

Witness Statement

[Criminal Justice Act 1967 s 9 (as amended), Criminal Procedure Rules 2005 r 27.1 & 27.2, Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 s 5A & 5B, Magistrates' Court Rules 1981 r 70]

Statement of: [REDACTED]

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Occupation: [REDACTED]

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Dated: 18/10/16

Signed: [REDACTED]

I am [REDACTED] for The Market Hall, Shrewsbury, and have done so for approximately 11 years. In this time I have seen a definite increase in anti-social behaviour, urination, defecation, vomit, needles, etc. For needles it was always in the men's disabled toilets left in such a manner to deliberately harm people.

During the night it appears that people have been defecating, urinating and being sick as I have arrived for work and had to remove these things. There has definitely been an increase in this type of behaviour and we have still been cleaning up when traders and members of the public have been present.

We do have a constant problem at the 'undercroft' with homeless beggars being in the area asking for money. This had led to passing comments from members of the public telling us that there has been people begging.

It's hard to say if it is having an impact on trade or footfall but as I say people do comment.

I make this Statement as a true and accurate set of events.

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I [REDACTED] the Old Market Hall which has been here since about 13 years in January 2017. [REDACTED]

Over this period but particularly in 2005, 06, 07 we had suffered with homeless, street people would come in and use the toilets. They would often hang around outside but were often drunk and would urinate. Then a period of about 5 years with not much happening.

Following a period of maternity leave it seems to have increased again, they have been sleeping up the fire escape, alcohol and drugs evidence. There has been abuse and shouting at staff. We had a male who urinated right outside the doorway when a staff member was leaving. Up until a few months ago there was a person sleeping outside the plant/film room causing problems with delivery drivers. We have had a problem with cardboard outside the fire exit.

It is obvious that there is a smell of urination and there has been an obvious case of defecation. It does in my opinion affect members of the public who wish to attend the café and cinema.

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