

## **SEPTEMBER 2005 - SUMMARY**

- **Gun Deaths and Injuries** - There were a number of fatal shooting incidents reported in September. Police shot dead an armed man in Ashton-under-Lyne and another man shot himself after being confronted by armed police on the M1 in Nottinghamshire. Another man killed himself in a Knightsbridge store after shooting dead a shop assistant. Two shooting deaths were reported in Chorlton, Manchester, a man was found shot dead in Rochdale and another was killed during a fracas in Birmingham. Other victims received serious gunshot wounds in incidents around London - Greenwich, Dalston, Homerton, Islington and Archway. A jeweller in Horsham was lucky not to have been seriously injured or killed when his mobile phone absorbed the impact of a shot.
- **Armed Hold-Ups** - A number of armed hold-ups and raids occurred this month. These took place on shops in Edinburgh, Chester, Coventry, Horsham (see above), Irvine, Leigh (when two children were threatened) and Solihull, on a building society in Thatcham, on a sub post office in Bishopbriggs, on a collection agency in Bellshill, in a church in Ashton-in-Makerfield, on petrol stations in Nottingham and Cheylesmore (Coventry), on offices in Barking and on a bus in Holloway. A man was held at gunpoint and robbed after being tricked into buying a car in Tottenham and a gunman attempted to rob three men in separate incidents in Golders Green. Vehicles were stolen or hijacked by armed men in Hemel Hempstead and Cotham (Bristol) and homes raided in Pendleton (Salford) and Wilmslow.
- **Other Incidents** - An empty car riddled with bullets was found in Camberwell and a man in a street in Brockley was fired at. Shots were fired from a vehicle on the M8 in Glasgow at another car.
- **Police Raids** - Guns were recovered during police raids in Blackwater (Hampshire) and Redcar, and two men were arrested in Sidcup for possessing guns.
- **Armed Responses** - Armed response units were called out to a number of incidents some of which are included in other sections. In addition to these there were incidents in Epworth, Norwich and St Annes.
- **Imitation Guns** - There were more incidents involving BB guns and other imitation weapons, often being used by children or teenagers. On Merseyside there were incidents at two schools (Gateacre and Netherton)

and a 10-year-old was shot in Speke. A 14-year-old who fired a BB gun and hit another pupil in a Newark school earlier this year was told he faces custody. A mother claimed to have been threatened with an imitation gun in Lache Park, and two incidents in Sheffield involving youths were reported by South Yorkshire Police. Youngsters continue to ignore the dangers of carrying imitation guns in public - a 10-year-old was arrested in Smallfield after brandishing one at school and a 13-year-old appeared in court after carrying an imitation pistol in Llandudno. A man believed to be carrying an imitation gun was arrested near Sevenoaks. Police released a picture of an imitation sub-machine gun used in a raid in Bournemouth. A man was charged with possessing an imitation gun with intent to cause fear and violence in Greenbank, another was found guilty of pointing an imitation handgun at children in a car in Todmorden and one of a gang of youths was found guilty of firing a BB gun at a bus driver in Poringland. Long jail sentences were given to two men for robbing a supermarket and threatening staff with an imitation gun in Hatfield Heath and to a man caught in Thornton Heath caught armed with a converted blank-firing pistol. One of two 15-year-olds who committed 35 offences involving theft from other children waved an imitation gun during one attack.

- **Airgun Attacks** - Airgun attacks occurred in many locations around Great Britain. A number of victims were hit including a woman in a retail park in Telford, a woman in a Renfrew garden and a teenager climbing a ladder in Leigh. Shots were fired at a passing car in Exhall and at a 5-year-old boy in Renfrew. The bedroom window of a 1-year-old girl was hit in Heavily, a Dundee man was sitting in his living room when the window was hit and a pensioner in Barton has been targeted by youngsters firing at his windows. A pensioner caused a gun scare with an air pistol at his flat in Blyth and a man fired twenty shots with an air rifle in a street in Kingsthorpe. Men appeared in court after airgun incidents in Carlisle, East Kilbride, Edinburgh, Glasgow's Kelvingrove Park, Johnstone and Workington. All the reported attacks on animals in September involved air weapons.

## SEPTEMBER 2005 – INCIDENTS

### ENGLAND

*Mirror*, 30 September 2005

John Smith, a Conservative councillor in **Barnsley**, left two children locked in alone at home with guns and a knife. Police officers who broke into the house found a Bren gun with a loaded clip propped against a wall and a rifle in a bedroom. He was given an eight-week suspended sentence after admitting two counts of child cruelty.

