


**WITNESS STATEMENT**

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27. 2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

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Statement of: **Caroline WAYLAND**Age if under 18: **018** (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: **PCSO**

This statement (consisting of 2 page each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Signature: Date: **26/07/2019**Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded  (supply witness details on rear)

I have been a Police Community Support Officer for 13 years and I have been working in MAIDSTONE TOWN CENTRE for 9 years. I have come to deal with all sorts of incidents in the town from low level anti-social behaviour to major incidents.

The most common issues we face in the town centre is theft, beggars and street drinkers. We receive various reports from members of the public face to face and reports over the town centre radio about rowdy street drinkers.

We leave the police station on foot patrol and walk up GABRIELS HILL, heading into the town centre. I would say that it is common on a daily basis early mornings or afternoons to see street drinkers sat either on the benches located outside GALA BINGO or THE MALL really intoxicated. At first the interactions were pleasant and they would hand over the alcohol for us to throw away which generally is cider bottles, single cans of high strength. As

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the interactions became more and more the aggression levels would increase and certain times we would call for police assistance.

We would confiscate alcohol on a regular basis and they never seemed to care. They would go into whatever venue was nearby and would purchase more alcohol whilst drunk.

Due to this increase of anti-social behaviour a Public Spaces Protection Order was granted which was put in place to cover the town centre. Since this has been granted I would say I have given at least 100 verbal warnings and issued 18 Fixed Penalty Notices. 

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