled or organised by any adults at all, and it was left in the hands of a young boy.</p> <p>How did nobody realise what was going on? Someone could have been really hurt. I was so worried about the condition of my daughter that I thought and feared that her life was in danger. I have never seen my daughter or for that matter</p> <p>Signature: [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by: [REDACTED]</p>	
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any other child in that condition. My daughter had taken the drink from our house and she told us that all the other teenagers were expected to drink before attending the venue. My wife told me that she had spoken to the publican at The Grange when she went in, and he had told her that he expected that all the teenagers there were over 16 years old. He told her that the teenagers were smuggling drink into the venue inside their bras and stuff.

Firstly, I don't think that this was a properly organised event and that the venue itself was not fit for purpose. If the weather had been bad, how would all those outside have got in? What if there had been a fire? All the children were in my opinion in danger and totally unsupervised. In my opinion, the owner of The Grange was only interested in making money. My wife and I would like to see something positive come from this, and for this type of event or incident hopefully never being repeated. We understand that [REDACTED] is only 16 years old.

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Signature: [REDACTED]		Date: 29 th February 2012
Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded <input type="checkbox"/> (supply details on rear)		
I reside at the address overleaf and am in a relationship with [REDACTED]		
<p>On the evening of Wednesday 15th February, we attended Rockliffe Hall as we are both gym members. We left at approximately 9 p.m. that night and drove into Darlington as we wanted to buy a Chinese takeaway meal. As we approached the roundabout at the top of Victoria and Grange Road, I could see a large group of young people right across Grange Road, together with a police car blocking the entrance to Grange Road.</p> <p>[REDACTED] daughter, [REDACTED] who is 16 and a half years old, was attending a 16th birthday party [REDACTED] thought it was at The Grange Hotel, but when we saw the scale of the numbers, we decided to check. We parked to the rear of Durltona, and began to walk towards the alleyway between Beaumont Street and Grange Road. We saw clusters of males and females walking into Beaumont Street from the alleyway, including two young males I would estimate to be between 15-17 years. These males went to bushes on the opposite side of the car park outside the "Inside Out" night-club. We saw them pull what appeared to be a long cannabis "spliff", they were furtive.</p> <p>After a couple of minutes, we walked into the connecting alleyway from Beaumont Street into Grange. I noticed there was vomit on the floor and large number of people, all aged between 13-18 years. When we entered Grange Road, we were confronted with what I would describe as a throng of teenagers, many were stood, there was a lot of shouting. Some were running, I saw that there were a number of police officers at the top end of Grange Road at its junction with Victoria Road.</p> <p>There was an awful lot of things happening, due to the sheer numbers of youths. We spoke to a female friend in Grange Road before returning to the alleyway to watch in case [REDACTED] walked past. Whilst waiting, I can describe the following activities that I witnessed :children of both sexes with alcohol in their hands, both bottles and cans. I again would estimate this age-group to be between 13 and 17. I should state that this number was a minority, about three in total. I saw a male, aged about 15 to 17 years, making as if to take his shirt off and gesturing towards others as if trying to provoke someone into a fight. I saw a young female about 16 years wearing shorts, her hair was shoulder-length, outside "Elan", the female vomited in my sight.</p>		
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I also felt there were a number of intoxicated males and females aged between 13 to 17 years. I say this because they were unsteady on their feet, they were being held up by others. A number of others were also verbally abusive and generally rowdy.

At about 9.30 p.m., [REDACTED] passed by with her friends, walking towards Skinnergate with five friends. We acknowledged her and checked she was OK before returning a short while later to our car.

We then drove via Feethams to the Market Place, drove along Crown Street and into Priestgate before turning onto High Row. We saw [REDACTED] and her group outside Barclays Bank, they were OK so we decided to leave the town centre and travel up North Road for our own food. At about 9.40 p.m., we left the centre.

While we travelled from Beaumont Street via High Row, we saw a number of small groups of youths, but they were much more fragmented. This followed a police van having driven along Grange Road with its siren activated, which did seem to assist in moving people on along Grange Road.

In summary, I was aghast at the huge numbers of youths in the street, a small minority of whom were intoxicated and/or rowdy. It was my impression that something had gone wrong- many were expressing anger or frustration at being moved on by police. I was moved by my experience and my strong concerns to write a letter to the "Northern Echo".

Signature: [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by:

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