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## PARTIAL CLOSURE ORDER AFTER SERIES OF COMPLAINTS

# Nuisance tenant gets ban from having visitors

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A TENANT has been banned from having visitors after Basildon Council secured a partial closure order on their home.

Basildon Council was granted the order at Basildon Magistrates Court following constant complaints of anti-social behaviour from neighbours.

This now means only the tenant is allowed in the property.

The council took action following ongoing complaints from neighbours around loud

noises, drug-related activity, nuisance behaviour, and safeguarding concerns.

It said the order was granted last Tuesday after "ongoing reports of disruptive behaviour".

Kerry Smith, Independent Basildon councillor for law, order, and enforcement, said: "People should be able to live peacefully in their own homes without having to deal with disrespectful behaviour and people who really have no right in the property making the block unlivable for others."

"Our anti-social behaviour officers have worked with the

police and social services on what was a complex case and have over time offered and worked with family members to resolve the issues.

"If the order is breached then those who do so are likely to be arrested and it could also have consequences for the tenant as the council could apply for a possession of the property."

The closure order bars anyone except the tenant, a designated person, or anyone approved by the council from entering the property.

A partial closure order is a legal measure that restricts ac-

cess to the property or part of it, allowing the tenant to stay in the property but restricts access to others.

This action comes amid a Basildon Council crackdown on nuisance tenants across the borough.

Residents experiencing anti-social behaviour in Basildon borough are encouraged to report incidents via the council's website.

For more information, visit [basildon.gov.uk](http://basildon.gov.uk) and search for "report anti-social behaviour".

This will take you to a page where you can report any incidents.

## PUPILS FROM BILLERICAY SCHOOL TAKE PART IN MINI MARATHON



YOUNG runners from Billericay participated in the iconic London Marathon's mini race.

The TCS Mini London Marathon offers youngsters a unique chance to cross the London Marathon finish line and earn a medal.

School kids had the option to run, jog, walk or wheel a mile or 2.6k, depending on their age, in the heart of London, beginning at Horse Guards Parade and ending at The Mall.

Fifteen pupils, from Year 7 to 10 at Mayflower High School, in Billericay, were invited to participate, with one student placing third.

Year 10's Max Langshaw finished the race in nine minutes and 42 seconds, outperforming hundreds in the school's wave.

PE teacher Dave Close, a marathon finisher himself, said: "This is the first time we have taken students to take part in the Mini London Marathon."

"The London Marathon is a phenomenal event and to be able to take part in that at this age is such an honour for them."

"We hope by taking part now, it inspires them to potentially look into taking on the London Marathon in future."

■ Runners - Pupils from Mayflower High School at the Mini London Marathon

## Off-duty officer tackled machete suspect

AN off-duty officer who tackled a machete-wielding suspect in Southend has been honoured with a bravery award.

Det Con Phil O'Connell, of Essex Police, was given the Essex Police Federation 2025 Bravery Award for his actions on April 5, 2023.

On that day, a man was violently attacked in Southend and left with serious injuries.

Later, police received reports of

a man walking around Southend city centre with a machete.

DC O'Connell, who was off-duty at the time, saw a man who was acting suspiciously, discarding something in an alleyway, and then running off.

He joined a uniformed colleague in searching the area, despite having no personal protective equipment.

During the search, DC O'Connell

spotted the suspect and gave chase.

He eventually caught the suspect and restrained him until his colleague arrived to arrest the man on suspicion of possession of a bladed article in a public space.

He added: "I ran up behind him, because I had no equipment, I just sort of bear hugged him from behind and grabbed his arms to keep him under control, and it was just blood all over his hands."

The evidence provided by DC O'Connell, along with the investigation team's findings, led to the suspect being charged and remanded in custody for offences of Section 18, wounding with intent, and possession of a bladed article in a public space.

He was one of four men charged and remanded in custody for offences connected with this incident.