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Semantic Summary

Ryan Ferguson, 26, of Bootle, Liverpool, is one of Britain's most active and publicly documented neo-Nazi activists, with a trajectory escalating from football hooligan and convicted racist abuser to open National Action-adjacent terrorist-chanting extremist. He wears Nazi "88" (Heil Hitler) regalia, has been filmed shouting "Heil Hitler" at Jewish counter-protesters in Bristol — an incident that led the Bristol Patriots group to suspend operations — organised a "whites only, no blacks" march in Blackpool, broke into asylum hotel bedrooms alongside National Rebirth Party's Harry Jackson, and chanted "National Action is reforming" (referencing the proscribed terrorist group) at protests. He maintains a prison-visitation relationship with convicted National Action terrorist and child sex offender Jack Renshaw. His criminal charges are accumulating across jurisdictions: encouraging violence against police under the Serious Crime Act (Manchester, June 2026), assault by beating and racially aggravated harassment (Warwick, July 2026), plus active hate crime investigations for the Bristol Nazi salute. He has aligned with Restore Britain, calling it the UK's "only hope" and Reform a "base for foreigners." He appeared on Ryan Bridge's Raise the Colours podcast, contributing to defections from the group over extremism concerns. Ferguson represents the most extreme Tier 4 neo-Nazi actor — operating outside electoral politics, providing ideological anchorage for the broader far-right ecosystem, and demonstrating the pattern of multi-jurisdiction charges that rarely result in conviction despite years of documented hate crimes.

Overview

Ryan Ferguson is a self-proclaimed neo-Nazi activist from Merseyside who has become one of the most recognisable figures in the North West's far-right movement. He has evolved from a football hooligan with a history of banning orders and a prison sentence for racially abusing a footballer into a full-time far-right activist with links to the proscribed terrorist organisation **National Action**.

He is known for:

- Wearing Nazi "88" (Heil Hitler) regalia at far-right marches
- Filming himself shouting "Heil Hitler" at Jewish counter-protesters
- Breaking into asylum hotel bedrooms alongside Harry Jackson
- Chanting "National Action is reforming" — referencing a proscribed terrorist group
- Repeated arrests (Liverpool, Hoylake, Bristol) — typically released without charge or on bail

Criminal Record & Convictions

Offence	Detail	Status
Racial abuse of a footballer	Jailed for racially aggravated harassment	Convicted / served time
Football banning orders	Breached on multiple occasions	Convicted
Racially aggravated public order	Multiple past convictions	Convicted
Nazi salute / antisemitic abuse	Shouted "Heil Hitler" at Jewish counter-protesters in Bristol (Mar 2026)	Under investigation by Avon & Somerset Police
Encouraging violence against police	Charged under Serious Crime Act 2007 s44/s58 re: social media post	Remanded — Manchester Magistrates' Court (next hearing 29 Jun 2026)
Assault by beating	Warwick Shire Hall protest (7 Feb 2026)	Charged 9 Jun 2026 — Leamington Spa Magistrates' Court (3 Jul 2026)
Racially/religiously aggravated harassment	Warwick Shire Hall protest (7 Feb 2026)	Charged alongside assault by beating
Threatening/abusive words/behaviour	Warwick Shire Hall protest (7 Feb 2026)	Charged alongside assault by beating
Breach of bail conditions	Stopped entering Liverpool for UKIP demo (21 Mar 2026)	Arrested — outcome unclear
Hoax police calls	Jailed over false police calls (Aug 2025)	Served time

Timeline of Activity

2025

May 2025 — Britain First Birmingham Rally

- Pictured at the front of a Britain First march in Birmingham walking beside co-leaders **Paul Golding** and **Ashlea Simon**
- Wearing a t-shirt with Polish slogan "twoja nienawiść umacnia naszą wiarę" ("your hatred strengthens our faith") and the numbers "**88**" — widely recognised as neo-Nazi shorthand for "Heil Hitler" (H is 8th letter of alphabet, 88 = HH)
- When contacted by the Liverpool Echo, Ferguson said "the political party he worked for prevented him from giving statements"
- **Sources:** [Liverpool Echo](#), HOPE not hate

