



# Olley on stabbings



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# Metrics Summary

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**4**

**Pieces of Coverage**

Total number of online, offline and social clips in this book



**35.8K**

**Estimated Views**

Prediction of lifetime views of coverage, based on audience reach & engagement rate on social



**8.37M**

**Audience**

Combined total of publication-wide audience figures for all outlets featuring coverage



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**Engagements**

Combined total of likes, comments and shares on social media platforms



**89**

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# Coverage

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4 pieces

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## Broad Street boss: Tackle city knife culture head on

**THOMAS CRAMP**  
Local Democracy Reporter

**T**HE man in charge of Birmingham's "Golden Mile" has said modern knife culture must be tackled after a spate of stabbings in the area.

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In his 18 years as manager he has seen stabbings before, but in the last five weeks there have been three serious incidents of knife crime in the area - two at Broad Street bars and one outside the Library of Birmingham in Centenary Square.

Police and Birmingham City Council responded by imposing a raft of strict security measures at both O Bar and Velvet Music Rooms.

Regarding the Velvet Music Rooms attack on June 5, Mr Olley said: "It's horrid. Not only was I horrified that a stabbing took place, but I was horrified that a stabbing took place at such

a well-managed bar. Having looked into the matter, I'm convinced that there is little or no more they could have done on that occasion.

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Police said there had been a security breakdown at Velvet Music Rooms that night and suggested several new conditions be added to its licence.

These included metal detector searches, ID scanners, door staff

body cameras and a bleed kit kept on site.

The venue said it had been hired out by an external entertainment business that night for what was "their own event, with their own customers. Dis, promoters and box office staff organising entry."

It is due for another full licence review early next month.

Mr Olley added:

"I don't see ID scanners changing the culture of kids carrying knives today.

"Most of the knifings could be sorted by the prospect of decent jobs for kids, but no one's talking about that."

Asked if he thought the recent spate of stabbings would affect footfall on Broad Street, he said: "No, I don't think that's likely at all. Ever since I've been manager of Westside, we've had problems like this.

"When you've got as many people as we do coming to Broad Street, in excess of a million a year.

"I'd suggest we are a very safe street. Statistically, we are safer than a leafy street in Sutton because of the volume of people."

Mr Olley said it was "desperately sad" that we live in a culture where people feel the need to leave the house with knives.

However, he was confident hundreds of door staff and 40 to 50 police officers on a Saturday night make the area safer.

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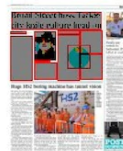


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Mike Olley, of Westside BID

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## Nightclub bosses on stab alert – Olley

PUB and club managers are on a 'heightened state of alert' after a rise in stabbings in an area of Birmingham.

Broad Street and Centenary Square have both had serious incidents occur in recent weeks with multiple people treated for knife wounds.

Mike Olley, who manages the Westside BID area surrounding Brindleyplace, Broad Street, Five Ways and Centenary Square, believes cultural issues around people carrying knives needs to be addressed - although he said

in his 18 years as Westside BID general manager, problems like this have always existed.

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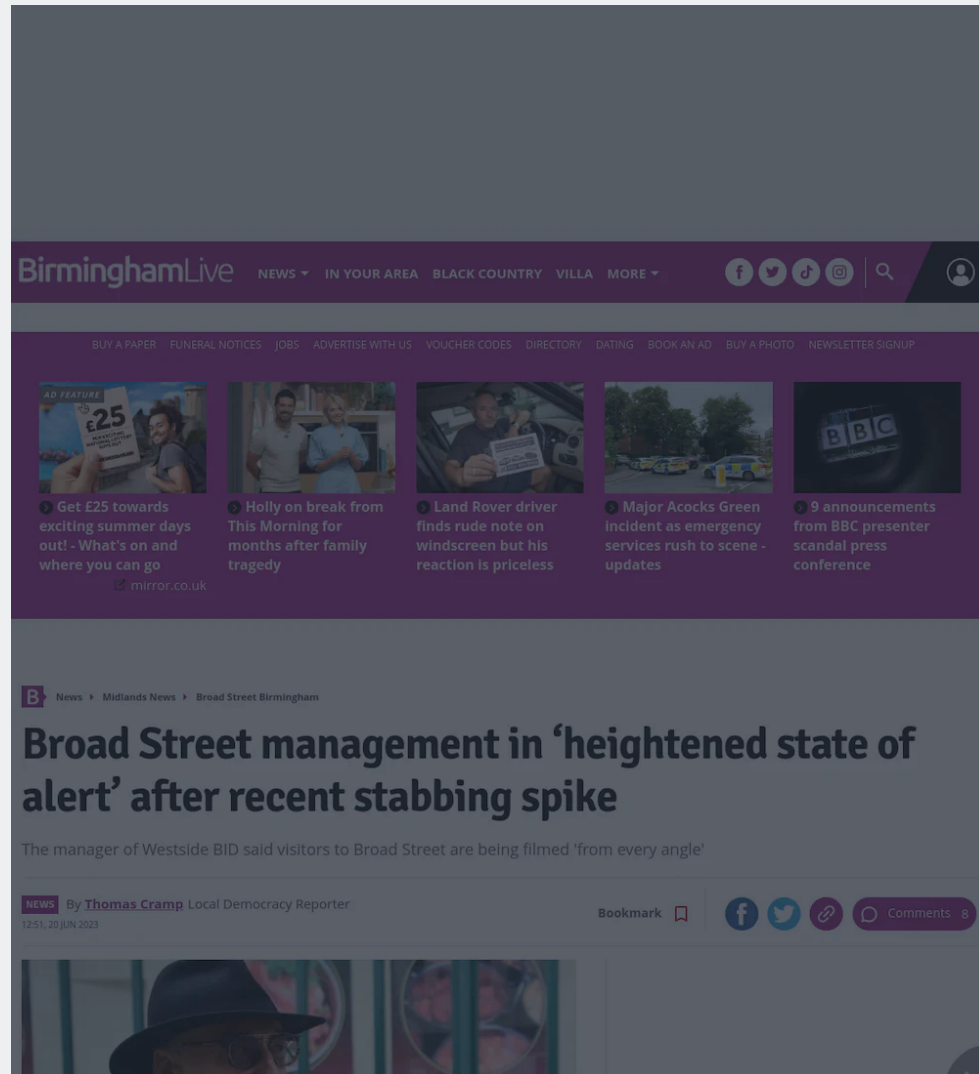
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