*Liverpool Echo*, 30 September 2005

Police officers could be put in every secondary school on Merseyside to stamp out the threat of **ball-bearing gun** attacks on pupils after three shootings in a week. Two 14-year-old boys were suspended after a 15-year-old girl was shot in the face at **Gateacre** community school. A ten-year-old boy was shot in the bottom in **Speke** and in a widely reported incident three 14-year-old girls walked into a high school in **Netherton** and threatened a teaching assistant with a BB gun.

*icSouth London*, 30 September 2005

Ricardo Gray who took part in a violent robbery in **Thornton Heath** in January 2005 in which a man was pistol-whipped and shot in the leg was jailed for 10 years.

*icCoventry*, 30 September 2005

A police helicopter was used to search for a man who fired an **air rifle** at a passing car on the A444 in **Exhall**, Coventry. The offender had been spotted on a bridge over the road.

*Chester Chronicle*, 30 September 2005

A mother claimed that she had been threatened with an **imitation firearm** while holding her 15 month old son. The incident took place in **Lache Park** where people are so concerned about the situation that they have formed a residents' association.

*BBC*, 30 September 2005

Shoppers fled from robbers brandishing a gun and a machete through a busy street in **Chester**. A security guard had been threatened. The gang, who stole a number of gems, escaped.

*Manchester Evening News*, 29 September 2005

A priest was robbed at gunpoint at a church in **Ashton-in-Makerfield**. Two men robbed him moments after one of them asked for a blessing at the altar.

*Journal (Newcastle)*, 29 September 2005

Claims were made that a **Sunderland** man, Gary Taylor, who murdered his best friend with an axe had been known by health bosses to be collecting a cache of weapons, including guns and knives.

*icSurrey*, 29 September 2005

A 10-year-old boy was arrested and put in a police cell after brandishing a plastic **toy gun** in the playground of a school in **Smallfield**. The boy had pestered his father to buy the pistol from a toy shop three days before the incident. The gun had been fired and a pellet hit a fellow pupil.

*Harlow Star*, 29 September 2005

Richard Murphy and Ross Plumridge were jailed for six years and Terence Wilhelm for eight years after they had threatened staff at a supermarket in **Hatfield Heath** with an **imitation gun** and stole £600, cigarettes and alcohol.

*Barking and Dagenham Recorder*, 29 September 2005

Masked robbers held four workers at gunpoint before making off with more than £12,000 in cash from offices in **Barking**.

*Islington Gazette*, 28 September 2005

Two children were held at gunpoint on a no.4 bus in **Holloway**. Two teenagers asked them if either of them had mobile phones before pulling out a silver coloured handgun and threatening to shoot them.

*Hemel Today*, 28 September 2005

A driver parked in **Gadebridge Park** was approached by a gunman and told to hand over his keys. He was forced from the driver's side of his car and the attacker got into the car and drove off.

*Worcester Standard*, 26 September 2005

Timothy Bayliss pleaded guilty to firearm offences following a pub siege in **Upton-upon-Severn** in July 2005 when he began firing a 12-bore shotgun. He admitted possession of a firearm with intent to cause fear of violence and pleaded guilty to possession of a gun while committing criminal damage and causing criminal damage. Sentence was adjourned.

*icCoventry*, 26 September 2005

David Judge arrived at a friend's house in **Cheylesmore** drunk and armed with a nailgun. He admitted being in possession of an **imitation firearm** and was sentenced to a total of 515 days in prison.

*BBC*, 26 September 2005

A man is being hunted after he used a handgun and a screwdriver to rob a petrol station in **Nottingham**. He stole the car of the cashier who was locked in a store-room.

*Manchester Evening News*, 25 September 2005

The co-owner of a private hire firm was shot dead at a cab rank in **Chorlton**. The victim had a single gunshot wound to his chest and died in hospital.

*Evening Chronicle (Newcastle)*, 24 September 2005

A pensioner has been warned after causing a gun scare at a sheltered housing scheme in **Blyth**. A fire alarm had been triggered during a minor kitchen fire but when firefighters reached the pensioner's flat he was aggressive and verbally abused them. They spotted an **air pistol** on the floor and immediately withdrew. Police later confiscated the gun.

