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Hi-tech banking comes to town

● Nationwide moves in after others leave clients in lurch

NATIONWIDE will be opening a branch in the town of Glastonbury offering a hi-tech banking service for its customers.
The company said that the bank branch would combine the

best of two technologies created with the very best of the bank's services. Banked by staff who will be on hand to provide advice and support to its customers.
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Keith Brown's blog

What is community organising?



27 March 2018

Nationwide Community Organiser pilot introduction

Hello! My name is Keith Brown. I am the Community Organiser for Nationwide Building Society. I am the first qualified community organiser hired to work as an organiser in a local community.

Employing a community organiser is a small part of a larger pilot initiative, the housing development on the [Oakfield Campus](#) in Swindon.

About the author



Keith Brown is the community organiser for Nationwide. He has been working in organising for 6 years. Keith hails from Baltimore, Maryland, USA, and he's been told he has an accent, but he doesn't believe it.



Part of Glastonbury High Street cordoned off as woman assaulted

A section of Glastonbury High Street has been cordoned off after a woman was assaulted. St John's Church was taped off by police after the woman, who...

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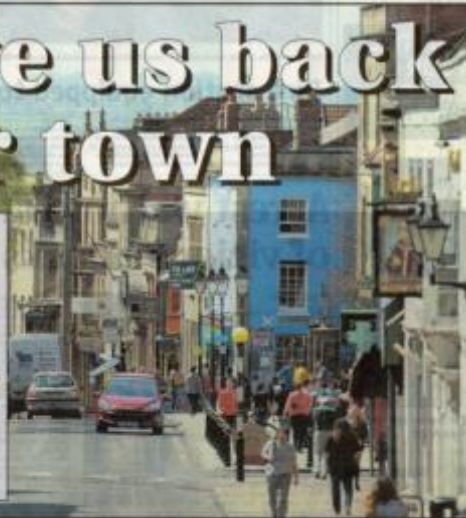
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Vicar and
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Vicar: 'This is worst I have known the High Street to be'

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A GLASTONBURY vicar who says disorder is at its worst level for eight years is calling on authorities to ban alcohol from his churchyard.

The Rev David MacGeoch, the vicar at St John's Church, has said the church had to close its doors to the public earlier this year as volunteers felt intimidated.

His comments come after a woman was arrested on suspicion of attempted murder following a serious assault in the High Street.

The incident has thrown the spotlight onto long-running concerns about people drinking and anti-social behaviour in Glastonbury High Street.

He said: "The summer this year has certainly seen a lot more trouble."

"I have been a vicar here for eight years and this is the worst I have known the High Street to be."

"There's a lot more tension

and there's a lot more drink and drugs within the High Street."

Mr MacGeoch said the worst spots in the town were the Market Cross, the church yard and on the High Street outside the church by the benches.

"There is great concern," he said. "We have our church open every single day by volunteers from our local community and some for the first time felt very intimidated."

"We have had to close early some days over the summer because our volunteers' safety is paramount. If volunteers feel intimidated they close up."

He revealed he has considered closing the churchyard.

"I don't want to close the gates during the day," he said. "But it is a fine line."

Mr MacGeoch thinks the problem has increased due to a lack of police presence in the town but is also calling on Mendip District Council to ban the church yard into a designated no alcohol zone.

St John's church yard is owned by the council - which

has the power to enforce a no alcohol zone which would give police the right to arrest anyone seen with alcohol on the green.

"There was a time where PCSOs were seen walking up and down the High Street and that makes a difference," said Mr MacGeoch, who is also a governor of St John's and St Ben's schools.

"I know a lack of resources means we are low priority but police presence in some shape or form makes a difference."

"I think the police need to be more proactive than they have been for most of the summer. I think there needs to be more presence of law and the law needs to be looked at to see how people can be moved on or dispersed."

"But I don't just point my finger at the police. It's a much deeper problem."

"We have been knocking on Mendip's doors for years saying it needs to do more on this but we have had very little response. The council needs to be more proactive."

"We want to make this a completely alcohol free zone



The Rev David MacGeoch, the vicar at St John's Church

but we can't do that. Mendip can. I think collectively as a community we need to do something about it."

A spokeswoman for Mendip District Council said: "St John's church yard falls under the alcohol restriction order in Glastonbury giving police the power to confiscate alcohol and act accordingly when they witness persons causing anti-social behaviour through alcohol consumption within an open public space."

"We are currently looking to replace alcohol restriction zones with Public Space Protection Orders which will widen these restriction zones while continuing to give the police powers to act if people cause anti-social behaviour problems."

"This location, and others, have also been discussed as part of a partner agency intervention approach in order to seek a long term solution under our Shape Mendip Neighbourhoods enforcement action."

Mayor calls for more visible police presence

THE Mayor of Glastonbury is urging the police to up their presence in the town centre to reduce antisocial behaviour among street drinkers.

Residents and civic leaders have raised concerns over the past few months about people congregating in the town and drinking in the street.

In July, civic leaders urged police to take more action before there was a vigilante response from residents.

But now Councillor Jon Cousins, who is mayor of the town, has said he is meeting with police in an attempt to up the force's presence.

"We are not a special case in Glastonbury, antisocial behaviour is a thing lots of communities are experiencing," said Mr Cousins.

"It's just when it is happening in your neck of the woods it feels like an important thing."

"What I think, and I think most people would agree, is if it is continuous, and it does feel continuous, it really does start having a detrimental impact on the community."

"It's making people feel really miserable, unsafe and intimidated. There are a lot of people complaining about this. They have been complaining about it for months."

Mr Cousins organised a meeting with Inspector Mark Nicholson and Sergeant Matt Slade, of Avon and Somerset Constabulary, about what can be done to improve the issue.

He said part of the reason behind a lack of police presence is down to Government funding, so Mr Cousins has now organised a meeting with Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner Sue Mountstevens to address this.

"When we used to have police on the beat, people knew they couldn't behave like this but it doesn't appear that sort of policing is available anymore," said Mr Cousins.

"I am hoping to talk to Sue Mountstevens about the issue."

"We are a tourist town, I have witnessed tourists being abused, I have heard racist abuse in the street towards people of different ethnicities - it is a hate crime."

"What it comes down to is if we had a police officer walking up and down Glastonbury then this sort of behaviour would start to disappear."

Inspector Nicholson said the force was aware of the problems and working towards improving the situation.

"This summer we have seen an increase in antisocial behaviour among street drinkers in Glastonbury," he said.

"This could be down to a number of reasons including the fact that Glastonbury has a transient community and the recent warm weather."

"We will continue to work with the town council and our partner agencies in order to resolve the issue in the long term."

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