

HARROW DOCTOR WHO ACTED AS LOAN SHARK IS ORDERED TO PAY BACK £525,000 IN PROCEEDS OF CRIME



Pictured: Dr Arjan Damjibhai Savani

A London doctor, who ran a well-organised and profitable business from two hospitals in Harrow, was ordered to pay back thousands of pounds in proceeds of crime on March, 17th.

Following a hearing at Harrow Crown Court, Dr Arjan Damjibhai Savani, 49, of St Paul's Avenue in Kenton, was ordered to pay back £525,000 in proceeds of crime.

Dr Savani was given a 10 month prison sentence, suspended for 2 years back in October 2016 for running an illegal money lending business worth hundreds of thousands of pounds. He must pay the money within 3 months or face a default sentence of 5 years in prison.

Dr Savani was investigated by the England Illegal Money Lending Team (IMLT) who work in partnership with Brent Council's Trading Standards Department and The Metropolitan Police Service. In December 2015, when a warrant was executed, IMLT officers seized loan records which demonstrated that the loan shark had received payments totalling £525,000.

When interviewed under caution by IMLT officers, Dr Savani admitted to issuing loans ranging from £500 to £50,000 to his customers since 2011. He said he knew he was acting illegally but was of the view that it would take too long to obtain a license which would have curtailed his money making. An examination of records held by Dr Savani revealed that victims had often had loans totalling thousands of pounds.

Between January 2011 and his arrest date in December 2015, Dr Savani, a Consultant at Central Middlesex and Northwick Park Hospitals in Harrow, ran a lucrative money lending business from his places of employment.

During an earlier hearing, Simon Mortimer, prosecuting, explained to the court how Dr Savani deliberately preyed on members of the Filipino community who also worked at the hospital over a prolonged period of time. Dr Savani knew his victims could ill afford the payments and was aware that the Filipino community places a great deal of importance on honour and the non-repayment of a debt would be shameful to the victim.

NEWS IN BRIEF...

LOAN SHARKS SELL HOUSE TO SETTLE PROCEEDS OF CRIME ORDER

TWO convicted loan sharks have sold their Brinnington home to satisfy their proceeds of crime order of £60,000.

The couple from Stockport were ordered to pay back the lump sum of money after they were sentenced for illegal money lending and money laundering offences back in September 2015 and were found to have available assets in their name.

The couple, who each had joint ownership of the property, were told by a judge that they had to settle the POCA order or face a default sentence of 9 months in prison.

The loan sharks ran an illegal money lending business in the Brinnington area of Stockport, targeting people on the financial breadline. The couple, together with their daughter and a family friend, issued loans to over 100 people.

LIVERPOOL LOAN SHARK WHO RAN A 'SOPHISTICATED' ILLEGAL MONEY LENDING BUSINESS IS SENTENCED

Sunil Philip, 45, of Royal Croft in West Derby was sentenced to 10 months imprisonment, suspended for 18 months on February, 28th after pleading guilty to six counts of illegal money lending between 1st January 2008 and 29th October 2015 at an earlier hearing. Mr Philip was also ordered to undertake 180 hours of unpaid work.

On behalf of the prosecution, Simon Mortimer told the court how Sunil Philip had been running a 'sophisticated' illegal money lending business over a period of 8 years.

As a result of financial examinations of the documentation seized during searches, Sunil Philip was found to have been lending money to 100 regular borrowers since 2008. He had received around £134,000 in both interest and lump sum payments since he first set up his illegal money lending enterprise.

The court was told that at the time of his arrest, Mr Philip had an outstanding loan balance of over £89,000 on loans. He was receiving between £1750 and £2700 per month in interest payments alone from victims.