*BBC*, 24 September 2005

Two shots were fired at the manager of a jewellery shop in **Horsham** when he chased a robber who had escaped from the shop with a fistful of gems. The victim's mobile phone, in his suit jacket pocket, absorbed the impact of a shot and he was unhurt. Police are treating the incident as attempted murder.

*Blackpool Today*, 23 September 2005

A suspected gunman brought **St Annes** to a standstill after he had been seen in the company of a "distressed" woman, carrying a rifle through a park. Police saw them enter a block of flats and cordoned off the road. After a seven-hour stand off the man gave himself up and surrendered the rifle. The woman had left the building after an hour. Police indicated that a domestic issue had started the incident.

*BBC*, 23 September 2005

A postman from Bristol was hijacked at gun point in the **Cotham** area and was forced to drive to Exeter.

*BBC*, 22 September 2005

A man was arrested on suspicion of possessing an **imitation gun** after he was stopped by armed police near **Sevenoaks**. The police were called by a man who thought he had seen someone in a lorry with an automatic pistol.

*Stockport Express*, 21 September 2005

A one-year-old girl escaped injury after teenagers turned her street in **Heaviley** into an **airgun** shooting gallery. A sniper shot an air pellet at her bedroom window and made a hole. Car headlights were also smashed by stray pellets.

*Eastern Daily Press*, 21 September 2005

Michael Carroll from **Downham Market** appeared before magistrates for failing to report for work - he had been given a 240-hour community order in June for damaging shops and windows during a drunken spree with an **airgun**. See also [April 2004 Incidents](#).

*BBC*, 21 September 2005

Six men were arrested and firearms found in a number of houses in **Blackwater**, Hampshire, after gunshots were reported to police.

**BBC**, 21 September 2005

A 14-year-old pupil who fired a **BB gun** at a teacher but hit another pupil at his **Newark** school in April 2005 has been told he faces custody. He admitted possessing an imitation firearm with intent to cause others to believe unlawful violence would be used against them. The owner of the gun, a 13-year-old, admitted possessing an imitation firearm in a public place. See [April 2005 Incidents](#).

**South London Press**, 20 September 2005

Two men were left fighting for their lives after a gunman opened fire in a nightclub in **Greenwich**. The paper also reported other incidents. Police had discovered an empty car riddled with bullet holes and spent cartridges in **Camberwell** and a gunman was spotted confronting a man along a street in **Brockley**. Shots were fired but missed the victim who was then hit with a claw hammer. His injuries are not thought to be life-threatening.

**icCoventry**, 20 September 2005

Three masked men armed with a handgun held up a convenience store in **Coventry** in a dawn raid. The robbers escaped with cash and cigarettes.

**Evening Gazette (Middlesbrough)**, 20 September 2005

Nathan Foster, 15, from the Beechwood estate in **Middlesbrough**, has been locked up for 12 months for ignoring an ASBO given for bad behaviour over the past two years which included firing **airguns**.

**BBC**, 19 September 2005

A man was tied up and threatened with a gun and machete by two burglars who forced their way into a house in **Pendleton**, Salford. The raiders stole a watch, a diamond ring and electrical items.

**BBC**, 19 September 2005

Police sealed off part of the town of **Epworth** in North Lincolnshire after shots were heard. A house window and a car window were damaged by up to three shots. A man had been seen in the area at the time of the shots running away before driving off in a car.

**Shropshire Star**, 17 September 2005

A woman suffered an injury to her leg when she was hit by an **airgun** pellet fired from a car. The victim was using a pathway at a retail park near **Telford** town centre. Three youths are believed to be responsible.

**News & Star**, 17 September 2005

Scott Graham from **Carlisle** threatened a teenager with an **air pistol** in a row over a stolen bike after getting the blame for the theft. He admitted possessing the gun with intent to cause fear of violence, as well as possessing it within five years of finishing a prison sentence. He awaits sentence.

*Evening Gazette (Middlesbrough)*, 17 September 2005

A group of six teenagers walking their dogs in a wood were confronted by armed gamekeepers. The incident took place on Lord Gisborough's estate near **Guisborough**. The men were wearing camouflage army gear and, according to one of the boys, "one had a camouflaged mask on his face and a shotgun and the other had a .22 rifle. They just pointed their guns.." The boys were told it was about poaching, but they claim they were walking on a public path. The police were informed but are taking no further action.

