



Realities Checked: Interpreting Stories Of Crime In Gypsy And Traveller Communities

INFORMATION SHEET

1. **What is this research about?** The study aims to learn more about the experiences of Gypsies and Traveller like yourself, as victims of crime, but also as offenders. We know how white, black and Asian people are affected by crime, but not Gypsies and Travellers. We are also keen to understand how you feel about the criminal justice system and its treatment of Gypsies and Travellers. We will be conducting this research in London and the South-East, Devon and Cornwall, Norfolk and Leeds and Manchester, with 400 Gypsies and Travellers like yourself.

Today's survey will ask about your experiences of crime, including questions like:

- During the last 12 months have you had your car, van, or motorcycle stolen or driven away without permission?
- In the last year has anyone outside of your household THREATENED you in any way that actually frightened you?
- How worried are you about being a victim of online crime?

2. **Who is doing the research?** Professors Coretta Phillips and Zoë James, who are both criminologists, and Professor Becky Taylor who is an historian. We are all university researchers.
3. **Who is paying for this research?** It has been funded by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) which funds research into social and economic issues such as quality of life.
4. **Do I have to take part?** You do not have to take part in the study and it is up to you whether you do so. If you agree to take part, I will give you this Research Information Sheet to keep and ask you to sign a consent form. You are still free to stop being involved at any time, and you don't have to give a reason.
5. **What will happen if I agree to take part?** I will ask you some questions about your experiences of crime, discrimination, and justice in the last 12 months. If any questions make you feel uncomfortable, you do not have to answer them. We'll probably talk for around an hour or so.
6. **Will people find out that I participated or what I said?** No. You will not be named or identified in any reports that are written about the research. WE WILL NOT EVEN BE ASKING YOUR NAME!
7. **What are the possible benefits of taking part?** You can provide valuable information about Gypsies and Travellers' lives, including experiences of victimisation and discrimination. You will receive £30 to show our thanks for taking the time to complete the survey with us.
8. **What will happen to the results of the research study?** We will be working with *Travellers Times* to produce a short film, podcasts, and creative work to share with the public. The findings will also be included in articles in academic journals and a book and presented at various conferences.
9. **Who do I contact if I have a complaint about the research?** Please contact research.ethics@lse.ac.uk.



CONSENT FORM

Interviewer's Declaration I declare that I have explained clearly to the participant the aims and objectives of this study and have received their consent to participate as below.	Signature/Date Date:	
Interviewee Declaration I have read and understood the Participant Information Sheet or it has been read to me I have been able to ask questions and any have been answered to my satisfaction I give my consent to participate in this study	YES 	NO
Signature	Date:	
Would you like to receive a report on the findings from this research? If YES, please include a postal or email address below:		
Support Services - if you experience any distress as a result of this interview you can contact these organisations to get help: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victim Support - 0808 168 9291 • Samaritans - 116 123 		
If you have any further questions about this research study please contact Professor Coretta Phillips - coretta.phillips@lse.ac.uk Further information on the project can also be found at https://www.realities-checked.org/		

