

23/11/12: SOLIDARITY WITH GREMLINS

last night fire erupted in the tranquillity of bristols well-to-do redland area, targeting a marked vehicle of Standfast Ltd. besides the usual functions that led us to attack a company invested in "security" (as always, securing the sanctity of private property in mass society) one of their many cctv contracts in bristol, bath, avon, somerset and gloucestershire is both state and private schools, where as you can read in the newspapers even the toilets are no escape from the cameras.

daily submission under impersonal institutions rarely comes naturally. after the nuclear family, the education system at all stages is instrumental in adapting the free child to the civilized world of workplaces, malls and (other) prisons that todays youth are destined for. constant surveillance has proven a most effective step in this domesticating process, kids learning to selfregulate under the assumption that they're permanently being watched, and this has been made to seem normal by reality tv, the saturation of control technology in the dead synthetic urban enviroment (supplied by the likes of Standfast Ltd.), and the atomised crowd of a generation filled with selfish fear of punishment or repremand.

but it is often still the young people who are least destroyed by this onslaught and who still find themselves impelled to refuse the system (like the riots last summer and scattered moments of revolt everyday since and before). this is just a reminder - WHEN YOU HIT A LENS IT WILL BREAK LIKE ANYTHING ELSE! so shouts to youth rebellion against society, the claimants of the recent attack on security vehicles in nottingham, and everyone else committed to the timeless crime of freedom!

strength for Gustavo Quiroga, held in immigration detention after the Delta squat eviction in Thessaloniki, and for the Gremlin Alley resisters in cardiff!

strength for the anarchists non-cooperating with the grand jury in the american northwest, and for the ones who fled from it!

strength for the street fighters held for the march29 battles in Barcelona, and Carolina whos accused of burning a Starbucks that inspiring day!

anarchy here, now and always -- yours in war, counter-surveillance cores.

UP THE GREMLINS!



COMMUNIQUE 05/10/12: WE ARE STILL RESISTING

We the gremlins are squatting at Gremlin Alley, City Road, Cardiff; formally known as Spin Bowling Alley and the Giety Cinema and bingo hall.

Yesterday we successfully resisted an eviction from bailiffs and harassment from police who attended for most of the day from 10AM. Banners including **"We are resisting eviction: Fuck the fucking fuckers"**, **"Solidarity with Alex Haigh, imprisoned for 3 months for being homeless"**, amongst others being displayed. Anarchists, DPAC, activists, travellers, local artists, plain-clothes cops and the public supported outside. We received donations from small businesses; after police left around 3:30PM, we put up black flags and more banners and continued our party on the roof. Anti-cop music was played from supporters opposite followed by a local band 'Inconsiderate Parking' who played for hours with people dancing in the street in the day. [...]

Solidarity with comrade **Alex Haigh**, fellow squatters and the **Cuts Cafe crew** in London who were evicted by TSG last night.

Fuck the bailiffs, Fuck the cops, Fuck the state, Fuck section 5.

Love and rage,
- The Gremlins

VIDEO COMMUNIQUE 11/10/12: TRANSCRIPT

The current government has created a state of austerity, putting people in positions of vulnerability. Poverty, disability and lack of opportunity is leading to homelessness, which in itself has been criminalised.

The State's 'solutions' to the problem of homelessness are degrading, dehumanising and nothing more than a quick fix. The process is riddled with long waiting lists, poor living standards and often only worsens people's well being. Countless buildings are left disused and unoccupied, whilst landlords and speculators profit at the expense of the people. **The idea that it is a criminal offense to claim a roof over your head on a cold night is offensive and ridiculous.**

We were shocked and angered when we learned of the new squatting law, which came into effect on the 1st of September 2012. This law criminalises squatters when there are already adequate laws in place to protect people's homes. Hundreds, if not thousands of people are threatened with jail, homelessness, and unpayable fines. This law has already found its first target in the form of Alex Haigh, with surely more to follow.

We are the Gremlins, currently squatting at Gremlin Alley, City Road, Cardiff, formerly known as Spin Bowling and the Gaiety Cinema. **We are diverse group of squatters, activists, queers, anarchists, travelers and of different colours, sexualities, ages and cultural backgrounds.** The building was previously empty for several years before we occupied it to reopen it for the use of the community as an active social centre. Since its revival the space has been host to art exhibitions, live music, a variety of workshops, with future projects including; political, educational, cultural and social events. These projects have all been free and supported by volunteers. The eviction of the social centre would cause these current and future projects to cease, leaving the building unoccupied, disused and left to rot.

In the light of the further criminalisation of homelessness, George Osborne's increased austerity machine which joyfully announces a further ten billion

pounds in cuts and sanctions to the most vulnerable persons in society, we hold strong and encourage others in our determination to stand up and resist the government and its hired thugs, who protect private property and big business over the lives of any living being, especially the poor, vulnerable and the homeless.

The State preaches the need for people to have the necessities of life, including shelter. But at every turn they contradict their rhetoric. They expose themselves for the farce that they are.

Love and Rage and solidarity to comrade Alex Haigh. Your imprisonment continues to anger and inspire us. Stay strong and we will see you on the outside. [..]

Our numbers are growing and with every eviction and every imprisonment our rage and determination burns brighter. Soon the flames of our struggle shall engulf their system.

Love and Rage
- The Gremlins

10/11/12: SOCIAL CENTRE UPDATE

We the gremlins (currently squatters of Gremlin Alley) will be re-opening our social centre to the community later this week. After a thorough clean up, re-organising our space and lots of hard work, we are pleased to announce that we will be going back to 'business as usual'. There will additionally be a video communique to be released tomorrow regarding the on going resistance to keep the space.

We also now have a social centre phone – 07967 249310 – for anyone to directly communicate with us. To be included in our phone tree for eviction alert, upcoming events and gremlin news, please text us with 'Add me up'.

We'd like to thank everyone for their incredible support so far, included but not limited to; anarchists, activists, travellers, artists, neighbours, local businesses, visitors and of course our close friends. The response from those in and around the City Road area has been truly remarkable; as police continue to ignore us and bailiffs plan their future attempt to evict us. [..]