*Independent*, 16 September 2005

A teenage father was shot dead by a gunman who turned up at his house in **Chorlton**, Manchester.

*icSouth London*, 16 September 2005

Marcus Archer, who was caught outside a mosque in **Thornton Heath** with a loaded pistol, was jailed for eight years. He had admitted possession of a firearm with intent and possession of ammunition without a certificate. The gun was a **blank firing pistol** which had been converted to fire live ammunition. Archer has previous convictions for possessing an **imitation firearm**, robbery and assault.

*icCoventry*, 16 September 2005

Armed robbers held up a van delivering cash to a petrol station in the Coventry suburb of **Cheylesmore**. They sped away with a cash box. No shots were fired.

*Reuters*, 15 September 2005

A man shot himself dead on the **M1 motorway** near **Nottingham** after a chase involving armed police officers. The man had been pursued from an address in Thorne, Doncaster. Graham Jenkins is understood to have fled his former girlfriend's house after an argument. The police said "The man was in possession of a firearm. Officers fired a baton round at the man, who then turned the firearm at himself" (*BBC*, 16 September 2005).

*icBerkshire*, 15 September 2005

A six-year-old boy found a rifle in a hole dug by workmen in **Ascot Heath**. His mother discovered him carrying the gun on the walk home from school. The Martini-Henry rifle could date back to 1875.

*Cambridge Evening News*, 15 September 2005

A pensioner whose house in **Barton** has been targeted by youngsters firing **airguns** at his lounge window welcomed the proposals for tough new regulations on the sale of these weapons.

*BBC*, 15 September 2005

Detectives hunting a man who threatened a worker at a **Bournemouth** store during a raid in April have released a picture of the **imitation sub-machine gun** used in the robbery. Police hope that someone may have heard the robber boast about the gun.

*Wilmslow Express*, 14 September 2005

A couple were tied up by masked gunmen who burst into their house in **Wilmslow**. Jewellery worth £¼ million was stolen.

*Tottenham, Wood Green & Edmonton Journal*, 14 September 2005

A man was held at gunpoint, beaten and robbed after being tricked into buying a car in **Tottenham**. He was attacked by three men who stole £450.

*The Mercury*, 14 September 2005

Two men faced charges of conspiracy to commit armed robbery, two charges of having firearms, possessing ammunition, possession of a semi-automatic handgun containing ammunition and two charges of having a weapon for the use of discharging noxious gas after being arrested in **Sidcup**.

*Northwich Chronicle*, 14 September 2005

Joe Rooney appeared in court charged with possessing an **imitation firearm** with intent to cause fear or violence. He was arrested after an incident at an illegal travellers site on recreation land in **Greenbank**.

*London 24*, 14 September 2005

A teenager was gunned down in front of revellers at a **Dalston** nightclub. The same evening a street in **Lower Clapton** was sprayed with bullets which ricocheted into flats. In a further attack a robbery ended in carnage when a man was shot and a teenager was stabbed in the back near **Homerton** railway station.

*Islington Gazette*, 14 September 2005

Linton Ambursley admitted wounding an innocent passer-by who was shot outside a music awards ceremony in **Finsbury** in November 2004. He pleaded guilty to wounding with intent and to firearms charges. He now faces a jail sentence.

*Evening Gazette (Middlesbrough)*, 14 September 2005

A cache of lethal weapons was seized by drugs police in raids in Teesside. Twelve people were arrested in **Redcar** after the seizure of the weapons which included a **BB gun**.

*BBC*, 14 September 2005

A man walked into Harvey Nichols in **Knightsbridge** and shot dead a shop assistant before killing himself. Later reports described how the victim had been stalked by the perpetrator who had pleaded guilty to harassing her only two weeks earlier (*PA News*, 14 September 2005).

*BBC*, 11 September 2005

A man was shot dead by police after a gunman opened fire at a house in **Ashton-under-Lyne**. A rifle and over 100 rounds of ammunition were recovered from the scene. The incident has been referred to the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC). The dead man has been named as Craig King. He had earlier terrified residents after smashing a downstairs window and a vehicle with a machete (*Tameside Advertiser*, 14 September 2005).

*Halifax Today*, 10 September 2005

Matthew Roscoe, who pointed an **imitation handgun** at a car in which two young children were sitting, has been given an 80 hour community punishment and rehabilitation order for two years as well as being ordered to pay £400 compensation to his victims. The offence took place outside a chip shop in **Todmorden** in March 2005.

