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Semantic Summary

Banaman is a Sheffield-based YouTube auditor and self-styled "law enforcement watchdog" whose channel presents itself as an alternative to mainstream media, with approximately 60,500 subscribers. Operating under a pseudonym, he conducts confrontational audits of South Yorkshire Police, shopping centres, and transport hubs, controversially wearing a mock police uniform that has drawn institutional criticism from the force. Profiled in the Sheffield Tribune's "The Dark Knights of Sheffield" investigation into local auditing culture, Banaman represents the provincial wing of the UK auditor movement. His most significant documented connection to the far-right ecosystem is his collaboration with convicted paedophile Anthony Styles (AJ Audits) at a Guildford eviction, linking him to the network of auditors investigated by Byline Times in April 2026. He operates across YouTube, BitChute, and Facebook, positioning himself within the PINAC (Photography Is Not A Crime) movement. His content reflects the auditor subculture's dual emphasis on filming-rights activism and anti-establishment grievance, with his mock-police persona symbolising the movement's performative challenge to institutional authority.

Field	Detail
Platform	YouTube
Category	UK auditing / citizen journalism
Status	Active
Full Name	Unknown (uses alias "Banaman")
Real Name	Not publicly identified
Subscribers	~60,500 (as of June 2026)
Total Views	~12.3 million
Channel	@BANAMAN
X/Twitter	@BanamanNews
Location	Sheffield, UK
Joined	25 August 2017

Overview

BANAMAN is a Sheffield-based YouTube auditor and blogger who describes himself as a "law enforcement watchdog" — a self-styled one-man Independent Office for Police Conduct. His channel mission statement is: "Mainstream media is not fit for purpose!" and he aims to be "the alternative to mainstream media BULL SH!T."

He was featured prominently in the **Sheffield Tribune** investigation **"The Dark Knights of Sheffield"** (by Dan Hayes), which explored the rise of YouTube auditing culture in South Yorkshire. Banaman frequently wears a mock police uniform during his audits, which has drawn criticism from official police sources.

Banaman operates a website at mediark.co.uk and actively posts to Facebook (@BANAMANs). He also used Bitchute as a backup platform but primarily publishes on YouTube.

Notable Content

- Auditing of South Yorkshire Police, Sheffield train stations, shopping centres and other public spaces
- Filming and confronting security guards and police officers
- "BANAMAN Investigates SCANIA Sheffield" — a notable video focusing on the Scania truck depot in Sheffield
- Regular vlogs documenting his interactions with law enforcement and the public
- Reports on council buildings, transport hubs, and corporate premises

Controversies

Mock Police Uniform

- Banaman regularly wears what appears to be a mock police uniform during his audits, which the Sheffield Tribune noted is controversial. South Yorkshire Police have been critical of the practice.

Wearing Thin with Police

- The Sheffield Tribune article included comments from a high-ranking South Yorkshire Police source who described auditors generally as "not worth the hassle" and "wankers," reflecting institutional frustration with Banaman's style.

YouTube Strike History

- Banaman has received multiple strikes from YouTube, including a 7-day ban which he successfully appealed. He claims to have had videos censored by YouTube, particularly his Tesco-related content.

Collaboration with Other Auditors

- Banaman has appeared in content alongside other far-right auditors, including AJ Audits (Anthony Styles), where they discussed "stopping an illegal house eviction" in Guildford. This association with convicted paedophile Styles is notable.

Social Media

- YouTube: @BANAMAN
- X/Twitter: @BanamanNews
- Facebook: BANAMANs
- Website: https://www.mediark.co.uk/
- Bitchute: BANAMAN

References

- Sheffield Tribune: The Dark Knights of Sheffield — by Dan Hayes
- Social Blade: BANAMAN's YouTube Statistics (53.7K-60.5K subscribers, ~10.6-12.3M views)
- YouTube channel @BANAMAN (joined 25 Aug 2017)

Known Associations

Auto-generated from cross-references in this archive.

- **Anthony Styles / AJ Audits** — 3 mentions · tagged
- **UK Auditor** — 1 mention

Tags

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