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Semantic Summary

Ben Mills, operating as The Ginger Patriot from Manchester, is a small-scale far-right YouTube auditor (4,460 subscribers) who is part of the Mancunian auditor cluster documented by HOPE not hate. He emerged during the 2025 anti-migrant protests alongside other Manchester-based auditors including English Ned (Chris Messenger), MKR Audits (Kelsea-Leigh Cunliffe), and My Brakes Don't Work (Rachel Davies). Profiled by the Irish Times at the September 2025 Labour Party Conference in Liverpool, Mills was documented filming attendees from behind security barriers and attempting to provoke reactions for content — when recognised by journalist Mark Paul, he responded "How the f**k do you know me?" He was recorded by HOPE not hate as a "notable attendee" at the November 2025 Altrincham hotel protest where fireworks were shot at asylum seeker accommodation and residents were told to "jump from windows," alongside MKR Audits, English Ned, and Britain First members. Mills' relatively small subscriber base belies his embeddedness in the Manchester far-right protest circuit, where auditors operate as a mutually-reinforcing cluster that amplifies each other's content and provides on-the-ground documentation that feeds into national far-right narratives.

Platform: YouTube

Category: Right-wing / Auditor / Anti-migrant activism **Status:** Active **Real Name:** Ben Mills
Subscribers: ~4,460 **Location:** Manchester

Overview

The Ginger Patriot is a Manchester-based YouTube auditor channel run by **Ben Mills**. The channel has approximately 4,460 subscribers (as of mid-2026). Mills is described by HOPE not hate as part of a "collection of Mancunian auditors who began mass-producing content during the anti-migrant protests of 2025." He operates alongside other Manchester-area auditors including English Ned (Chris Messenger), MKR Audits (Kelsea-Leigh Cunliffe), and My Brakes Don't Work (Rachel Davies).

The Irish Times profiled him at the Labour Party Conference in Liverpool (September 2025), where he was filming attendees and attempting to provoke reactions for content. Journalist Mark Paul described him as "a hard-right influencer and content creator" who was part of a group of auditors filming behind security barriers.

Notable Content

- Filming at the Labour Party Conference in Liverpool (September 2025) — featured in the Irish Times
- Coverage of anti-migrant hotel protests in Didsbury and Altrincham, Manchester
- Street-level auditing of public buildings and government spaces
- Collaboration with other Mancunian auditors (English Ned, MKR Audits)
- Attendance at Britain First rallies

Social Media Presence

- **YouTube:** @TheGingerPatriot (<https://www.youtube.com/@TheGingerPatriot>)
- **Telegram:** @Tthegingerpatriot (~31 subscribers)

Legal Issues & Controversies

Altrincham Hotel Attack (November 2025)

- **HOPE not hate (November 2025):** Documented as a "notable attendee" at an Altrincham protest where fireworks were shot at a hotel housing asylum seekers and residents were told to "jump from windows." Others present included MKR Audits (Kelsea Rouge), English Ned, and Britain First.

Labour Party Conference Incident (September 2025)

- **The Irish Times:** Mills was part of a group of hard-right influencers filming at the Labour Party conference in Liverpool. Journalist Mark Paul described the group's tactic as provoking angry reactions to upload as content. An exchange between Paul and Mills was captured: "How the f**k do you know me?" Mills asked as he filmed from behind the security barrier.

HOPE not hate Case File

- Referenced in HOPE not hate's "Case file: Auditors" as part of the Mancunian auditor network alongside English Ned, Kelsea Rouge (MKR Audits), and My Brakes Don't Work.

Media Coverage

- **Irish Times:** "How the f**k do you know me? The Ginger Patriot asked as he filmed from behind the security barrier" (Mark Paul, October 2025)
- **HOPE not hate:** "Case file: Auditors" (2026)
- **HOPE not hate:** "Get one through the window: Altrincham protesters shoot fireworks at hotel" (November 2025)

References

- HOPE not hate: Case file: Auditors (2026)
- HOPE not hate: Altrincham hotel protest report (November 2025)
- The Irish Times: Encounter with the Ginger Patriot at Labour Party conference (October 2025)

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