

# Tommy Robinson told by police to stop handing out free burgers as 'bribes' during election rally

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At the "Family BBQ" held in Wythenshawe, the former English Defence leader confirmed he will stand in the European elections next month as an independent candidate in the North West of England. Around 300 supporters tuned up to hear the controversial figure speak on the village green on Broadoak Road, Benchill, where the barbecue was served.



Robinson was forced to stop giving away the food after the police informed him that this violated electoral law because it amounted to bribing voters.

Speaking in Wythenshawe after suffering technical hitches with

his PA system, Robinson told the crowd he was entering a “David versus Goliath” battle to represent Britain’s “betrayed” working class.

He said: “Everyone is so disillusioned with the liars in parliament, but that is also our weakness. It is the reason we are being betrayed and will continue being betrayed until they fear us. The only way they will fear us is if we take their seats.”

Earlier in the afternoon, Dave Warnock, the minister of Brownley Green Methodist Church, emerged from his building to distribute leaflets to surrounding homes. They told residents his church was not supporting the event but that a “peace march” would be taking place at 2pm instead. He also offered those who felt intimidated by the event to take refuge in the church.



*Above – intimidating local people with babies and pets drive neighbours into refuge in the Methodist church. Not.*