



## **WARNING BULLETIN**

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### **DEVASTATION FOR RESIDENTS WHEN PARK IS SOLD EVEN IN SCOTLAND.**

By Ron Joyce Editor March 2018

The following distressing and all too common tale of woe is supplied by the park home owner concerned who has kindly requested that PHRAA publishes their account of the horrors and uncertainty they currently face following the sale of their park in Scotland, as a warning to others.

The words are by the resident, but the names and exact location of park have been omitted to prevent any retribution against them from park owner. Ron PHRAA.

*"Briefly our site is a small residential site in Aberdeenshire. It's been here for 40 years, has 16 pitches, dirt road with potholes, no facilities, kept quite tidy, it was a good place to stay. Pitch Fee is £100 every four weeks. May sound cheap, but not really considering there has never been any money spent on improvements. I bought a mobile home on there several years ago.*

*To give a bit of background, the original owner died, left the site to a relative who applied for planning permission to build houses on the site and throw the residents off. The owner then withdrew the plans, waited a few months then applied for Planning permission again, where the plans were thrown out because the site is a PROTECTED SITE.*

*To apply for planning permission was a sneaky to undermine our right to sell our homes on site, because any potential buyer could Google online and read about this debacle and be put off buying onto the site. After that failure the site owner put the park up for sale with a well know land agent.*

*That got the interest of a local park owning family who it is alleged have run their holiday only licensed site as residential. Money clearly no object they then bought another site for an alleged £700,000. This site was mainly a rental site, so putting a digger through the side of some-ones home made it easy to clear the site ready to put up expensive lodges. (We believe only 3 were sold and one of those buyers is desperate to get away). We think that the residential licence for another park was transferred to them.*

*The subtle harassment started around a year and a half ago when our site went up for sale. The prospective buyers of the park would drive round the park at all hours, looking at everything, and telling residents that they would be buying the site.*

*Knowing their reputation, this upset the residents, who alerted the site licensing officer at the local council about the implications of criminals being properly vetted under the Fit and Proper Person*

**legislation. The person in charge at the council continually denied it was it was his responsibility and said the legislation did not matter. (he is now finding out to his cost that it does matter).**

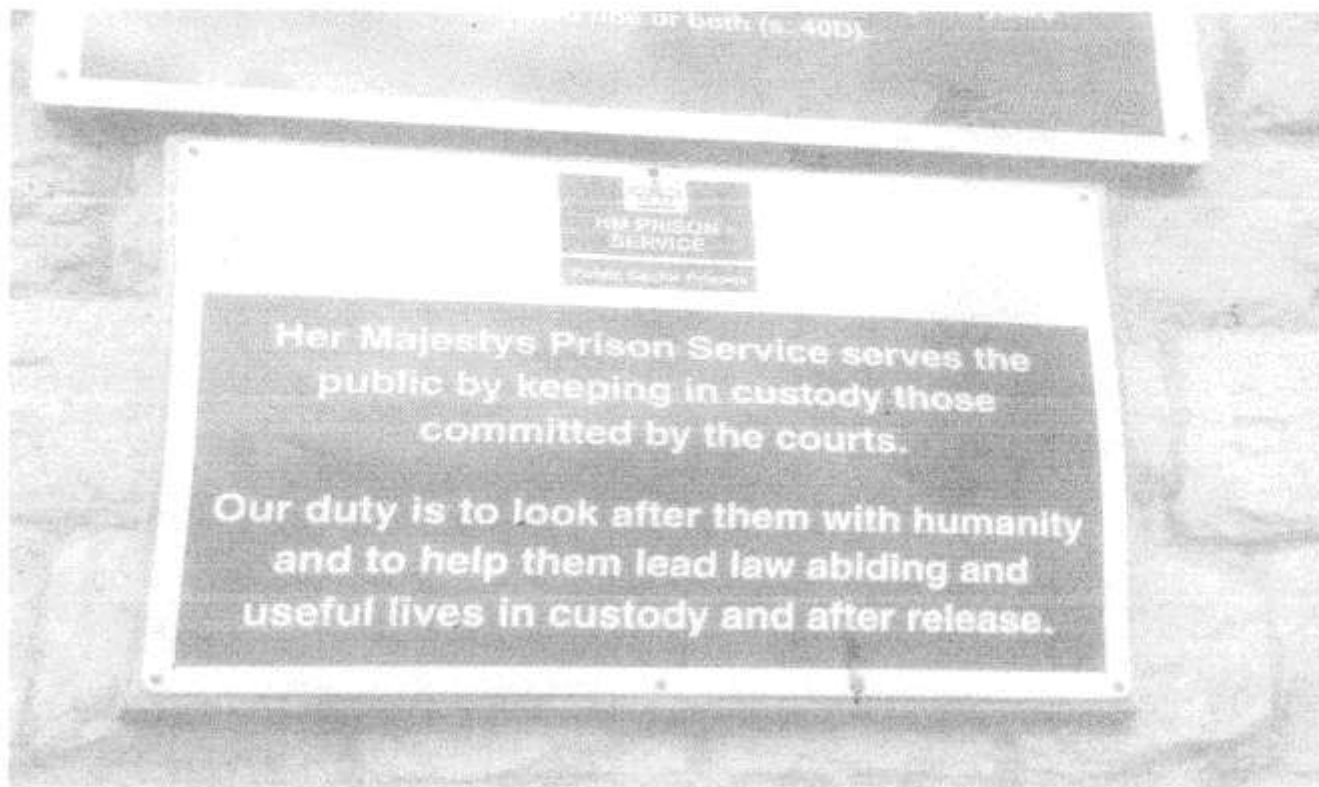
**The sale went through very recently, the new owner came on site (the wife) and said we are not getting site agreements, the pitch fee is doubling to £200 every 4 weeks, the extra money will be used for tarmac and a security gate. The new owner then went on to state that we residents can sell to her or off site. No one new can buy to move on to the site. When asked about being licensed, residents were told that a license is not needed.**

**Residents are desperate to go. . Some have sold their caravans to them for next to nothing. Others have sold off site and are preparing to move.**

**Some of us are making a stand, but we are sickened and all want to salvage what we can and get out of here quickly in case things turn nasty. It was hard in the last few days to get anybody to listen. But a Councillor told me that he has spoken to the Chief Constable and the matter is now being handled as a multi-agency approach.**

**Hope you find the above information useful in someway, even to warn people to be very careful about buying a park home in Aberdeenshire. I enjoyed your website and info. Best regards".**

NAME AND ADDRESS withheld for the protection of residents concerned. Ron Ed



**Be nice if park owners treated their elderly and vulnerable inmates in the same way?**

Ron Editor. March 2018. Photo by Colin Packman. President PHRAA