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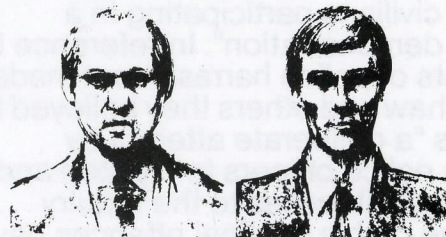
# **FACE THE TRUTH**

**This man –  
Steven Shaw**



**Was beaten unconscious, kicked, hit with a bottle and burned with a cigarette in a street in Longsight, Manchester.**

**He believes that the  
men who attacked him are –**



## **POLICE OFFICERS –**

**because they had previously detained him at Bootle Street  
Police Station in Manchester.**

## **PUBLIC MEETING**

**Tuesday 13th May, 8.00 p.m.  
at Manchester Students Union,  
Oxford Road, Manchester.**

**Speakers and discussion on  
police harrassment in Manchester  
and Broadwater Farm, London.**

## **DEMONSTRATION –**

**Saturday 24th May, 1.00 p.m. –  
assemble Whitworth Park on Oxford  
Road, Manchester, for march and  
rally in Albert Square.**

**Speakers invited, Viraj Mendis,  
Sam White,**

**Justice for Steven Shaw Campaign  
Broadwater Farm  
Manchester City Council  
National Union of Students  
Bold and Parkside N.U.M.**

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**JUSTICE FOR STEVEN SHAW AND  
VICTIMS OF POLICE HARRASSMENT**



# WE DEMAND JUSTICE

Steven Shaw was part of a demonstration against the visit of Leon Brittan to Manchester University on 1 March 1985, which was attacked and broken up by Manchester police. Following his involvement in the Defence Campaign and the Independent Inquiry into the events of that night, he was: mysteriously burgled, pulled-up for alleged speeding four times though never charged, and then held in Bootle Street police station for five hours of questioning during which he was strip-searched and assaulted, resulting in internal injury.

Complaints about police violence and harassment were investigated by Avon and Somerset police, but few students had any confidence in them, especially after their inquiry team handed over supposedly confidential statements, to Manchester police prosecution solicitors.

A Manchester City Council-sponsored Independent Inquiry concluded in November 1985 that there was "unacceptable use of force and abusive language by police officers . . . against innocent civilians participating in a peaceful demonstration". In reference to complaints of police harassment made by Steven Shaw and others they believed that there was "a deliberate attempt by unknown police officers to frighten and harass key witnesses to the Inquiry . . . in the course of this criminal offences have been committed by police officers."

This harassment is still going on. On 2nd February, Steve was attacked in a Manchester street by the same two men who had interrogated and assaulted him at Bootle Street last year. This time they broke his nose, stamped on his hands, hit him with a bottle and stubbed out cigarettes in his face. He has also received death threats

Despite accurate descriptions and long statements by Steve, Avon and Somerset police have not made any arrests, or even organised identity parades. It was Steve's own solicitor who released artist's impressions of the two men to the press. In March the Guardian reported extensively on the whole case, and the issue was debated in the House of Commons.

Many sections of British society will find Steve's allegations easy to believe. During the Miner's Strike whole communities were placed under siege, and sickening accounts of violence and intimidation during those months are well-documented. Right now in Wapping the local residents and sacked workers are complaining of similar treatment in the Print dispute.

Police harassment is a fact of life for the residents of Broadwater Farm in London. Only a week after the shooting of Cherry Groce, Cynthia Jarret died during a police raid and this led to a riot in which a policeman was killed. The police reprisals have been severe. Over 350 arrests have been made, often during dawn raids in which doors are smashed in and all the person's belongings confiscated. The arrest rate is still running at over 6 a week, even though half of those arrested have been released without charge.

Here in Manchester the experiences of Sam White and Jackie Berkeley reflect the kind of treatment that people in Moss Side have grown to expect from the police.

More and more groups are learning from experience, what police harassment and intimidation really means. Now is the time for all of us to unite, and demand Justice; for Steven Shaw and all victims of police harassment.

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**Join the Campaign NOW:** c/o M.U.S.U., Biko Building, Oxford Road, Manchester.  
Tel: 061-273 5111.

Organisations: £10    Waged: £2    Unwaged free.

I/we wish to join the campaign for Justice for Steven Shaw and victims of police harassment.

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