

Emails from Graeme Wilson – Church of Scientology.**From:** Graeme Wilson <xxxxxxx>**Sent:** 07 October 2024 11:08**To:** Lucy Corrie <xxxxxxx>**Cc:** xxxxxxx**Subject:** IAS Event 2024

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Dear Ms Corrie,

I am writing to you further to the email below sent by a Mr [REDACTED]

In his email Mr [REDACTED] purports to be seeking to agree arrangements for a protest to take place outside of the Church of Scientology. I will not be communicating with Mr [REDACTED] directly, as he is an anti-Scientology propagandist who has previously indicated that he has two aims: Firstly, to make a living from pushing an anti-Scientology message, and secondly to destroy the religion. Even the email that he has written quite clearly has as its primary purpose to harass the church, and also to provide material for his constant need to generate an anti-Scientology output in order to achieve his first aim.

By way of background: Mr [REDACTED] briefly joined the church over a decade ago, and was thrown out. He has a significant problem with being honest. Last year, for example, he claimed to have obtained the permission to close Saint Hill Road, which, as you will know, was not true. He also asserted that he would do nothing to try to disrupt the Church's event, and then proceeded to do precisely that. At one point he even videoed himself shouting at the top of his voice trying to disrupt the outdoor opening of a new building which took place during the weekend.

His claims to not want to harass or abuse visitors to the event were also a complete lie. In reality, he videoed and live-streamed on the internet all of the activities. This included breaching privacy, as they sought out individual visitors to harass and abuse and broadcast on the Internet. Some of these visitors were with their children. He also organised a chant calling for the eradication of the Scientology religion. In other words, he and his cohorts were guilty of pure hate speech.

In terms of arrangements for the protest, last year the police had allocated an area a short distance from the entrance, where the protestors could stand next to the road and be visible to people visiting the event. They would be able to stand there safely without harassing or abusing visitors, and, in particular, without putting the safety of visitors (or themselves) at risk. The Council even provided safety barriers.

However, Mr [REDACTED] ignored the police's request to stand there, and insisted on standing near the entrance, where he and his cohorts proceeded to harass and abuse any visitors arriving, thus causing anyone arriving on foot to have to walk along the road itself in order to avoid being harangued and videoed. This was extremely dangerous. As a result of Mr [REDACTED]'s actions with his cohorts, there was a considerable backup of traffic which extended all the way into East Grinstead.

It was as a result of this experience that the Church and our neighbours asked the Mid-Sussex to create a Public Spaces Protection Order - so that people can arrive at the event safely, and that visitors would not be subject to harassment, hate speech and abuse.

You will note that the requested order would not prevent Mr [REDACTED] and his cohorts from protesting in the area where the police had indicated he should have done so last year.

Accordingly, if Mr [REDACTED] wishes to repeat his so-called protest, then he should make arrangements only to stand in that area.

Yours sincerely,

Graeme Wilson

----- Forwarded Message -----

From "[REDACTED]" <xxxxxx>

To xxxxxx

Cc xxxxx; "Lucy Corrie" <xxxxxx>
Date 03/10/2024, 11:21:16
Subject IAS Event 2024

Dear [REDACTED]

As with last year, we want to ensure our protest does not cause any disruption to your event. We want this to be a peaceful demonstration on the public highway and are keen to ensure our plans take your arrangements for the day in to account and minimise potential for disruption for your attendees.

Last time I called your office, I was hung up on as soon as I said my name so I thought an email was the next best way to contact you.

I have some questions for you to help me better understand your plans for this year's IAS event.

If you could get back to me as soon as possible, as it would allow us time to adjust our plans if necessary.

When is the IAS event taking place this year?

How many guests are you expecting? Last year, the Police and local authorities were told 6,000 attendees however the legal capacity of your temporary marquee is only around 3,000.

What time does the event start & finish?

What time are the majority of guests expected to arrive?

Which entrance will the majority of visitors be using? Stables?

Will VIPs be using a separate entrance, and if so what time are they expected to arrive? I understand they may use a separate gate?

Will your guests arriving by vehicle be arriving from Saint Hill Green, or Turners Hill Road?

