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Compiled from Facebook, Instagram and Threads posts, Jan 2025 – Jun 2026

Overview

In the UK, "auditors" are self-styled citizen journalists who film police stations, businesses, and protests to test public-filming rights. Posts from 2025-2026 show the scene splitting into three strands:

1. **Police-accountability audits** — filming officers to test stop-and-search powers
 2. **Provocation-for-clicks** — confrontations at far-right demos and migrant hotels
 3. **Backlash & legal pushback** — police prosecutions and public ridicule
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Key Players & Accounts

- **Auditing Britain** (@auditing_britain) — ~100k followers, posts daily police encounters at Tesco, police stations, Love Chicken, etc.
 - **Metropolitan Police** (@metpolice_uk) — official account posting prosecutions of abusive auditors
 - **Wavezvfx / DJ Audits** — shares "auditor chased" compilations
 - **YourPolice.UK** — explains the law: filming police is legal in public
 - **Ed Kimberley** (Worcester councillor) — Facebook critique of auditors at far-right demos
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Timeline of Notable Incidents

Jan 2026 – Met Police prosecution

- Video shows a man in grey EA7 hoodie shouting "fucking plum" at officers in London. Met overlay labels it "Auditor's Footage" dated 27 Sep 2025. Caption confirms he pleaded guilty to harassment, alarm or distress.

Jan–Feb 2026 – Auditing Britain series

- **13 Jan, Tesco car park:** Officer with South Korean flag patch asks why auditor is looking in police vehicle. Comments split between "fair question" and "time-waster".
- **12 Feb, police station roadside:** Female officer asks for ID near ANPR vehicle; auditor replies "just chilling, nowhere." Debate over ID requests.
- **7 Jun, "I Don't Think So Mate":** Officers claim station parking is private property after protest security upgrades.

May–Jun 2026 – Escalations

- **27 May, Love Chicken, West Midlands:** Officers perform Section 1 PACE search, kneel on suspect. Posted as raw accountability footage.
- **27 May, YourPolice.UK explainer:** "Can I film police?" — no law bans it; obstruction or terrorism suspicion are only limits.

2025 – Backlash videos

- **18 Jun 2025, Birmingham warehouse:** "Auditor chased by hooligans Part 6" — man in hi-vis vest flees group, calls police. Comments mock "absolute melt".
- **24 Jun 2025, "Police ASSAULT auditor":** Officer claims private property, threatens detention. Community debates security guard authority.
- **21 May 2026, Slough migrant coaches:** CreepWatchUK films at Airsyn yard, alleges Somali migrants threw bricks. Video ends with camera falling; comments overwhelmingly xenophobic.
- **24 Dec 2025, Heston Hide Hotel:** Auditor claims assault by "asylum seekers" while filming migrant hotel; paired distress call audio with calm street footage.

Community criticism

- **4 Jun 2026, Ed Kimberley Facebook post:** Calls auditors "self-described citizen journalists" who attend far-right demos, provoke police for TikTok monetization. Labels them exploiters.
- **Jan 2026, "kidnapped for 5 secs" meme:** AuditingBritain audio lip-synced to calm officer; "ZIP IT" becomes catchphrase, praised as rights activism by some, mocked as stunt by others.

Themes in Facebook Groups & Comments

1. **Legality vs harassment**

- Police and supporters argue filming is legal but abuse isn't. Met prosecution cited as warning.
- YourPolice.UK guidance widely shared in groups.

2. **"Auditor" as insult**

- Commenters regularly call auditors "idiots," "time-wasters," "melt." Wavezvfx threads celebrate chases.

3. **Politicization**

- Right-wing pages link audits to anti-immigration narratives (migrant hotels, Somali coaches).
- Left-leaning councillors frame auditors as far-right provocateurs at demos.

4. **Meme culture**

- Recursive filming jokes ("camera filming camera") and "hot cop" thirst-trap memes from Tesco video show audits becoming entertainment.
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What Facebook Groups Are Saying (sample sentiments)

- **Pro-audit:** "He's fighting for our rights + sued them and handed money to homeless"
 - **Anti-audit:** "Auditors are idiots" / "Well done officers"
 - **Neutral-legal:** "There's no law against filming police in public"
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Takeaways for 2026

- Auditing has moved from niche YouTube to mainstream Instagram Reels and Facebook Reels, with accounts like Auditing Britain driving narrative.
 - Police are increasingly responding publicly, posting bodycam footage of convictions.
 - The term "auditor" in UK groups now carries negative connotation, often associated with far-right demo filming and anti-migrant stunts, not just civil-liberties testing.
 - Legal reality remains: filming in public is allowed; harassment, obstruction, or trespass can lead to arrest.
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Interpersonal Drama Between UK Auditors (2024-2026)

1. LB Audits (Laine Buckingham) — The Lightning Rod

- **Southampton Autonomous Bloc call-out (8 Jun 2026):** Labels LB Audits a "parasite" who deliberately travels to Portswood to provoke crowds, livestream disorder, and expose IDs/license plates for monetization.
- **Bacon sandwich stunt backlash (12 Feb 2026):** Creator Dan L (@thinkbecome) criticizes LB Audits for cooking bacon outside a migrant hotel, calling it "bigoted and horrible" and accusing auditors of performative bigotry rather than protecting women/children.

2. Auditing Britain vs The Scene

- Faces a Change.org petition to "Stop Auditing Britain from Harassing Families" — cited in web coverage as targeting filming of children in public.
- After Heston Hyde Hotel incident (Sept 2025), even pro-audit commenters debated whether AB crossed from accountability into provocation, leading to his GBH arrest noted in analysis videos.
- Smaller auditors privately accuse AB of commercialization (Amazon affiliate spy glasses, paid memberships) diluting the movement's credibility.

3. Auditor-on-Auditor Mockery

- **March 2026 "clean your teeth" clip:** STREETCAM UK video shows local woman mocking auditors; comments section becomes auditor pile-on, with other audit-adjacent accounts reposting to ridicule peers.
- **Manchester tram stop (2 Jun 2026):** @e_xposeracism reframes right-wing auditors as hypocrites, using their own footage against them — an example of left-leaning creators weaponizing auditor content.

4. Ideological Split Driving Feuds

- **Rights-testers** (YourPolice.UK style) vs **Culture-warriors** (migrant-hotel streamers). The former blame the latter for increased police hostility and public backlash.
- Facebook group moderators reportedly ban cross-posting between LB Audits fans and Auditing Britain fans due to comment wars — evidence of community fragmentation.

Summary: By 2026, interpersonal drama is not about police anymore — it's about money, clout, and political positioning. LB Audits is the most divisive figure, Auditing Britain is the biggest but most resented, and the scene is split between legal purists and provocation-driven streamers.

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