

anyone come up to speak to Constable A after she released Mr Lunt. I did not see anyone speak to her or shout at her.

18. As I said in my witness statement of 27 April 1997 [page 9232], I also recognised Donald Blevins in the Loyalist crowd. I have been asked whether I am certain that it was Mr Blevins that I saw. I am sure because I had had dealings with Mr Blevins a number of years previously in relation to public order incidents so he was known to myself and other officers. He was not an active part of the crowd that was causing any trouble but he was trying to calm the situation and get Loyalists to leave the area by speaking to them and physically pushing them back up the town. However, like the police, he was having no success.
19. Eventually the ten or twelve officers on the scene were able to get the crowd under control and pushed them up to the top of West Street, beyond the barriers at the junction of Mandeville Street. I have marked on the map of Portadown “crowd pushed back” to denote the position of the crowd at this stage. It took us a long time to get the crowd under control, maybe an hour. The crowd was still quite large at that stage, maybe forty or fifty people. They hung around by the barriers although by that stage they were not really aggressive. Initially they gave verbal abuse to us but then eventually became quiet. We did not make any arrests at that stage because we were still outnumbered and as a matter of common sense the focus was on keeping the crowd out of the town centre. We just stood on the other side of the barriers facing the crowd until the Mobile Support Unit arrived and took over. I am unable to say exactly when the town centre did return to normal. I know that we were facing the Loyalist crowd at the barriers at West Street for a long time before the Mobile Support Unit arrived. We were stood down after about ten minutes. I believe it was a verbal stand down. I did not have any sort of debriefing when I was stood down.
20. Neither I nor any of the officers who were stood down made any effort to preserve the scene before leaving the town centre. As a full time Reserve officer I did not