Upon sentencing Mr Philip, His Honour Judge Watson QC said:

"Money lending is highly regulated for a very good reason – those who borrow are desperate or vulnerable, so they are entitled to know interest, risks of missed payments and are also entitled to know that they can change their minds and not be saddled by vague or exorbitant terms. You didn't operate this system, you gave no records. You had your own computer records which show that this is a large scale and long-running money lending business. This was 8 years of a long-running, well-organised scheme and it could be said that the fact that people have had to resort to unauthorised lenders shows some sort of vulnerability."

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE LOAN SHARK ORDERED TO PAY BACK £43,000 IN PROCEEDS OF CRIME

A CONVICTED Nottinghamshire loan shark was ordered to pay back £43,000 in proceeds of crime on March, 24th following a hearing at Lincoln Crown Court.

Samuel John Bromfield, 61, of Ferry Lane in North Muskham was sentenced to 12 months in prison last September after pleading guilty to two counts of illegal money lending.

Mr Bromfield was investigated by the England Illegal Money Lending Team (IMLT) back in August 2014. When warrants were executed at the loan shark's home address and business premises, IMLT officers recovered a quantity of cash and documentation.

During a sentencing hearing, prosecutor Simon Mortimer told the court how Bromfield conducted an illegal money lending business from his business premises in Lincolnshire over a period of nearly 3 years.

Analysis of the evidence seized during warrants revealed that Bromfield had been lending since at least 2011, providing over 940 loans to approximately 102 different individuals in that time.

One victim described how their life spiralled downwards due to stress and worry about the debts owed to Bromfield. Due to the level of repayments, the victim had to turn to legitimate borrowers and family for funds. The victim even sold his personal belongings to Bromfield to maintain payments.

KENT LOAN SHARK ORDERED TO PAY BACK £55,000

A loan shark from Gillingham was ordered to pay back £55,000 in proceeds of crime on March, 28th following a hearing at Maidstone Crown Court.

Ian Kevin Carroll, 59, of Nelson Road in Gillingham was sentenced to 16 months in prison back in September 2016. He had previously pleaded guilty to counts of illegal money lending and money laundering.

The loan shark was given 3 months to pay the money or face a default sentence of an extra 11 months in prison.

Mr Carroll was investigated by the England Illegal Money Lending Team (IMLT) back in September 2015. During a search of his home address, IMLT officers recovered a number of payment cards containing names, amounts and dates, as well as over £1,000 in cash.

Financial investigations demonstrated that the loan shark had issued a total of 282 loans to over 70 individuals.

Prosecutor Craig Evans told the court how Carroll's interest rates were extremely high and would at times result in the borrower paying back at least double what they had borrowed.

Carroll's loans either related to the supply of cash or home electricals (such as cookers, fridges and televisions). They were agreed verbally without anything put in writing or signed for.

When the loan shark was sentenced back in September 2016, Recorder McDonagh told Carroll that he 'took advantage of the financial vulnerabilities' of his customers for his own benefit and that he was 'aware he was committing an ongoing crime'.

One victim described how she was making repayments of over £450 a month to the loan shark. The victim had purchased loads of goods from Carroll after he had told her that he could do her a better deal on electrical appliances.

CAMBRIDGE LOAN SHARK ORDERED TO PAY BACK £160,000

A 50 year-old man, who operated an illegal money lending business across Cambridge, was ordered to pay back £160,000 on February, 9th following a hearing at Cambridge Crown Court before HHJ Hawkesworth.

Christopher Bisanz, from Lower Cambourne, was given an 18 month prison sentence, suspended for 2 years for running an illegal money lending business at an earlier hearing in October 2016. He must pay the money within 3 months or face a default sentence of 9 months in prison.

Christopher Bisanz was investigated by the England Illegal Money Lending Team (IMLT) back in December 2015. When a warrant was executed at Bisanz's home address, IMLT officers seized documentation, electronic devices and over £12,000 in cash.