Please could you also provide a mobile number for the appropriate security personnel? Last year, we established a positive relationship with your security team, who told us thanks to our approach we were able to ensure our protest did not impact your event. I am keen to establish a point of contact should we need to communicate on the day.

I look forward to hearing back from you, and please don't hesitate to give me a call on [REDACTED] if you would like to discuss our protest plans further.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

From: Graeme Wilson <xxxxxxx>
Sent: 23 October 2024 10:04
To: Lucy Corrie <xxxxxxxx>; [REDACTED] <xxxxxxx>
Subject: Re: IAS Event 2024

Dear Ms Corrie,

I note Mr [REDACTED]'s further email dated 14 October 2024.

It is regrettable that he continues to be dishonest and disingenuous.

In relation to his motivations, he has several times publicly stated that he is trying to make a living from his anti-Scientology agenda, and he continually seeks to destroy the religion and harass its members in any way he can. His often repeated chant at his protests, including in particular at last year's IAS event, is "Scientology has to go".

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I am also aware of his repeated lie saying he was locked in a room at our London Church over a decade ago, when he was trying to be a staff member there. In fact, all of the rooms at the London Church can be opened from the inside, even if locked from the outside. It is simply a lie, which he has embroidered, as he embroidered much else, to further his career as an anti-Scientology propagandist.

Last year he also said that his intention was not to disrupt the event. However, you will note that he does not deny screaming at the top of his voice to try to disrupt the outdoor opening of a new building which took place during the weekend. Or videoing and live-streaming himself doing so.

Nor does he deny videoing and live-streaming on the internet all the activities, including seeking out individual visitors to harass and broadcast on the internet. Some of these visitors were with their children. This was an extreme form harassment, taking place directly in front of a recognised place of worship. Nor does he deny organising a chant calling for the eradication of the Scientology religion. You will have seen all of this yourself if you look at the video.

He and his cohorts were guilty of pure hate speech. The fact that he pretends not to see that simply speaks to his fanaticism.

If he and his colleagues seriously want to cause no disruption to the event and to not harass anyone they should:

1. Remain in the space designated by the police for their vigil.
2. Not harass, or do anything to cause alarm or distress to, visitors to the event, including by:
 - a. Videoing, live-streaming or photographing any of them;
 - b. Calling out to or otherwise interfering with them
 - c. Chanting abusive language in their presence, such as that "Scientology has to go"
 - d. Getting in their way
 - e. Engaging in hate speech

That would be the minimum one should expect if he really were genuine.

Yours sincerely,

Graeme

----- Original Message -----

From "Lucy Corrie" <xxxxxx>

To "Dera Mr [REDACTED]" <xxxxxx>; "Graeme Wilson" <xxxxxx>

Cc "Dera Mr [REDACTED]" <xxxxxx>

Date 15/10/2024, 11:50:59

Subject RE: IAS Event 2024

Dera Mr [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email. It is noted.

Kind Regards,

Lucy

Lucy Corrie
Assistant Director – Communities
Mid Sussex District Council

www.midsussex.gov.uk

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From: [REDACTED] <XXXXX>
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2024 11:02 AM
To: Graeme Wilson <XXXXX>; Lucy Corrie <XXXXX>
Cc: [REDACTED] <XXXXX>
Subject: Re: IAS Event 2024

Dear Ms. Corrie,

Thank you for your patience. Please see my response to Mr. Wilson's allegations below:

I contacted Mr. Wilson in good faith with the view to understanding Scientology's plans for this year's event so we can make appropriate arrangements as protestors to ensure our demonstration causes minimal disruption.

We are not protesting Scientology's beliefs, but are calling for an end to the abuse that is prevalent throughout the organisation. Our main priority is reaching Scientologists with a positive message of hope, that there is a community of people and resources available to support them should they decide to leave. Last year, we approached our demonstration with kindness and compassion and will continue to do so this year.

My goal is not to, as Mr. Wilson suggests, "make a living from pushing an anti-Scientology message" or to "destroy the religion".. but rather to raise awareness of the increasing number of parishioners who claim they were abused, trafficked and harassed by the Church. Following my own experience of being held against my will as a teenager at Scientology's London Org, I want to support and advocate for victims of abuse irrespective of their status with the Church or religious beliefs.

