

# SPORTSMAN'S ASSOCIATION NEWS

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### **Land Dispute**

Northern Optics and Accessories is run by two brother's Stuart and Graeme Lumb whose parents were on hand as Agents & Servants. The business is run from a rural home address and encompasses the usual array of sporting shooting accessories as well as Section 5 pistols.

On Northern Optics and Accessories land stone reinforcement had been granted by the Dumfries & Galloway Council to prevent subsidence. It was a bit austere on this piece of ground that had been repaired so the family planted some Budleigh.

The family next door neighbours are police officers. The family has had issues with them trimming a hedge and cutting a tree down which according to their land boundary was clearly on Mr Lumb's deeds.

In the spring of 2015 the WPC took it upon herself to trim down the Budleigh plants that had been planted the previous winter. Stuart Lumb reported the incident to the local police station but were told by local police officers nothing could be done as was a civil matter. Advice was given by the police to instruct a solicitor to resolve the boundary dispute and after 12 months past the land dispute had not been resolved.

During April 2016 Mr Lumb was having his FAC renewal to which Police Scotland did not renew and gave no valid reason as to why not. Stuart Lumb lodged a formal complaint with professional standards in relation to how his father's FAC renewal was been handled and the ongoing issues with his neighbours.

The following day after the complaint was lodged on the 16<sup>th</sup> of April 2016 a total of eight police officers arrived at the property. Later that evening Mr Lumb was arrested on the grounds of a threatening gestures to his neighbour and also his wife Mrs Lumb was also arrested on two counts. Mr Lumb was taken into custody without his medication, jacket or spectacles as he had requested.

As a Trade member Stuart Lumb contacted me and emailed me a glut of correspondence. The police closed ranks and ignored Stuart's requests, Northern Optics and Accessories were unable to trade from their home address and numerous letters were sent to the Department of Professional Standards. The Saga has been ongoing for the best part of two years.

On the 31<sup>st</sup> of July 2017 the case against Mr Lumb was dismissed by the sheriff in Dumfries court and shortly after the case against his wife Mrs Lumb case was also dropped by the procurator fiscal. No apology has been offered by Police Scotland and no explanation from the procurator fiscal investigating the numerous complaints that were made has been forthcoming.

Several weeks have passed since Mr Lumb was acquitted and still his FAC has not been renewed. This is despite promises made by Chief Inspector Audrey Marsh of Police Scotland that his renewal would be dealt with as a matter of priority.

### **The thin blue line has snapped**

The number of police stations across the nation has been slashed by almost half in less than ten years, a shocking Mail on Sunday investigation reveals. Nearly 400 stations with front counters allowing the public to talk face-to-face with officers have been shut down across England and Wales. The brutal cutbacks have come as violent crime and terrorism have surged. In several parts of the country, more than a half a million people are served by as few as four police stations. One area of a million people has just three.

The police cannot cope, Scotland Yard has closed and relocated.

Some counties have no police stations at all, it is criminal;

### Who has the most Police Stations?

	Police Constabulary	Total
1	<a href="#">Metropolitan Police Service</a>	483
2	<a href="#">Sussex Police</a>	121
3	<a href="#">Lancashire Constabulary</a>	102
4	<a href="#">South Yorkshire Police</a>	44
5	<a href="#">West Mercia Police</a>	44
6	<a href="#">Avon and Somerset Constabulary</a>	40
7	<a href="#">Lincolnshire Police</a>	39
8	<a href="#">Hampshire Constabulary</a>	36
9	<a href="#">Greater Manchester Police</a>	35
10	<a href="#">Dyfed-Powys Police</a>	31
11	<a href="#">Suffolk Constabulary</a>	29
12	<a href="#">Cumbria Constabulary</a>	28
13	<a href="#">Humberside Police</a>	27
14	<a href="#">Nottinghamshire Police</a>	27
15	<a href="#">Northumbria Police</a>	26
16	<a href="#">Cheshire Constabulary</a>	25
17	<a href="#">Essex Police</a>	25
18	<a href="#">Dorset Police</a>	24
19	<a href="#">Gwent Police</a>	24
20	<a href="#">Devon &amp; Cornwall Police</a>	22
21	<a href="#">Hertfordshire Constabulary</a>	22
22	<a href="#">Warwickshire Police</a>	22
23	<a href="#">Merseyside Police</a>	21
24	<a href="#">Cleveland Police</a>	17
25	<a href="#">Leicestershire Police</a>	17
26	<a href="#">Cambridgeshire Constabulary</a>	16
27	<a href="#">Norfolk Constabulary</a>	16
28	<a href="#">Thames Valley Police</a>	14
29	<a href="#">Bedfordshire Police</a>	12
30	<a href="#">Durham Constabulary</a>	12
31	<a href="#">Kent Police</a>	12
32	<a href="#">Staffordshire Police</a>	11
33	<a href="#">Surrey Police</a>	11
34	<a href="#">Northamptonshire Police</a>	10
35	<a href="#">West Midlands Police</a>	10
36	<a href="#">West Yorkshire Police</a>	10
37	<a href="#">City of London Police</a>	2
38	<a href="#">North Wales Police</a>	1
39	<a href="#">South Wales Police</a>	1
40	<a href="#">Derbyshire Constabulary</a>	0
41	<a href="#">Gloucestershire Constabulary</a>	0
42	<a href="#">North Yorkshire Police</a>	0
43	<a href="#">Police Service of Northern Ireland</a>	0
44	<a href="#">Wiltshire Police</a>	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,469</b>

Our Beloved NHS is going the same way, due to Bungling Politicians, as a former in patient there will not be enough Doctors and Nurses to treat us all

## How to shoot yourself in the foot

Join the police, take a Glock 17 9mm pistol, load the magazine with 17 rounds, then, rack the slide to load a round into the chamber. Insert pistol into a holster, sooner or later it will go BANG! The police have been doing this for years. I cannot do this with my Colt 1911 or CZ 75. I am a civilian and have loaded thousands of rounds since 1980....