At the time of Officers intervention, records demonstrated that Bisanz had issued 78 loans to his customers, some of who were considered financially excluded and vulnerable. Mr Bisanz had loaned in excess of £400,000 and was charging interest of between 30% and 100%. This included loans which were for the purchase of vehicles and white goods. On behalf of the prosecution, Mr Mortimer told the court how penalty charges would be imposed for non-payments and the records showed that this amounted to over £39,000.



Christopher Bisanz appeared at Cambridge Crown Court on February, 9th for a Full Proceeds of Crime Hearing

More Prosecutions...

NORTH SHIELDS LOAN SHARK SENTENCED

A loan shark from North Shields was sentenced on February, 3rd following a hearing at Newcastle Crown Court before HHJ Mallett.

Bubpha Curran, 47, of Longston Avenue in North Shields was sentenced to 12 months, suspended for 2 years after pleading guilty to two counts of illegal money lending between 3rd March 2012 and 9th February 2016 at an earlier hearing.

Officers from the England Illegal Money Lending Team (IMLT) executed a warrant at Curran's home address on February, 9th 2016. During searches, officers seized notebooks containing loan details and customers bank details and over £1,800 in cash. A quantity of luxury watches were also seized by officers.

On behalf of the prosecution, Simon Mortimer told the court how between 3rd March 2012 and her arrest date on 9th February 2016, Bubpha Curran was running an illegal money lending business.

The court was told how over a period of nearly four years, Curran had received over £28,700 by way of repayments. She had issued 130 loans totalling £69,500, including an additional 24 loans for goods totalling over £9,500. At the time of her arrest, Curran had an outstanding balance of £65,900 on loans.

Mr Mortimer explained to the court how one victim, who borrowed £1,000 from Curran in 2013, had to pay interest of £100 per month until the capital sum could be paid in full. The victim had taken out several loans from the loan shark to pay hospital fees in Thailand. At the time of Curran's arrest, the victim was in debt to the loan shark in the sum of £4,000, having had to make payments of £400 per month.



Pictured: Bubpha Curran

BRACKNELL LOAN SHARKS ORDERED TO PAY BACK OVER £70,000

Two loan sharks from Bracknell, who ran separate illegal money lending businesses across the town, have been ordered to pay back over £70,000 in proceeds of crime.

Following a hearing at Reading Crown Court, Anthony Crosby, 54, of Evedon, Bracknell was ordered to pay back £50,000 in proceeds of crime. He was given 1 month to pay the amount or face a 9 month default prison sentence.

Patrick Angus Frederick Gilham, 50, of Froxfield Down in Bracknell was ordered to pay back over £24,000 in proceeds of crime at an earlier hearing on February, 24th.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE LOAN SHARK WHO RAN A 'VERY SUBSTANTIAL BUSINESS' UNDER THE NAME OF 'CLUB FINANCE' SENTENCED.



Pictured: Norman Hardy

A loan shark from Cinderford, who ran a 'sophisticated' illegal money lending business under the name 'Club Finance' over a period of three years, was sentenced to 18 months in prison, suspended for 2 years on April, 7th following a hearing at Gloucester Crown Court. He was also given one year to pay a £10,000 fine and £2,000 in prosecution costs, or he will face 9 months in prison.

Norman Hardy, 62, of Westfield Road in Cinderford pleaded guilty to five counts of illegal money lending and money laundering at an earlier hearing in January.

In addition to his sentence, HHJ Tabor QC also ordered Hardy to pay all available liquid assets to the court under the Proceeds of Crime Act (2002). Norman Hardy must pay this in the next 56 days or face 2 years in prison.

Officers from the England Illegal Money Lending Team (IMLT) executed a warrant at the loan sharks address on June, 29th 2016. During searches, officers seized diaries including loan documentation, Club Finance agreements and repayment cards, and over £43,000 in cash.

During the course of an interview, the loan shark admitted to IMLT officers that he had been lending under the name 'Club Finance'. He admitted that he chose 'Club Finance' as he didn't want people to think it was just him, but a real company. Mr Hardy admitted to having no license to operate Club Finance and told officers that approximately £36,000 found at his property was money obtained as a result of his business.