With regard to last year's protest, I have attached the email correspondence I had with Mid Sussex District Council which confirms my application for a temporary road closure was approved under the TPCA. After liaising with Sussex Police and hearing concerns about the potential impact of the road closure on the local community, we decided not to enforce the road closure and instead were escorted down Saint Hill Road by Police vehicles. This allowed us to march in the road whilst keeping traffic disruption to a minimum. We paused briefly at two points between Turners Hill Road and Saint Hill in order to let traffic pass and received positive feedback from the Police that this approach did not create any significant delays to road users.

On arrival at Saint Hill, protestors were directed to a cordoned-off area on the verge outside Rockwood Park, a considerable distance from the Scientology property. I advised the Police that although the majority of residents were Scientologists and therefore likely to be attending the event, the proximity to a private residential property meant our demonstration was much more likely to cause disruption to residents. I walked with an officer down to an area just south of the main gates of Saint Hill and we agreed that it was much more suitable due to the distance from residential property, proximity to the entrance and larger area for protestors to congregate.

Scientology had erected hoarding along the pavement and placed plant pots, tables and signs along the public right of way, and a number of vehicles had been parked on the verge which restricted access to their property. As a result, attendees to Scientology's event were forced to walk in the road to avoid the obstructions and I voiced concerns for their safety to the police on the day.

A fence and hedgerow has also been installed on public land directly opposite the entrance to Saint Hill, which Scientology use to affix a large banner along the side of the road for the event. In previous years, this area had been used by protestors and I understand the Highways Authority have ordered it be removed before this year's event; which would allow us to gather on the opposite side of the road to the property.

We remained on the verge and Police were present for the entire duration of the protest. No arrests or police cautions were made and I was advised by law enforcement that none of our actions could be considered harassment, discrimination or bigotry.

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Our engagement with event attendees was positive and we complimented them on their outfits, told them we care about them and offered the contact details for the Aftermath Foundation, a non-profit organisation that provides resources and support for those starting new lives after leaving Scientology. Police present across all three days did not raise any concerns with us about allegations of harassment, hate speech or discrimination. We did not call for the "eradication of the Scientology religion", but were chanting 'the abuse has to stop' but were often drowned out by unreasonably loud music Scientology were playing over loudspeakers placed along the road and cars parked next to protestors.

As Mr. Wilson points out, there was significant impact on traffic in the local area on the Friday however this was due to the thousands of vehicles arriving at Saint Hill for the event and a lack of traffic management in place to assist access to the site. Our small gathering on the verge next to the road did not limit access to the property and was not a factor in the congestion caused by Scientology's event.

I am more than happy to negotiate an agreeable plan to minimise disruption to Scientology's event, however the location Mr. Wilson is suggesting would have a greater impact on local residents. If the Church does not place obstructions along the public right of way, access to their site would be significantly easier and safer for all.

- Appendix 01 - Communication with MSDC confirming last year's road closure
- Appendix 02 - Grass verge indicating location of the demonstration
- Appendix 03 - Plant pots and hoarding erected along the public highway last year
- Appendix 04 - Vehicles, plant pots and signage obstructing public right of way last year
- Appendix 05 - Grass verge prior to fence and hedgerow installation (2011)
- Appendix 06 - Hedgerow and fencing erected along the highway (2024)
- Appendix 07 - Property boundaries indicated by previous Saint Hill planning application

Kind regards,





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RE: TPCA Order Request 3rd November

To: [REDACTED]

27 October 2023 at 11:56

2pm – 8pm, Friday 3rd November 2023, Confirmed [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 27 October 2023 10:57
To: bookings <bookings@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: TPCA Order Request 3rd November

Hi [REDACTED] that's great news thank you very much. Can you confirm the times of the road closure, please?

And just to confirm this is for the 3rd November - next Friday?