*South London Press*, 9 September 2005

Two 15-year-olds who posed online with pump-action shotguns and boasted of robbing other children have been locked up for six-and-a half years. Police believe they committed 35 offences between January and April. Falco Moludi and Ipaon Mosngo singled out pupils from a school in **Streatham** they thought had mobile phones. On one occasion Moludi waved an **imitation handgun**.

*Islington Gazette*, 7 September 2005

A bouncer was shot outside a bar in **Islington**. He was hit several times in the chest and shoulder by a hooded man. His condition was described as critical but stable.

*Islington Gazette*, 7 September 2005

A man was fighting for his life after being shot in the head in an attack on the Elthorne Estate, **Archway**.

*icBerkshire*, 7 September 2005

A hooded robber burst through the doors of a building society branch in **Thatcham** and waved a gun at a teller and demanded cash. He escaped on foot with bundles of cash.

*South Yorkshire Police*, 5 September 2005

Two separate incidents on the **Winn Gardens** estate in Sheffield are reported. In one a group of youths carrying **BB guns** confronted a man at his front door and fired four shots at him which hit his chest and neck. In the second incident a 13-year-old boy was hit in the back with a **BB gun**, causing marking to the skin. Two older youths were allegedly responsible. The police are appealing to parents to stop their children purchasing BB guns.

*Mirror*, 5 September 2005

A man was arrested after 20 shots were fired in a street in **Kingsthorpe**, Northampton. Car windows were shot out as the man fired wildly in the air. Police were held at bay for 2 hours before the man gave himself up. A spokeswoman said police seized what they believed was an **air rifle** when the man was arrested.

*Telegraph*, 4 September 2005

The body of a man who had been shot in the head was found in the grounds of **Rochdale** Infirmary.

*News & Star*, 3 September 2005

Stephen O'Connor was jailed for 18 months after he terrified his mother as he ran amok with an **air rifle** in her flat in **Workington** in March. He was drunk when he began firing the gun while demanding to know the whereabouts of his girlfriend.

*Leigh Today*, 2 September 2005

Two young children had a sawn-off shotgun pointed at them during a raid by a masked man on a **Leigh** superstore. The man was accompanied by an accomplice armed with an axe handle.

*Leigh Today*, 2 September 2005

A 15-year-old who was climbing scaffolding at the rear of his house in **Leigh** was hit by an **air rifle** pellet fired from the fields behind the property. He needed five stitches in a wound to his right buttock. Police reported that there had been other incidents of this nature in the area.

*icBirmingham*, 2 September 2005

A masked man, accompanied by two accomplices, walked into a supermarket in **Solihull** brandishing what appeared to be a handgun. A security guard was forced to hand over cash.

*Hampstead & Highgate Express*, 2 September 2005

A gunman tried to rob three orthodox Jews in separate incidents in **Golders Green**. He fled empty handed because his victims were not carrying cash on the Sabbath.

*Evening News (Norwich)*, 2 September 2005

Armed police surrounded a car in **Norwich** city centre after reports the driver was carrying a gun. A man was arrested on suspicion of unlawful possession of a firearm, although no firearm was found.

*Evening News (Norwich)*, 2 September 2005

William Clarke admitted firing a **ball bearing gun** at a bus driver who had stopped to pick up passengers in **Poringland**. Clarke, who was part of a gang of about 20 youths, told police he had been drunk at the time. The driver was hit on the neck. Clarke has been told by magistrates that he could go to jail.

*BBC*, 1 September 2005

A man was killed and another seriously injured when they were shot during a fracas involving as many as 40 people on a **Birmingham** street.

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## SCOTLAND

*Edinburgh Evening News*, 30 September 2005

A man who was driving his car along the M8 at **Charing Cross**, in the centre of Glasgow, was terrified when shots were fired from another car and narrowly missed the victim..

*Evening Times*, 29 September 2005

Graham Curran from **East Kilbride** who fired an **air rifle** at friends and attacked his sister with a snooker cue was placed on probation for 18 months after admitting a string of charges. A doctor said he was a "timid and immature young man" despite the violent offences.

*Edinburgh Evening News*, 26 September 2005

Two robbers armed with a handgun and a knife threatened two mobile phone shop workers at the store next to Meadowbank Stadium, **Edinburgh**. The robbers escaped with cash, mobile phones and top-up cards with a total value of around £11,000.