On behalf of the prosecution, Simon Mortimer told the court how records seized by IMLT officers covered loans issued between 31st March 2013 and 24th June 2016. During this period, Hardy issued over 650 loans to a total of 196 separate customers, valuing almost £700,000. Over the duration of his illegal activities, the loan shark had received a total value of £464,296 in repayments on loans, with an outstanding balance of £235,576 owed at the time of arrest.

Mr Mortimer explained how the loan shark would consistently 'roll over' loans and was charging a typical interest rate of 65%. A number of Hardy's customers were paying off two or more loans at the same time.

The court heard how Hardy also worked as a self-employed agent for a legitimate loans company from March 2011 to December 2015. As an employee, he was made aware that he was not allowed to provide consumer credit himself without an appropriate license.

One victim, who had known Hardy for at least five years, was advised by the loan shark that he had finished working for the legitimate company and was offering loans from his own business 'Club Finance'. The victim subsequently took loans out from Club Finance, with the latest loan being for £6,500 with £10,000 to be repaid.

Upon sentencing Mr Hardy, HHJ Tabor QC said:

"You knew that you needed a license to lend money in this way. You ran a very substantial business and a vast sum of money went through your books. You're going to be in exactly the same position that some of your customers were in, hard up for money and needing it quick."

WORKING WITH THE POLICE OPERATION HENLOW/DUXFORD

'Loan sharks threatened to attack my family' - South Yorkshire dad tells how he escaped illegal money lenders' reign of terror



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PAYBACK FOR LOAN SHARKS



Operation HENLOW involved the IMLT working with South Yorkshire Police to execute a warrant in Shiregreen, Sheffield and search a suspected loan sharks property.

The 44 year-old subject was arrested on suspicion of illegal money lending and money laundering on March, 27th after IMLT officers recovered pieces of documentation during the search.

