

Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa, Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh

Dear Colleagues

As the Community Safety Committee of Sikh Council UK we are currently undertaking research into a number of community safety issues that are affecting the Sikh Community across UK. As you may be aware there are numerous rumors, texts, e-mails and press reports circulating in relation to the following:

- Grab and run of jewellery, handbags etc in areas with high Sikh population and businesses.
- Theft and breaking into Gurdwaras- this has included theft of golaks, breaking into safes and stealing of expensive shoes etc.
- Attacks on Gurmat /Sikhi camps by local yobs
- Attacks on Gurdwara premises such as the recent ones relating to riots
- Attacks on individuals
- Grooming / blackmailing for exploitation
- Grooming for conversion
- Attacks on Sikh businesses or homes.

We are in process of gathering data from the crime statistics. However, we are also keen to hear of individual cases direct from the community.

This data will assist in preparing the Community Safety Strategy to respond effectively to situations. The data will also allow for discussions to take place with relevant enforcement authorities particularly as it is becoming increasingly apparent the extent to which the Gurdwaras are vulnerable to attack. It is vital that Sikhs develop resilience and link into local and national strategies.

If you have any information or anecdotal examples or access to statistics or press reports please contact us by e-mail or phone.

Please feel free to pass this on to anyone else that may be able to assist.

We thank you in advance for your support and contribution to this project as we look forward to hearing from you

Regards

Community Safety Committee