Many thanks and kind regards

[REDACTED]
LinkedIn: [https://uk.linkedin.com/in/\[REDACTED\]](https://uk.linkedin.com/in/[REDACTED])

On 27 Oct 2023, at 10:55, bookings <bookings@midsussex.gov.uk> wrote:

Thanks [REDACTED]

Saint Hill Road will be closed

Your details have been forwarded to Sussex Police who will contact you accordingly

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 October 2023 10:56
To: bookings <bookings@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: TPCA Order Request 3rd November

Hi [REDACTED] I haven't heard back from you regarding my application for the closure of Saint Hill Road next week. Please could you provide an update on the process of the application and whether it will be possible to temporarily close the road for our march?

Many thanks

[REDACTED]
LinkedIn: [REDACTED]

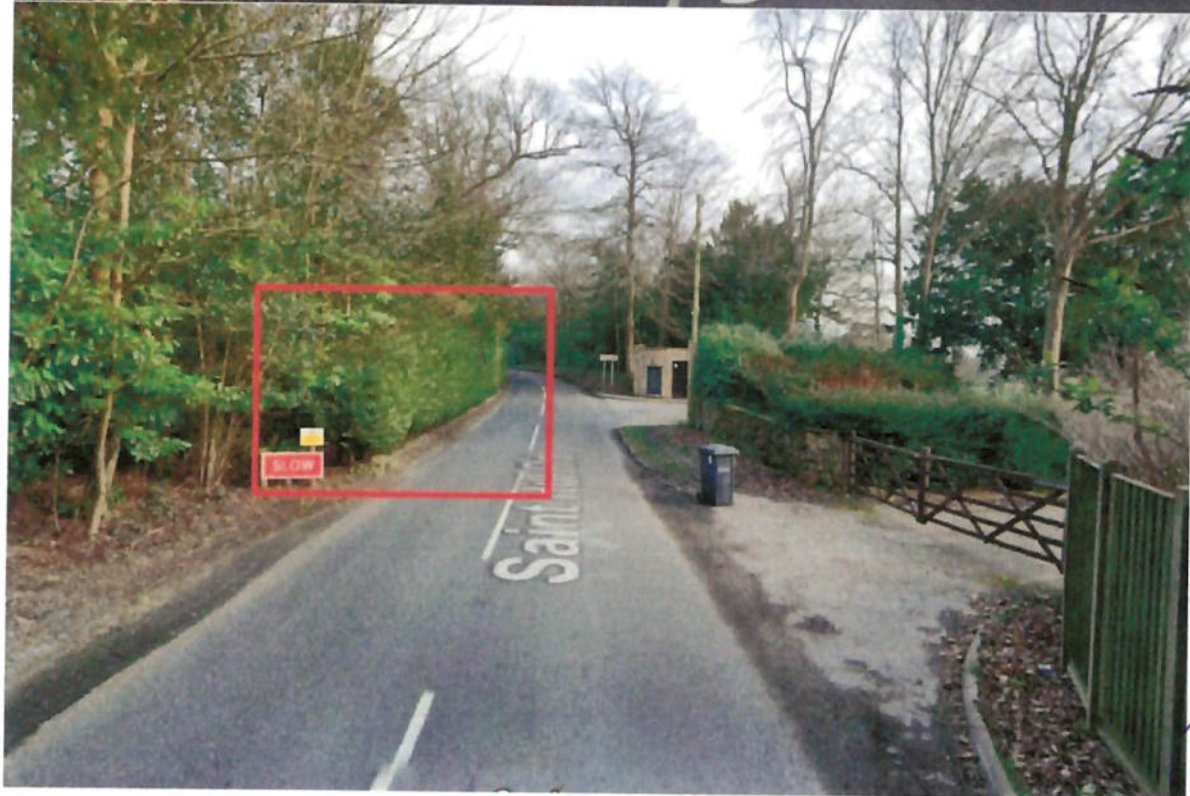


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On 7 Oct 2024, at 16:16, [REDACTED] <xxxxxxx> wrote:

Dear Mr. Wilson and Ms. Corrie,

This is to acknowledge receipt of the below email from Mr Wilson. I will respond by close of business on Tuesday 15th October and have copied in my lawyer, Mr. [REDACTED]

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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