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Party mum jailed for 8 months

A mother whose love of parties made her neighbours' lives a misery has been jailed for eight months.

Lynsey Pearson of North Avenue, Stalybridge was already the subject of an Injunction Order from 21st February, but continued to have a hectic social life in clear breach of the Order. Over three consecutive nights from St Patrick's Day, her home was the focus of bedlam, and Tameside County Court heard evidence of her party lifestyle.

Incidents witnessed by New Charter's tenancy enforcement team as well as neighbours included Pearson playing loud dance music, visitors at her home causing disturbance, arguments, fighting including the use of violence, and use of abusive and threatening behaviour fuelled by consumption of alcohol. Pearson also used intimidating and threatening behaviour directed at neighbours who complained.

New Charter applied to extend the Injunction Order and sought a prison sentence because of these breaches. District Judge Osborne was satisfied with the evidence presented the Injunction Order with a Power of Arrest should be extended to 2nd April 2008.

He was further satisfied the defendant had been served with the application for committal and was in breach of the Injunction. He said Pearson had shown a complete disregard for the Court Orders, and felt incidents had got worse, with behaviour continuing through the nights and interfering with the peace and comfort of the residents.

Pearson chose not to attend, but the judge said she had no right to scupper proceedings. In light of legal expenses and Court time allocated, he decided to proceed in her absence.

He said: "I conclude that, in view of the gross contempt, the defendant receive an immediate imprisonment which would serve as a relief for residents. I sentence the defendant to 8 months imprisonment immediately after finding the matters brought before me proved."

The judge expressed concern about the welfare of Pearson's 6 year-old son, but the court was satisfied he would be cared for by relatives.



A warrant was executed for Pearson's arrest and she is now in HMP Styal.

New Charter's Director of Tenancy Services Tony Powell said: "Pearson rejected all other attempts we made to curb her behaviour. But the matter does not end with the jail term. Pearson was already subject to a Suspended Possession Order, and we continue with action to end her tenancy."

NOTES FOR EDITORS

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2. Lynsey Jane Pearson of 15 North Avenue, Stalybridge, date of birth 16.10.1975.
3. Pearson was subject to an Injunction Order with an Anti-Social Behaviour Injunction Power of Arrest dated 21st February 2007. The terms of the Injunction Order prohibited the Defendant from:
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 2. Using abusive, insulting or threatening language or behaviour towards any such person within the locality of North Avenue, Stalybridge.
 3. Engaging in conduct which consists of or includes the use or threatened use of violence.
 4. Engaging in conduct which places any person with a right to reside, occupy or any other person with a legal right to be in the locality of North Avenue, Stalybridge in significant risk of harm.
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