

LICENCED PREMISES INCIDENT REPORT
Submitting Officer

Shoulder No:	5787	Name:	Wheeler
Station:	Reading	LPA:	Reading

Incident References

Premises Name:	The Pheasant Inn	Location:	225 Southampton Street
Incident Date:	26/10/2020	Incident Time:	08:15 hours
Command & Control URN:	N/A	Crime Report(s):	N/A
CCTV Seized:	N/A		
Sources of Information:	Local resident		

Nature of Incident – what happened?

Thames Valley Police received an email providing evidence of the impact that action taken against The Pheasant Inn (by way of review) has had on a local member of the community.

The information contained within provides supportive evidence surrounding the issues at the pub, supports the rationale for review, and details the positive impact that has occurred as a result of the publicity surrounding this action.

The resident submitted this evidence via the police as they fear repercussions from individuals that attend the pub due to the nature of both the individuals and their previous interactions with them whereby they have received threats.

Email content as follows:

"I have read the article in the Reading Chronicle regarding The Pheasant Pub, I am a Whitley Street resident and remember many of the events/issues in the timeline.

With regards to the timeline, I remember the fight with the Travellers was particularly brutal, the Travellers ended up running into our garden to hide from the Police and threatened to smash our windows when we asked them to leave.

The article mentions a 20 person fight and I've definitely seen this occur on more than one occasion. Fights at The Pheasant have been commonplace and large groups/gangs of youth's gather there many of whom appear to be underage especially the younger girls. I suspect the landlord is serving underage which is probably why the pub has become so popular. It's unsettling to see so many young people over there crying, screaming, fighting and throwing up in the street, I'm a parent myself and some of these girls look as young as 14/15 which is very worrying.

Drug use is also definitely going on there, the place smells of cannabis when you walk by and there is blatant drug dealing going in and around the carpark with suspicious blacked out cars pulling in for brief stays throughout the evening 'serving' drugs to patrons from the pub, you see cars pull in and then someone will go to the car hand over something through the window, presumably money/drugs and then the car drives off.

Cars and mopeds are a constant problem throughout the evening, the pub is extremely busy and some of the younger patrons have mopeds and modified cars which they race up and down the one-way street doing stunts and showing off to the crowds gathered in the car park. The pub is so busy that the carpark and perimeter wall and pavement is often filled with young people loitering and smoking and shouting and fighting during the evening, which is intimidating for local residents and often they hang around shouting and arguing and throwing litter until 1am long after the pub has shut its doors for the night.

Over the Summer months this year the pub clearly must have been in breach of Health & Safety rules because there were hundreds of people packed into the building, even during period of social distancing.

One thing I witnessed which was missing from the timeline in the article was a night where the patrons were gathered in the carpark setting off fireworks, unfortunately I can't remember the date but it was very frightening because there was a group of underage youths setting off fireworks with absolutely no regard for safety, they were holding rockets in their hands, lighting them and holding them until they exploded, this went on for over an hour and the landlord did nothing to intervene, how none was seriously injured that night I'll never know.

From what I've seen it seems the landlord has very little regard for the safety of his patrons or the safety of the public and I'll be very glad to see this place closed down.

Since the article was published things have improved dramatically and our area has become peaceful again so I hope this continues."

Premises Response – what part did staff play? How did they react/assist? (include good/poor performance)

N/A

Police Response – what action was taken? Please identify the main officers who dealt with the incident

Submitted for the attention of the licensing sub-committee as further evidence which may be taken into account.

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Name	Date of Birth	Role	Action Taken	Ref No (e.g. Custody, PND etc)	Level of Intoxication (specify number 0 to 6)

LEVELS OF INTOXICATION

Level	Description	Observations
0	SOBRIETY	Has had less than one drink in an hour
1	EUPHORIA	Difficulty concentrating. Talkative. Lowered inhibitions.
2	EXCITEMENT	Senses are dulled. Poor coordination. Drowsy
3	CONFUSION	Exaggerated emotions. Difficulty walking. Blurred vision
4	STUPOR	Cannot stand or walk. Vomiting
5	COMA	Unconscious. Low body temperature
6	DEATH	Death as a result of respiratory arrest

- ***When complete, please forward to the Licensing Officer for the area (and anyone else as per local instructions)***
- ***This form is used in licensing meetings/hearings and therefore is a disclosable document.***
- ***Your opinion matters so please write in a professional manner.***