

Far Right graffiti and stickers

Introduction

South Gloucestershire is generally a safe place to live and work, and the Safer and Stronger Communities Strategic Partnership works to ensure that this continues.

The council works closely with the local police, other partners and communities to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour and make communities even stronger.

As part of our work, we are dedicated to challenging, combating and eradicating hate crime and hate incidents. Our senior managers and members are committed to doing all we can as a council to counter hate crime in whatever guise.

Disclaimer and warning

This document contains images of Extreme Right Wing related symbols, acronyms, and numbers. These have been provided by Avon and Somerset Police for the purposes of raising awareness and to encourage reporting to the police where necessary. None of the views or images contained or discussed within this document are supported by South Gloucestershire Council, Avon and Somerset Police, or any of our partners.

What is the threat?

Following a rise in Islamist terrorist attacks in Europe, we have seen a national rise in Extreme Right Wing ideology.

There are numerous groups and their views vary, but may be anti-Muslim, anti-Semitic, neo-Nazi, ultra-nationalist, or white supremacist.

These groups operate both online, using social media and chat forums to recruit like-minded members, but also by 'marking' territory: by posting stickers on bus stops and lamp-posts or using graffiti to spread their messages and show that they should be taken seriously.

Groups can use symbols to intimidate individuals and communities. Hate symbols are more than just "signs" demonstrating racist, anti-Semitic, anti-Muslim or anti-Christian attitudes and beliefs - they are meant to instil a sense of fear and insecurity within a particular community.

What to look out for

National Action, NS131 and Scottish Dawn are all **proscribed terrorist groups**.

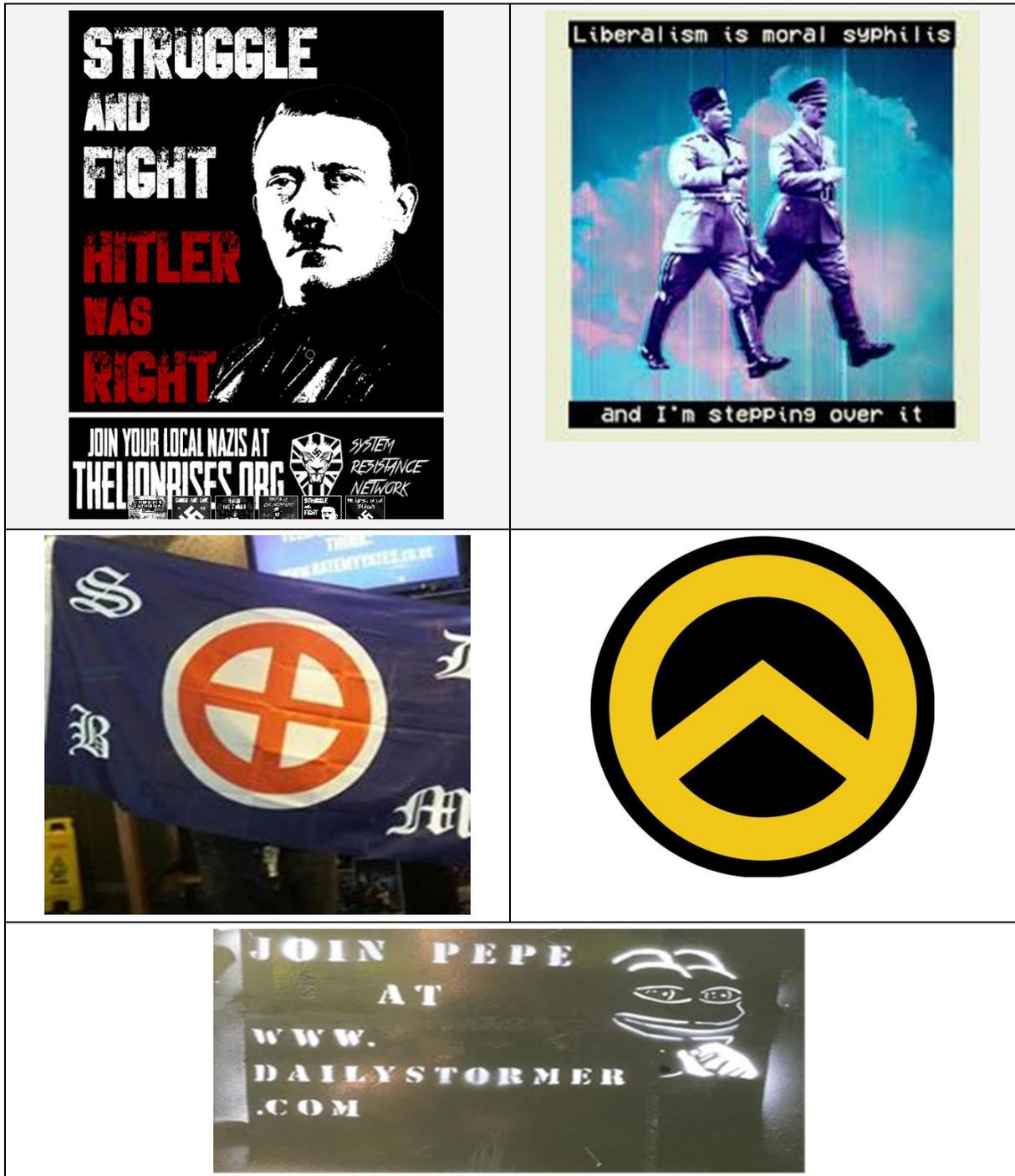
This means that membership, funding or support for these groups is a criminal offence.

If you see anything linked to these groups please call the police on 101 as soon as possible.





Other groups that are currently not proscribed may also use graffiti and stickers which contain similar message and images, groups such as: The Lion Rises, (Southern Division) British Movement, Generation Identity, and Dailystormer:



How should I respond?

If you see something that looks like the above, please report it. This is because groups like these can, and have, inspired 'Lone Actors' to commit serious crimes including violence and murder.

If the stickers or graffiti relate to **National Action**, **NS131** or **Scottish Dawn** (or if you think they might) a terrorism related crime may have been committed:

- Please call the police on 101. (they will want to know exactly where it is, and if you know when it was put there, a description or name of any suspects, are there any witnesses, if there is any equipment used to produce the picture/writing or poster nearby)
- Don't remove the display until police have agreed.
- Photograph it in situ
- If you are aware of CCTV covering the area please try to preserve it
- If there are paste brushes, buckets, glue, spray cans, stencils, pens etc. nearby please preserve these)

If they relate to **another far-right group** please contact police on 101 as a hate crime may still need investigating or useful intelligence gathered about support for extremist groups and community tension.