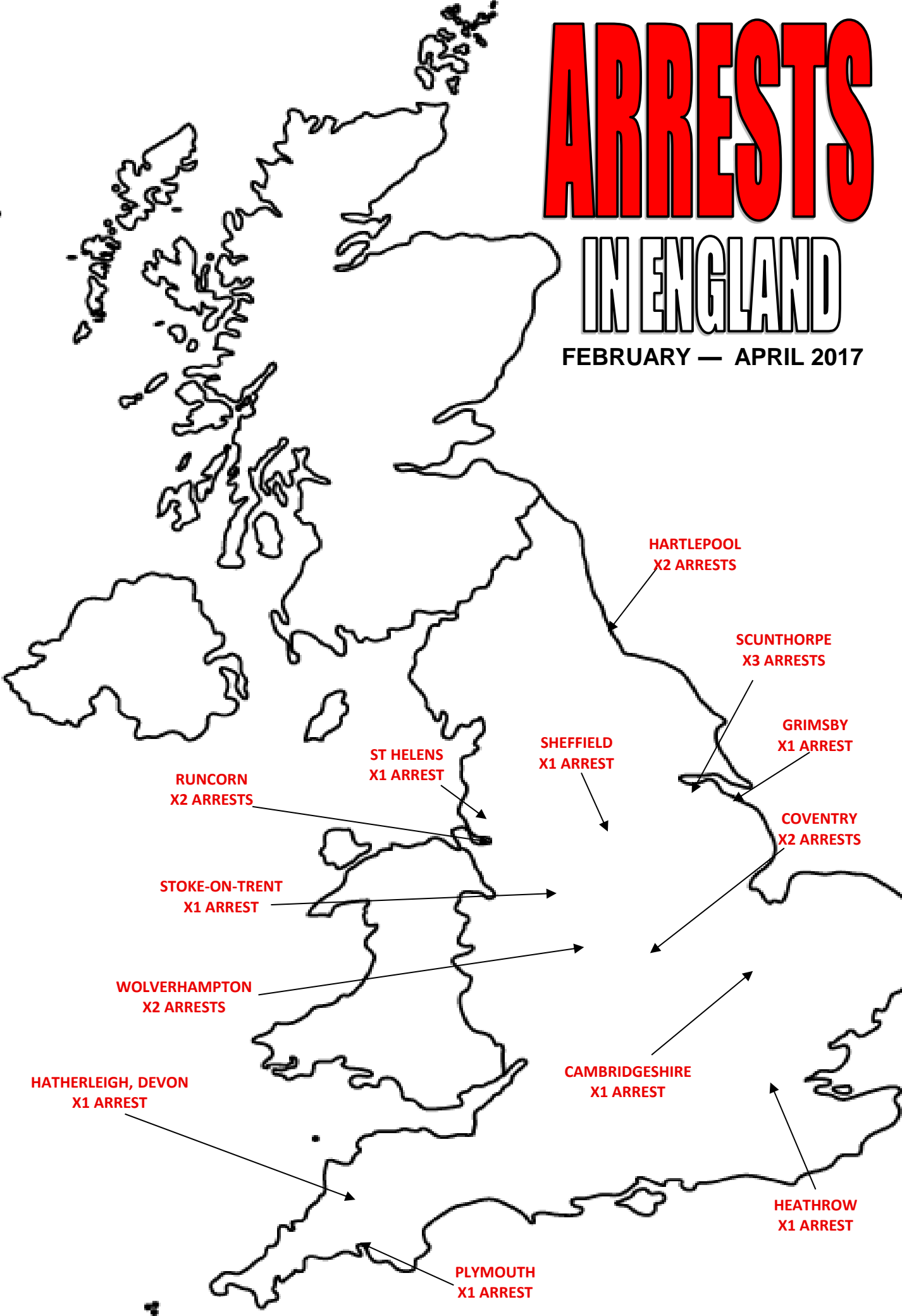
IMLT's operation formed part of South Yorkshire Police's force wide initiative called OPERATION DUXFORD.

Operation HENLOW received press coverage from the Sheffield Star, Sheffield Live!, BBC Look North Yorkshire, BBC Radio Sheffield and Heart Yorkshire.

ARRESTS

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A massive thank you and well done to all our partners who had their projects highly commended in our Stop Loan Sharks National Champions Awards! You have all contributed to making a difference in your communities and have helped us tackle this horrendous crime which affects so many vulnerable people.

Also well done to Knowsley's Financial Inclusion team and Stephen Joseph Theatre in Scarborough – they are not pictured but have had their projects highly commended.



STOP LOAN SHARKS

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS AWARDS

WINNERS



Shotton Colliery Community Centre



Hull and East Yorkshire Credit Union



**Havant Citizens Advice
Work Out Your Money Team**

Congratulations to the winners of this year's Stop Loan Sharks National Champions Awards! Each organisation have been awarded with £3,000 of proceeds of crime money to spend on a project of their choice which will help raise awareness of loan sharks and promote the legal and safer alternatives available when borrowing money!

PROCEEDS OF CRIME PUT TO GOOD USE



TAMESIDE BITE BACK AT LOAN SHARKS WITH WEEK OF ACTION

A series of events took place across the Tameside borough in April as part of a week of action to combat loan sharks.

During the week of action, a permanent stop loan sharks mosaic was unveiled in Hattersley Tesco Extra. The piece of art was designed by Hattersley residents and local community groups in Tameside.

On Wednesday, April 19th, local partner agencies gathered at the Church of Nazarene in Ashton-under-Lyne for the grand unveiling of the Stop Loan Sharks community artwork sofa. The sofa was designed by residents and local community groups in Tameside, with the help from local freelance artist, Jacqui Symons.

The community artwork sofa is currently 'on tour' around Tameside and is continuing to grab the attention of residents with its warning message about loan sharks.



