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One hundred and thirty people were arrested, ninety of which came before Bristol magistrates on charges relating to the incident. Bristol: Ethnic Minorities and the City 1000—2001.

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The police refused to concede and threatened to arrest anyone who tried to prevent them leaving. There was a growing army of unemployed. Twelve police cars and several fire engines have been damaged — with many set on fire.

St Pauls 1980: "There was an element of racism in the way black people were portrayed"

Mr Marsh said the demonstration had been 'hijacked' by several hundred 'extremists'. Relations between police and the local community remained tense and reached a low point in 1986 when 600 the Black and White Café again in an action named Operation Delivery. Some officers felt they were not supported by the community, by local and central government and that they were targeted by white liberal and left-wing do-gooders when they were simply trying to do their job.

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Nobody is pretending that the ills, which led to St Paul's becoming a no-go area for police on that day 37 years ago, have been completely overcome, but slowly it is getting there as we all hope we will never see the scenes we saw in April 1980 repeated. This was a reflection of the feelings of hatred and animosity that had been rising as a result of the influx of Caribbean people settling in the country.

1980 St Pauls riot

Advertisement 'It runs absolutely against what they claim to be fighting for - political illiteracy at large. A car on fire amid the 1980s St Paul's riots After the bank is hit, a post office, a row of shops and a warehouse in Brighton Street were also attacked and robbed.

St Pauls Riots

It was about young blacks who were born in this country saying that they weren't prepared to be treated as second-class citizens any longer. It became the heart of a turf war in the late 1990s and early 2000s and was named the most dangerous drug den in 2003. After finishing a degree in politics from Swansea University, he announced to his horrified parents that his choice of 'career' was to be an anarchist, and that he would fund it by claiming the dole.

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Police vans were set on fire, including one containing officers.

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