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For the last 25 years, myself and my family have lived in Walton Park and frequented the public house regularly throughout this time, from when it was The Welcome Tavern to being taken over and becoming The Hunters.

The pub has always been a meeting place for the locals in the area, however it was never the family pub that the area so desperately desired until it was recently taken over and became The Hunters.

The pub however, would be nothing without it's Manager, Paul Bloomer. Since the day he arrived, he has been a breath of fresh air and has brought the whole community together. Nothing is too much trouble for him and he really is 'one of a kind' and we feel lucky to have him at our local. Paul is always kind, chatty, friendly and welcoming to all.

The pub, over the last few years, has become a haven for families and the elderly alike. It is a place where women feel safe going with their friends, families feel welcomed and accommodated for and the elderly are respected.

I am in my 60's and meet up with friends at least once a week at The Hunters, with my wife, children (in the 30's), grandchildren (8 months to 12 years) and friends (40s to 80's) and we all have a great time, a few drinks a good laugh and make memories.

The Hunters is the only place in which my daughters feel safe enough to take their children alone for food and drinks within the area and the only place my older friend who is in his 80's (he would not thank me for telling you that) and lives alone, feels safe to visit on his own for 2 or 3 drinks to get him out of the house and socialising.

I understand that there was an incident of late, which occurred during the Euro 2020 football. To say I was shocked at this is an understatement as it was most definitely an isolated incident as this is the first 'incident' I have known in the 25 years myself and my family have been visiting. The person(s) involved were not regular visitors at The Hunters and I do not feel that the foolish actions of the minority, who it appears had never been in the pub before and will never be re-visiting, should result in the punishment of the majority who are respectable people who see The Hunters as the heart of the community.

Paul Bloomer and his Team are an asset to The Hunters and The Hunters is an asset to the community of Walton Park.

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