

OLDHAM 9 DEFENCE CAMPAIGN Bradford Support Group

PUBLIC MEETING:

3.00p.m. Sunday,
3rd Aug.

Saathi Centre
2, Hallfield Rd.
(off Lumb Lane)

On the 19th of July an anti-fascist rally was called in Oldham to protest against a proposed demonstration by the National Front. The Front had previously stated their intention to attack black areas within the town, and over the last few months attacks on mainly Asian families have increased dramatically by approx. 50% (according to the local CRC). Prominent members of the local N.F. are on bail pending charges for these attacks; on the day itself, three N.F. were charged with carrying offensive weapons. Anti-fascists from all over the area gathered in Oldham that day, meeting in the Bangladeshi Community Centre.

Despite the fact that the N.F. demo had been banned by the council, approx. 40/50 fascists (according to the Oldham N.F. chairman - now retired) marched from the station through an area of Oldham, held a rally at Crossley Playing Fields, and were eventually dispersed by police. On their way to the station, a group of approx. 15 N.F. attacked the Bradford mini-bus with nine anti-fascists on board, who then attempted to defend themselves (the same fascists having attacked a different group of people at a pub up the road about ten minutes earlier.) Within seconds, several police vans arrived and, predictably, all of the anti-fascists were arrested.

The Oldham 9 now face serious charges, including malicious wounding, affray and breach of the peace. Some defendants face life imprisonment. Once again the police are attempting to criminalise those who are defending themselves against racists and fascists. A central Support Group has been formed in Bradford, and we are asking organisations to form support groups in other areas, to affiliate/donate to the Defence Campaign, to publicise the events as widely as possible and to mobilise locally for those events. (Affiliation fees are: £25 for organisations, £5 for waged individuals, and £1 for unwaged individuals.)

For further information on the Oldham 9 contact:

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MASS PICKET : OLDHAM MAGISTRATES

:9.30am. Wednesday, 6th Aug.

8.00am. Norfolk Gardens Hotel
(Bradford)

DROP THE CHARGES !

AFFILIATION FORM

I/We wish to affiliate/send a donation to the OLDHAM 9 DEFENCE CAMPAIGN.

Name/Organisation.....

Address.....

Phone(s).....

Amount of affiliation/donation £.....

We want/do not want a speaker.

(Cheques payable to OLDHAM 9 DEFENCE CAMPAIGN, c/o Bradford Resource Centre, 31, Manor Row, Bradford 1. Tel: 725046.)