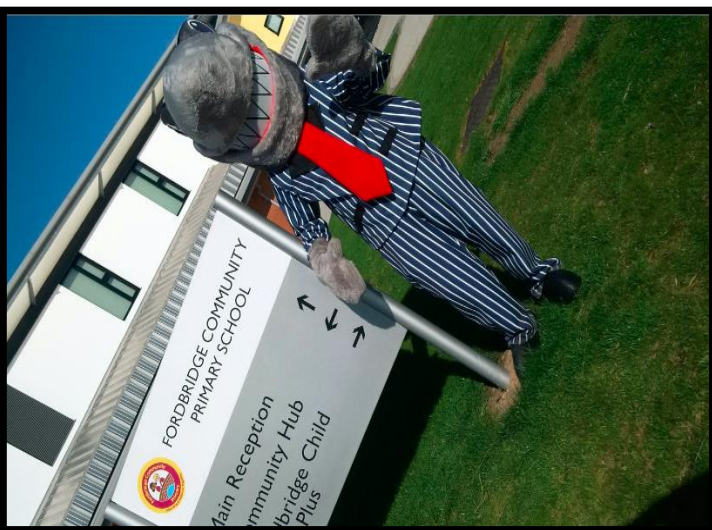
YEARS 5 AND 6 GET CREATIVE TO RAISE AWARENESS OF LOAN SHARKS

Fordbridge Community Primary School in Solihull have been working with Solihull Engage and the England Illegal Money Lending Team (IMLT) to deliver financial education to children, in hope to build their knowledge and understanding of handling money and making choices.

Pupils from years 5 and 6 have been learning about where money comes from, the importance of budgeting and the difference between 'needs' and 'wants'.

Following on from the financial education lessons, the talented pupils designed a catchy song about the dangers of getting involved with a loan shark.

'Never Trust a Loan Shark' is available to listen on YouTube: (<https://youtu.be/x-1QywGmT4c>)



PROCEEDS OF CRIME PUT TO GOOD USE



CHESTER-LE-STREET SAY NO TO LOAN SHARKS WITH NEW AD SHELTERS

The IMLT have been working with The Money Works to deliver a campaign to raise awareness of loan sharks and reduce illegal money lending in Chester-le-Street.

The Money Works initiative began in December 2016 to raise awareness of a range of financial issues including debt, benefits, utilities, employability, digital inclusion and budgeting; all to help residents solve their money worries.

New ad shelters were designed as part of the campaign to get residents talking about loan sharks. Plans are underway to organise a Week of Action this Summer which will give residents the opportunity to speak to members from the IMLT and the Police.



BEWARE OF SHARKS AT SOUTH BEACH! BLACKPOOL RESIDENTS ENJOY FREE EVENT

The IMLT worked with Social Enterprise Solutions to deliver a family fun day in Blackpool on March, 25th.

The High Sheriff of Lancashire attended the afternoon of entertainment on Waterloo Road in South Shore to show his support.

Guests were surprised when a 15ft long shark made an appearance at the event. The specially-commissioned shark was funded using proceeds of crime money, confiscated from convicted loan sharks.

There was a free shark-themed craft event on Waterloo Street for children, along with seaside entertainment, including Punch and Judy for all the family to enjoy.

Through events like this, proceeds of crime money is being put to excellent use to educate the local community on the dangers of loan sharks, and creating new leads to intelligence.



PROCEEDS OF CRIME PUT TO GOOD USE



ROCHESTER BITE BACK AT LOAN SHARKS WITH MONTH OF ACTION

The IMLT worked with the Diocese of Rochester back in February to deliver a month-long campaign in the town.

Various awareness raising events and presentations took place during February to raise awareness of loan sharks in the local community.

Rochester's Youth Council got involved in the month of action by hosting a Pancake Party at St Philip and St James Church!

