Bournemouth - demonstration yesterday afternoon



Undetered by the arrests and imprisonment and the intimidation o f the 'anti-facsists' and SUtR a demonstration against unfettered immigration and knife crime took place in Bournemouth yesterday. Bournemouth is a seaside resport in Sussex on the south coast. It used to be called 'God's waiting

room' because of the large number of retirement homes, nursing homes and bungalows and flats suitable for people who wished to retire to a quiet atractive town. It also had a large assembly hall where events like Political Party Conferences took place. And enough hotels to accommodate the delegates. These hotels now house our recently arrived asylum seekers. Hence the concern.

The event went off peacefully. However the newspapers have to report it with disdain; it is de rigueur.

The Telegraph: Small immigration protest sparks response from five police forces. Bournemouth rally fizzles out after three hours. Most demonstrations are not expected to last as long, unless they have engaged plenty of speakers, and long-winded ones at that.

Anti-immigration protesters congregated at 11am outside Bournemouth town hall on Sunday but were met with activists from Stand Up to Racism on the other side of the road in Central Gardens with drums and loudspeakers.

But the stand-off faded into lone echoes of "stop the boats" from the crowd of anti-immigration protesters, who were drastically outnumbered by counter-protesters.

Dorset Police, which had already been armed with extra search powers ahead of the demonstration, was joined at the site by officers from the Met, Thames Valley, Hampshire, Avon and Somerset and Devon and Cornwall, under a mutual-aid arrangement.

All five forces left the scene after only two-and-a-half hours.

A handful of 20 protesters draped in England and Union flags remained seated on the wall of the town hall in a lonely stand-off against 80 Stand Up to Racism counter-protesters who had congregated in a walled garden across the road.



There were a lot more than 20 protestors. As this <u>report from</u>

the BBC confirms. This is actually a better report.

Dorset Police Assistant Chief Constable Mark Callaghan said the protests in Bournemouth were "peaceful" with "no reports of disorder".

About 200 anti-immigration protesters and approximately 250 people from groups including Stand Up To Racism gathered from about 10:30 BST.

The anti-immigration group held placards saying "stop the boats" and "British lives matter", whilst the opposing group had signs saying "refugees are welcome here" and "no to racism".

Sisters Margaret Lawrence, from Branksome, Dorset, and Carole Jemmett, from Buckinghamshire, joined the anti-immigration protest. Ms Jemmett said she thought it was "important that our concerns are listened to", adding: "It's wrong to say we're racists." Ms Lawrence said: "We just feel we need to stand up and be counted — we are the silent majority, we're not racist or far right."



Carole Jemmett (right) said they were not racist and their concerns should be "listened to"

Dorset Police said the groups initially planned on marching, but then changed their minds. . . The force used a drone to tell people to remove face coverings and disguises. The facecoverings of the SUtR contingent were a bone of contention. The group Turning Point UK were present and reporting on X.

In contrast to the peaceful Enough is Enough protest in Bournemouth, masked ANTIFA goons came out to intimidate the locals.

These thugs are welcome amongst the ranks of the left, and are protected by Two-Tier Keir.

Far-left stormtroopers have no place in Britain. pic.twitter.com/m0tUBpt9go

- Turning Point UK □□ (@TPointUK) August 18, 2024

And, as you can see, many more than 20 demonstrators present.

Bournemouth locals chant 'take off your masks', followed by 'cowards' at ANTIFA. pic.twitter.com/dLfJAGMvPM

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<u>The Daily Mail</u> confirmed numbers and also made mention of the Palestinian flags flown by the SUtR counter-protestors.

At the demonstration, which began at around 11am, around 200 anti-immigration marchers were heard chanting 'save our kids', 'stop the boats' and 'we want our country back'.

The group, which said they were 'peacefully protesting' against illegal immigration and knife crime, also played songs such as 'Rule Brittania' and 'Jerusalem' were played on loudspeakers.

Over the road at the town's cenotaph war memorial, a similar number of counter demonstrators arrived to at a protest dubbed 'Stop the Far Right' waving Palestinian flags and placards welcoming refugees.



They were heard singing 'say it loud, say it clear, refugees welcome here', 'no to Nazi scum' and 'where's your Tommy gone' — the latter of which was a reference to former EDL leader Tommy Robinson who has left the country in recent weeks. (He's on holiday with his children)

The Mail has also got some good photographs, above.