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Victoria Oliphant, Reporter / Wednesday 1 October 2014 / News

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A security guard found evidence of drug use after being called to investigate a late night rave.

The Metropolitan Police received complaints on Saturday night regarding a supposed rave coming from the area of Barnet Road in Arkley.

Noise began at around 11am and continued throughout the night.

It is believed that more than 500 young people were attending an illegal rave on land behind the petrol station, off Stirling Corner roundabout.

Security guard Dave Jordan, of Proforce Security, was called by a nearby landowner to

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investigate the noise – but left shortly after arriving at the site, fearing the large numbers of people could get out of control.



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He said: “The padlocks had been broken open, and they were using the old police station to graffiti and things.

100 to 600 people and, you leave it could do about

damage the next day, which he collected to hand over to the police.

People living nearby took to social media during the night to complain about the persistent noise, which continued until around 6am the following morning.

Sue Alford, a committee member of the Elstree and Borehamwood Residents Association, said the noise could be heard a mile away and feels not enough was done to stop the problem.

She said: “I could hear every word yelled by the MC over their PA system and words of every song, from half a kilometre away, for the entire six hours until 6am on Sunday morning.

"It was as loud as if someone was parked in our driveways with their car stereo turned right up.

Arkley home owner June Rapacholi added that the Shell petrol station was forced to close due to the disturbance and said she was worried that the party-goers could easily climb the walls into her neighbourhood.

She said: "If they can break a big padlock and get into that land, they can easily climb the walls into this estate. The whole thing was as loud as a Robbie Williams concert at Wembley, and absolutely nothing was done to stop it. It's a disgrace."

As no criminal offences had been alleged, police contacted the duty Environmental Health Officer at Barnet Council to inform them and the local Neighbourhood Policing Team are now in discussion with the owners of the land.

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david Burcombe wrote...

So no laws broken 600 people can make as much noise as they like to 6 am in the morning and residents have to suffer it. This seems daft to me

What do the police do? There's a new Police Station down the road closed to the public. At least a dozen vehicles unused. If that Rave was not breaking the law then I'm a monkey's uncle. Aren't the Police meant to be on the side of the law? Arrest the people who broke into the grounds, arrest the people dealing in drugs. Simple.

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World Cup Willie

9:32pm Fri 3 Oct 14

By the way, it started at 11 pm not am.

Score: 1

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james smyth

10:55pm Fri 3 Oct 14

Ha Ha Ha ! Big tufty security guard runs away and comes back when everyone has left ! So all your uniform that you wear to make you look official along with your car thats decorated to look like a police car really is pointless.

Interesting that ProForce 1 security is based at the same place that Met Pro was , until they employed accountants & a regd office in a different town, and the homes that used to display a met pro badge now display a pro force badge

Score: 6

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david Burcombe

8:09am Sat 4 Oct 14

One man can do little against 600 the met police who are responsible for this area should have utilised an army of police and security guards a couple of 100 at least. Is it that anarchy rules unabated Back to the middle ages before democracy and serfs rights were respected.

Interesting the Met police have not responded to this article.

Score: 2

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james smyth

11:03am Sat 4 Oct 14

But what actual criminal offence has been committed for the police to get involved?

The gathering was held yes on private land but trespass is a civil offence NOT a criminal one

The graffiti on the buildings has been there for years , and they are not building's but the derelict remains.

Access to the site is through the hedges , no need to smash padlocks.

I am surprised that a security firm are happy to be linked to this because what did the actually do?

They turned up and went away and came back the next day ! Not a very good advertisement.

They could of called in back up to clear the site and then if the trespassers refused to leave then the police will become involved.

Although from my understanding the actual landowner had not called the police or the security firm , it was an adjoining landowner, so just what was Dave Jordan of PROFORCE Security doing trespassing on Private land on two separate occasions and also Victoria Oliphant was also trespassing in order to report the story.

You can hardly slate the youth for doing things when your doing the same !!

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david Burcombe

12:07pm Sat 4 Oct 14

So they can make noise and get away with it

Score: -1

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james smyth

8:02pm Sat 4 Oct 14

Unfortunately yes, that is the case, it is a matter for Barnet council enforcement team, however due to cutbacks they haven't the resources.

The police dont have the resources to deal with it either even if it was within their jurisdiction.

The police are there for more important things than a load of people having a good time. As for the security's firm guy who was infact trespassing himself as he didnt have the landowners permission to be there claiming that there was 500 OR 600 people off their heads, how could he in any professional capacity come to that conclusion. Is he qualified to determine the state of anybody, especially in the dark?

The evidence of drug use that he collected , how did he come to the factual facts that this drug evidence was connected to the rave?

The old derilict buildings have for many years been a hangout for the homeless & others, so it could be evidence of drug use from previous visitors to the site.

More factual reporting rather than dramatic headline grabbing articles would be better in future.

Score: 6

[Report](#)**david Burcombe**

8:55am Sun 5 Oct 14

so the law is an **** so anybody can make as much noise as they like and nobody can do anything about it

Score: 1

[Report](#)**World Cup Willie**

2:50pm Mon 6 Oct 14

If people are causing a disturbance affecting then Police should deal with it. This so called 'Rave' caused distress and disturbance to hundreds of people. Instead of smashing up shops and businesses these people have smashed up peoples well being causing stress. It should be dealt with in the same way as physical assault. Mental torture, which is what this form of noise is to many people should be dealt with in the same way. Say I had a long drive ahead of me the next day, because I didn't get any sleep I may have been tired and caused an accident. I'm afraid it seems as if the Metropolitan Police are choosing to ignore this event because they can and can't be held to account. I've complained to them. If I don't get a response I'll invoke the ombudsman and my MP. More people should try and do something about it. Go on, don't just put up with it!

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[Report](#)**Neville Longbottom**

8:27pm Tue 7 Oct 14

david Burcombe, pipe down. You're doing my head in.

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