The Diocese of Rochester created a brilliant short film on Vimeo as part of the month of action. This video has since been shared multiple times across social media and has been shown in several Churches and Schools.

The Vimeo video is available to watch at <https://vimeo.com/199562620>



SEWELL PUPILS TACKLE LOAN SHARKS IN NORWICH!

Pupils from Sewell Park Academy in Norwich worked with the IMLT and Norwich Youth for Christ to create a video to highlight the dangerous consequences of getting involved with a loan shark.

'The Day a Shark Came to School' is based on a member of the community who lends money to young people but then makes unreasonable demands.

The project was funded by the IMLT using proceeds of crime money.



Pictured: Pupils from Sewell Park Academy

The Day a Shark Came to School is available to watch on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G8Ba6pICaFo>



PROCEEDS OF CRIME MONEY UP FOR GRABS!

Local charities, community groups, organisations and schools are being encouraged to bid for up to £5,000 of proceeds of crime money, to spend on a project of their choice which will help combat unscrupulous loan sharks.

The England Illegal Money Lending Team (IMLT) have put forward multiple pots of £5,000 to fund projects that will assist in raising awareness of loan sharks, in the hope of preventing more people from falling victim of these criminals.



This large sum of cash, which has been confiscated from convicted loan sharks through the Proceeds of Crime Act, is being used to fund local community projects which meet the IMLT's criteria.

The team will vote on which applicants will be granted the funding to support their community project. The aim of this national scheme is to see the illegal earnings these loan sharks once made, used wisely, to benefit key areas.

Last year, the national funding scheme was extremely popular, with the IMLT receiving over 150 bids for the available pots of money. As a result, 100 projects were funded and more work was carried out across England, in a bid to get rid of loan sharks in local communities.

Applicants are welcome to apply for the cash, to spend on any worthwhile community project which does at least one of the following:

- Contributes to raising the awareness of the dangers of using 'loan sharks'
- Prevents crime and disorder and publicises the Stop Loan Sharks message
- Promotes the work of the Illegal Money Lending Team (IMLT) in communities
- Encourages reporting of loan sharks

For more information about this funding scheme and to receive an electronic application form, please contact LIAISE Manager Cath Williams on Catherine.wohlers@birmingham.gov.uk

The closing date for applications is **Friday 30th June 2017.**

“SID THE SHARK” GUEST APPEARANCES



Sid made an appearance at a Blackpool Family Fun Day



Sid cutting the celebration cake at Havant Work Out Your Money's Cheque Presentation



Sid posing with a family at Byker Community Centre in Newcastle



Sid made an appearance at a Sharktastic event in Sheerness on Sea



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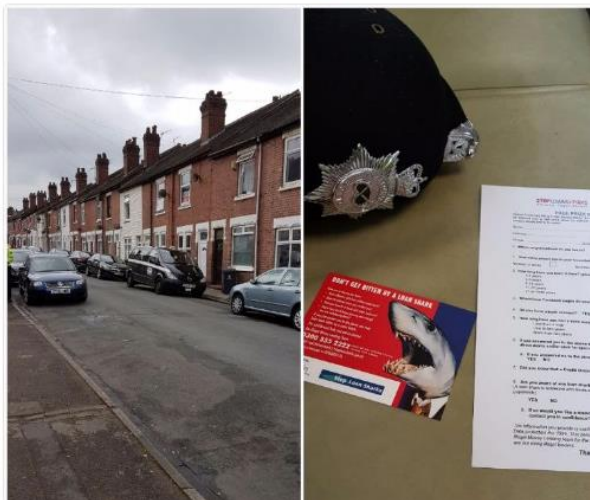
Havant @HavantCAB · Apr 18
Where have the @WOYMHavant savings pigs been today? To get an award from @LoanSharkNews and meet the Mayor of Havant #stoploansharks



Alistair Clarke FRSA @publicitybox · Mar 25
It's Shark Day!
We've had a giant shark made as part of a family fun day highlighting loan sharks 11-3pm Waterloo Rd, Blackpool. Sun's out



Stoke Police @policingstoke · Apr 20
Joint operation with illegal money lending team and Nash Dom in Normacot. Supporting those effected by 'loan sharks' @loansharknews. #50/50.



