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Semantic Summary

Lee Scheres is a Leeds-based far-right figure whose primary activity — the systematic doxxing and harassment of anti-fascist activists through his "Unmasked Antifa Exposed" operation — places him at the intersection of far-right street activism and online intimidation infrastructure. Searchlight Magazine describes him as "one of the most vile and reckless of the far-right 'auditors'" who routinely identifies opponents with "no absolutely regard for accuracy," frequently targeting innocent individuals. Operating under multiple aliases including Lee Baylan and Shane Mitchell, Scheres runs the Antifa Public Watch brand across X, YouTube, Facebook, and Telegram, which Leeds Anti-Fascist Network notes takes up the role of the notorious old Red Watch site in singling out left-wing and labour movement activists. His documented history includes leading an invasion of a Leeds Socialist Party meeting in 2019 with a group calling itself "Justice for Women and Girls," leadership of the Leeds Yellow Vests with its antisemitic "globalism" framing, and presence at far-right riots alongside North East Infidels and former Britain First members, as documented by HOPE not hate. He attended a Britain First event in Manchester in February 2026 where he was targeted by counter-protesters. Scheres monetises his doxxing operations through SubscribeStar with a private Discord for paying subscribers, and was flagged by The Canary in May 2026 for plans to intimidate voters at polling stations, demonstrating the operational crossover between online harassment and real-world intimidation that characterises his role in the ecosystem.

Platform: YouTube / X (Twitter) **Category:** Far-right / Doxxing / Auditor / Yellow Vests **Status:** Active **Real Name:** Lee Scheres (also known as Lee Baylan, also known as Shane Mitchell) **Location:** Leeds

Overview

Lee Scheres is a Leeds-based far-right figure who runs multiple online operations focused on identifying, doxxing, and harassing anti-fascist activists and political opponents. He operates the **Unmasked Antifa Exposed** X feed (formerly under the handle @UnmaskedAntifa, now also @LeeScheres) and previously ran the **Antifa Public Watch** Facebook page (the first was banned, leading to "Antifa Public Watch 2").

Searchlight Magazine has described Scheres as "one of the most vile and reckless of the far-right 'auditors'" who "routinely identifies and doxxes opponents of the far right" and has "no absolutely regard for accuracy and frequently identifies completely the wrong people."

Scheres has been active in far-right activism since at least 2019, when he was documented leading a group calling itself "Justice for Women and Girls" that invaded a Leeds Socialist Party meeting. He is also associated with the **Yellow Vests** movement in Leeds.

Aliases

- Lee Scheres (primary)
- Lee Baylan
- Shane Mitchell (per HOPE not hate, 2024 report)
- "Scheresy" (common nickname)

Social Media Presence

- **X/Twitter:** @LeeScheres (1,326 following, 69 followers, 46 posts, 540 likes — note: this appears to be a parody/critical account)
- **X/Twitter:** @UnmaskedAntifa (Antifa Public Watch Official — 14,151 following, 321 followers, 65,286 posts, 7,492 likes)
- **Facebook:** Antifa Public Watch (original banned; replaced by Antifa Public Watch 2)
- **YouTube:** Antifa Public Watch Official channel
- **Telegram:** Related channels
- **SubscribeStar:** Previously used for fundraising (described as "dodgy Russian Patreon clone" by Threadreaderapp)
- **Instagram:** Related presence

Content Focus

- Doxxing and identifying anti-fascist activists and left-wing individuals
- Monitoring and harassing antifascist researchers
- Yellow Vests movement content
- Street-level filming and auditing of left-wing events

- Polling station intimidation (per The Canary, May 2026)
- Conspiracy theories about Antifa

Controversies & Criminal History

Doxxing and Harassment

- **Searchlight Magazine (March 2026)**: Described as "one of the most vile and reckless of the far-right 'auditors'" who "routinely identifies and doxxes opponents of the far right" with "no absolutely regard for accuracy."
- Regularly posts identifying information of anti-fascist activists, often incorrectly targeting innocent individuals.

Leeds Socialist Party Meeting Invasion (January 2019)

- **Workers' Liberty (January 2019)**: Scheres, leading a group calling itself "Justice for Women and Girls," invaded a Leeds Socialist Party closed meeting. The group was described as "drunken and wired" and attempted to disrupt the meeting, intimidating attendees, filming them, squaring up, and seizing papers.

Yellow Vests Leadership

- **Leeds Anti-Fascist Network**: Documented as leading the Leeds Yellow Vests, who called a demonstration in January 2019 to "fight globalism" and demand stronger borders. The article notes "globalism" has "a long history in antisemitism."

Antifa Public Watch Operations

- **Leeds Anti-Fascist Network (2019)**: Noted that the "Antifa Public Watch" page, run by Scheres, "takes up the role of the old Red Watch site" — a notorious far-right website that targeted left-wing activists — "singling out and trying to intimidate members of the left and the labour movement."

Polling Station Intimidation (May 2026)

- **The Canary (May 2026)**: Reported that Scheres incorrectly claimed campaigning outside polling stations was illegal. The article expressed concern that his followers might target campaigners doing legitimate work.

HOPE not hate Identification

- **HOPE not hate (August 2024)**: Identified Scheres (under the alias Shane Mitchell) as the "brain behind Antifa Public Watch" and documented his presence at far-right riots alongside North East Infidels activists and former Britain First members.

Manchester Britain First Event (February 2026)

- **Searchlight Magazine (February 2026)**: At a Britain First event in Manchester, Scheres was described as "dressed like a small time pimp" and had "a large bin directed at him" by counter-protesters.

SubscribeStar and Monetisation

- Runs a SubscribeStar account seeking donations to fund his doxxing operations, with a private Discord server for paying subscribers.

Media Coverage

- **Searchlight Magazine**: "Do not feed the animals: confronting the rise of the far-right 'auditors'" (March 2026) — lead profile subject
- **Searchlight Magazine**: "Anti-fascists frustrate Britain First in Manchester" (February 2026)
- **The Canary**: "Far-right 'auditors' plan campaign of intimidation at polling stations" (May 2026)
- **Workers' Liberty**: "Leeds socialists attacked" (January 2019)
- **HOPE not hate**: "The Far Right and the Riots" (August 2024)
- **Leeds Anti-Fascist Network**: Multiple articles documenting his activities
- **Threadreaderapp by @MikeStuchbery_**: Thread exposing Scheres/Baylan's operations

References

- Searchlight Magazine: "Do not feed the animals" (March 2026)
- Searchlight Magazine: "Anti-fascists frustrate Britain First in Manchester" (February 2026)
- The Canary: "Far-right 'auditors' plan campaign of intimidation" (May 2026)
- Workers' Liberty: "Leeds socialists attacked" (January 2019)
- HOPE not hate: "The Far Right and the Riots" (August 2024)
- Leeds Anti-Fascist Network: Various reports (2019-2026)

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