# Glasgow shopkeeper faces surge in violent youth vandalism amid rising community concern



A shopkeeper in Glasgow, Usman Munir, has recently faced a distressing wave of vandalism and violence driven by local youth, causing him deep concern for the future of his two businesses. The incidents have escalated to a worrying level, with reports of teenagers, some as young as 12, engaging in destructive and intimidating behaviour.

Munir, the owner of Ruggie Boozers and Cheeky Moos on Rutherglen Main Street, revealed that the chaos unfolded when a gang of masked youths entered his off-licence shop on May 3. They were allegedly under the influence of alcohol and drugs and quickly became unruly—fighting with staff before being forcibly removed. Reflecting on the unsettling experiences, Munir shared, "The younger they get, the tougher they get, and the more ruthless. They were out of control."

The situation worsened as the following day saw a repeat of the violence, with another group causing significant damage and even throwing bottles at terrified employees. CCTV footage from Munir's shop captured the distressing scenes, depicting youths not only vandalising the premises but also shoplifting food items. "It started getting beyond a joke," Munir said, highlighting a pattern of behaviour that has left both him and his staff shaken.

While Munir estimates the damage to be around £10,000 to £12,000, he reflects on the emotional toll as well, stating, “A lot of my staff were left very shaken up, shocked and appalled. They are not used to this sort of violence.” The police have been contacted numerous times regarding these incidents, and action appears to be in motion, with a 15-year-old boy recently arrested in connection with the vandalism.

The rising incidents of youth violence and vandalism are not confined to Munir's experience. Residents in neighbouring areas, such as Barrhead in East Renfrewshire, have voiced their frustrations over similar troubling patterns of behaviour among young people. Instances of children throwing bricks at vehicles, leading to the cancellation of bus services, showcase a broader issue concerning community safety and the fear permeating local areas. In Barrhead, the violence has affected transport and triggered increased police patrols, as parents and residents alike have called for more accountability and support from families.

In the face of this troubling trend, some families have stepped forward to take responsibility for their children’s actions. Parents of teenagers involved in previous disturbances have apologised and sought to make amends for the damage caused. In a recent incident, one parent returned to a shop after their child stole items worth around £500 and left £50 as a gesture of goodwill. This response reflects a community trying to combat the negative patterns of youth behaviour, highlighting a collective desire to foster a safer environment.

Community support for small business owners like Munir has come in waves, with local residents rallying behind him. Such backing from the community is crucial as shops battle not just physical vandalism, but the emotional aftermath of constant threats to their operations. Local clergy and community figures have also spoken out, emphasising the need for collective action to safeguard local businesses from such challenges.

As Usman Munir contemplates installing internal shutters for added security in his shop, the hope remains that by shining a light on these troubling issues, both community support and law enforcement can mitigate the violence. The ever-present fear of youth-led chaos is a pressing concern for many, and addressing the root causes of such behaviour will require a concerted effort from parents, community leaders, and local authorities alike.

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