

PRESS RELEASE

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NO ENTRY TO MICKLEHURST FOR MOSSLEY TROUBLEMAKER



Photo of Crellin available

Assaulting a woman and other criminal and antisocial behaviour by a Mossley man has attracted a prison term and an Anti Social Behaviour Order.

Stockport Magistrates Court heard that Stephen James Crellin, 20, of Staley Road in Mossley had intimidated local residents, and caused alarm and distress. In one instance, he had kicked a Mossley woman in the groin. His bad behaviour had straddled local authority boundaries as he was also found guilty of an assault on a Stockport man. Neighbours on Micklehurst had experienced threatening behaviour, harassment and damage to property. Although Crellin is not one of its tenants, New Charter Housing applied to ban him from the estate.

Crellin was found guilty on two charges of assault. As well as a custodial sentence, Stockport Magistrates granted New Charter the Anti Social Behaviour Order on 10th July 2003. The Order bans Crellin from the Micklehurst estate, and from engaging in antisocial behaviour throughout England and Wales.

Speaking after the Order was granted, Steve Hodson, Head of Neighbourhood at New Charter said “This is our third success in banning troublemakers from our communities. New Charter is not prepared to put up with such behaviour. Our residents deserve the support of the Courts and ourselves to live in their homes in peace, not fear. We will seek other banning orders this month”.

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Notes for Editors

1. The Anti Social Behaviour Order (ASBO) was made at Stockport Magistrates Court. Crellin had cases potentially in front of both Tameside and Stockport Magistrates, so all cases were heard at Stockport.
2. Breach of a full ASBO is a criminal offence. For Crellin this could result in a maximum 5 years in jail.
3. The ASBO orders that Stephen Crellin is prohibited from:
 - i) Entering the Micklehurst estate, Mossley this being the area within the outline on the attached plan, with the exception of travelling by public transport along Station Road on condition that he neither boards nor alights within the area outlined.
 - ii) Using or engaging in abusive, insulting, offensive, threatening or intimidating language or behaviour in any public place in England and Wales.
 - iii) Engaging in, or inciting or encouraging any other person to engage in, any anti-social or criminal behaviour in any public place in England and Wales.

- iv) Associating with Kevin Damien Barrett, Lee Andrew Malaney and Matthew James Sutton.
 - v) For the avoidance of doubt, the defendant is able to travel along Micklehurst Road, Huddersfield Road and King Street.
4. A leaflet is to be delivered to all residents on the Micklehurst Estate to advise them of the ASBO and its terms so they can assist in reporting breaches [if any].
 5. New Charter formed in 1999 as the new landlords to own and manage nearly 16,400 properties transferred from Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council in Greater Manchester. Until September 2000, it was Britain's biggest Large-Scale Voluntary Transfer (LSVT). With a turnover of £49 million a year and a workforce of 800, New Charter is one of the twenty largest Registered Social Landlords (RSL's), and is regulated by The Housing Corporation, a Government watchdog.
 6. Until December 2002, only Local Authorities could apply for ASBO's. The Government has now widened powers for others to bring actions before the Courts.

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