*Evening Times*, 21 September 2005

An armed raider held up staff at a pet shop in **Irvine**. He threatened staff with what appeared to be a firearm before making off with a small amount of cash.

*Evening Times*, 21 September 2005

Adam Taylor admitted in court that he had discharged an **air rifle** to the danger of others in Glasgow's **Kelvingrove Park**. He was firing repeatedly at trees at 3 am. A man heard pellets whizzing past his head and spotted a man in a Parka. The Parka and a semi-automatic air rifle were later found at Taylor's flat. The sheriff gave "no indication" of what the sentence would be.

*Evening Times*, 20 September 2005

Two youths have appeared in court charged with firing an **air rifle**, hitting four people. The weapon was fired from a window in **Johnstone**.

*Evening Telegraph & Post*, 19 September 2005

A **Dundee** man was sitting in his living room when the window was hit with what's thought to have been an **airgun** pellet. A round hole was left in the window. A young boy, aged between 9 and 11, was seen in the vicinity with what looked like an airgun.

*Sunday Mail*, 18 September 2005

A gunman grabbed £25,000 from a sub post office in **Bishopbriggs** and threatened a female assistant. The robber was dressed like a construction worker. In a second incident a woman worker at a collection agency in **Bellshill** was threatened by a gunman who ran off with a second man when she said she had no cash. A reward of £5000 has been offered by the Post Office for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the Bishopbriggs robber (*Evening Times*, 26 September 2005).

*Evening Times*, 8 September 2005

Three teenagers shot at a five-year-old boy with an **airgun** as he walked near a **Renfrew** school with his mother. Two shots narrowly missed the boy's head.

*Edinburgh Evening News*, 8 September 2005

Frederick Robertson was sent to prison for 80 days after pleading guilty to shooting an **air rifle** at the windows of the flats of three neighbours in **Edinburgh**. The sheriff criticised prosecutors because of the way Robertson was charged: he did not regard the maximum possible sentence of 80 days as remotely sufficient for what had been done.

*Evening Times*, 7 September 2005

A mother-of-two was in her friend's back garden in **Kirklandneuk**, Renfrew, when she was shot in the head with an **airgun**. She described how she fell to her knees after feeling a massive thud on top of her head: there was blood coming from her forehead.

*Daily Record*, 2 September 2005

Robin McGhie was convicted of recklessly firing a gun and endangering the lives of a family in a caravan. McGhie was hunting rabbits with a rifle on **Dalbeattie** Golf Course when one of the bullets he fired ripped through the caravan just missing a toddler's head by inches and becoming embedded in the fridge. A ballistics expert told the court that the gun was a powerful weapon with a range of almost two miles. He avoided a jail term and was ordered to do 280 hours' community service.

*Edinburgh Evening News*, 2 September 2005

Two men, Marc Webley and James Tant, appeared in court to admit attempting to murder a man in **Edinburgh** in January. The victim was hit with one of five bullets that were fired from an automatic pistol by one of his attackers while the other threatened him with a sawn-off shotgun. He was an inch from death.

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## WALES

*Daily Post*, 14 September 2005

A 13-year-old boy appeared in court for carrying a plastic silver gun, an **imitation Beretta-style pistol** which cost a pound. He admitted having the gun in a public place and stealing a bottle of vodka in **Llandudno**. He was placed under supervision and given a curfew and ordered to pay prosecution costs.

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## INCIDENTS INVOLVING ANIMALS

*Hertfordshire Mercury News*, 30 September 2005

A cygnet was shot in the head with an **airgun** in **Hertford**. The bird was found bleeding on the River Lee by a member of the public. Vets found that the bird had another pellet within an infected wound, a legacy of another airgun attack.

*Buckingham Today*, 29 September 2005

Vets feared that a cat would not be able to feed himself and would have to be put down after its jawbone had to be removed after a suspected **air rifle** attack in **Tingewick**.

*BBC*, 17 September 2005

A pet cat has died days after it was found with a wound to the head after she had been shot with an **air weapon**. The cat was discovered by its owners in **Stafford**.

*Biggleswade Today*, 12 September 2005

A cat underwent gruelling surgery after being shot in an **airgun** attack in **Haynes**. A pellet shattered his teeth and was found lodged his spine.



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