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Being led up the garden path...

PEOPLE locally may remember the rumpus back in 2009 when local shopkeeper Paul Berrington, owner of 'Good As New 2' in Chilwell, displayed replica knives close to the front of the window in his shop.

People at the time considered that Mr Berrington showed a total lack of moral responsibility by displaying the replica weapons at the front of the shop window. This, they thought, was too close to where gullible schoolchildren might be tempted to purchase such weapons, thinking it 'cool' to carry knives about their person, replicas or not. A campaign was set up and petitions were signed, politely requesting that the shop owner adopt a more responsible attitude, as what he was doing was not illegal.

Sex offender

At Derby Crown Court on

Monday, May 9, Paul Berrington, owner of 'Good As New' in Long Eaton and 'Good As New 2' in Chilwell, was sentenced to 10 years in prison for 11 counts of indecent assault and one charge of making an indecent video.

He will be placed on the sex offenders' register for life.

In court, he was said to be attracted by 'vulnerability' and groomed and sexually abused an 11-year-old customer and molested another of a similar age during the 1990s.

The court heard how Berrington, 56, of Sandiacre, had told his social worker as long ago as 1992 that he had "deliberately monitored and targeted" one of the girls and that her age was "irrelevant". What did matter was her "vulnerability and willingness to engage in sexual activity."

This news arrived at The Beeston Express just before the press deadline on Thursday, May 12.

We've checked what we can in time for this issue. Other allegations were made against Mr Berrington, and we will endeavour to find out and check the background to the whole story from official sources in time for the date of the next publication (May 27).

Beeston man given ASBO for 'persistent nuisance'

A MAN who persistently causes a nuisance in the centre of Beeston has been given an antisocial behavioural order after threatening a PCSO.

Barry Smith, 45, has frequently caused problems in the town, including swearing in front of members of the public, disorderly behaviour, and threats to the police.

He was involved in an incident in January this year where he threatened a Nottinghamshire Police PCSO.

On Friday, May 6, Smith, of Carrington Street, Nottingham, admitted using threatening words and behaviour.

The court found that Smith had acted in an antisocial manner and that an ASBO would be necessary to protect local residents from further antisocial acts by him.

ASBO

Under the terms of the order, Smith is prohibited from:

- Using threatening, intimidating, foul or abusive words or disorderly behaviour in any public place in Beeston
- Harassing, threatening or intimidating people, or encouraging others to do so
- Failing to respond to any reasonable request made by a police officer, PCSO or other authorised officer to leave any public place

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