Debbie Owen @deb_writer · Apr 27
Editing day! Great seeing it all come together. @TYNETEESMODELS @FoxCasting @LoanSharkNews



Sophie Heneghan @sophie_heneghan · Apr 25
Thanks @GTDT_Liverpool @LoanSharkNews for an interesting meeting today. Lots of #project ideas for #partnership working #FinancialInclusion

Engage Solihull @EngageSolihull · Mar 24
Solihull Head Teachers partnership watched the illegal money lending film created by young people @JHNCC2014 They loved it 🍌🍌 @LoanSharkNews

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With @LoanSharkNews @LeedsCredUnion we've launched a new scheme to tackle illegal money lenders and offer 100 tenants a £25.00 savings boost

WALES IMLU UPDATE

LOAN SHARK SENTENCED AT CARDIFF CROWN COURT

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A **LOAN SHARK** was given a suspended prison sentence on Friday, March 17th after he lent thousands of pounds to vulnerable victims with massive repayment rates.

A judge at Cardiff Crown Court said Lynn Mansel Davies, 58, exploited vulnerable people by using deceptive and intimidating behaviour.

Davies, from Greenwood Road, Melyn, Neath, was at Cardiff Crown Court to receive his deferred sentence.

In October 2016, Davies appeared in front of His Honour Judge Curran QC to be sentenced, following a guilty plea on September 23 to two counts of illegal money lending to five victims over a seven year period.



The Wales Illegal Lending Unit was tipped off by an anonymous call to their hotline claiming Davies was lending money illegally – without a Consumer Credit Licence – and charging £500 interest on every £1000 he lent to his victims.

The five victims were often charged a rate of £50 a week for every £140 lent, but the court learned the interest charged could sometimes be ‘random’ depending on how much he thought he could ‘fleece from his victims’.

Cash transactions via the bank were kept to under £5000 so that these cash withdrawals were not deemed as suspicious by the authorities.

The court had previously heard that Davies was using a property in Briton Ferry, owned by Terry Davies, who was described as a ‘slow and very vulnerable man who couldn’t read or write’ to stash his cash from his crimes, while running a thriving car business and receiving significant state benefits.

During the time of his offending, Davies received £1, 656 a month through state benefits as well as having free use of a mobility car from the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP).

The court was previously given to understand that a separate investigation is ongoing into the benefit payments by the DWP during the time of the offending.

His Honour, Judge Curran QC told Davies: “Your actions exploited people, drawing them deeper and deeper into debt – these were vulnerable people and you used deliberately deceptive and intimidating behaviour.

TRADING STANDARDS SCOTLAND UPDATE

Trading Standards Scotland are delighted to be announcing an innovative partnership project with CHAI Edinburgh and NHS Lothian that will look to help improve the financial capability of people in Edinburgh. The project is two-fold aimed at working with individuals undertaking a rehabilitation recovery programme and parents of pupils at selected schools within areas that experience high levels of poverty. The project, which is the 1st that Trading Standards Scotland has supported, will see CHAI Edinburgh financial support workers work with individuals who in rehabilitation recovery programme and a drop in service at certain schools within Edinburgh, to be financially capable and to avoid the perilous trap of falling into the trap of using a loan shark. Fiona Richardson, Chief Officer Trading Standards Scotland said “we are delighted to be supporting this project which supports our aim of making people more financially capable and avoiding the dangers of using an illegal money lender”. The project will run from April 2017 until March 2018 and it is hoped that this will be the 1st of many prevention projects over the next few years.

For more information on the project, please contact John Pollock on 0141 577 3534 or johnp@cosla.gov.uk

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