May 2025 — Britain First Nuneaton Rally

- Attended Britain First rally in Nuneaton alongside National Action activists
- **Source:** [HOPE not hate](#)

July 2025 — Altrincham Anti-Migrant Protest

- Declared "National Action is reforming" at a protest outside refugee hotel in Altrincham
- Subject of armed forces/military police investigation by the Royal Navy (per HOPE not hate)
- **Source:** HOPE not hate case files

July 2025 — Leeds Demo

- Spoke at a far-right demonstration in Leeds
- **Source:** [Searchlight](#)

August 2025 — Hoylake Arrest

- Arrested as he arrived in his car for a migrant hotel protest in Hoylake, Wirral
- Footage of the arrest circulated on Rumble
- **Sources:** [Rumble — GHardJoe](#), [Rumble — Revalver](#)

August 2025 — Jailed for Hoax Calls

- Sentenced for making hoax/false police calls
- **Source:** [5Pillars](#)

Late 2025 — Asylum Hotel Break-ins (with Harry Jackson)

- Collaborated with **Harry Jackson** (National Rebirth Party member) to break into asylum hotel bedrooms
 - Filmed residents, tested unlocked doors, burst into rooms
 - Told non-white residents they were "going home"
 - **Source:** uk-far-right-social-media-tropes.md, HOPE not hate case files
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2026

January 2026 — Blackpool "Whites Only" March

- Front of a march organised by Ben Sykes (No Filter Britain) through Blackpool
- Video circulated showing Ferguson telling camera: "Remember at this demo, whites only. No blacks."
- Advertised the event as a "whites only" march
- Maintains relationship with **Jack Renshaw** — convicted neo-Nazi terrorist (National Action) and child sex offender — visiting him in prison
- **Source:** [HOPE not hate](#)

February 2026 — Warwick Protest Incident (Shire Hall)

- Attended protest outside Warwick's Shire Hall on Saturday 7 February 2026
- Subsequently charged with assault by beating, racially/religiously aggravated harassment, and using threatening/abusive words/behaviour
- Due at **Leamington Spa Magistrates' Court on 3 July 2026**
- **Source:** [CoventryLive](#), Warwickshire Police

February 2026 — Liverpool Echo deep-dive

- Liverpool Echo published detailed investigation into Ferguson's evolution from football hooligan to far-right figure
- Analysis found he had become more extreme: reposted Express article about migrant deaths saying "Lovely news... Can this happen a lot more often, maybe the number will drop that are entering our white land."
- X (Twitter) account fluctuates between amassing followers and being taken down for policy breaches
- **Source:** [Liverpool Echo — How a convicted football hooligan dived deep into far-right politics](#)

March 2026 — Bristol Patriots March / "Heil Hitler" Video

- Attended a Bristol Patriots march with ~40 far-right activists, protected by ~200 police, mounted units, and baton charges
- Filmed shouting "Heil Hitler" repeatedly at Jewish counter-protesters over a police line
- Also shouted antisemitic abuse, claimed "this is not an offence" on video
- Video went viral across social media
- Six arrests at the protest; Avon & Somerset Police launched hate crime investigation
- Bristol Patriots subsequently announced they were **shutting down their Facebook page and suspending operations** — directly attributed to Ferguson's behaviour at the march
- **Sources:** [BBC](#), [Searchlight](#), [Novara Media](#), [The Bristol Cable](#)

March 2026 — Liverpool UKIP Demo / Breach of Bail Arrest

- Boasted online that he would attend a Liverpool UKIP demonstration
- Drove into Liverpool but was **stopped by police and arrested for breach of bail conditions**
- Did not participate in the demo
- **Sources:** [Searchlight Magazine / Bluesky](#), [KimBo / Bluesky](#)

April 2026 — Restore Party Allegiance

- Claimed publicly that **Restore** is the UK's "only hope"
- Called Reform UK a "base for foreigners"
- Said Restore's arrival signals "game over" for Farage
- **Source:** [HOPE not hate — The Company You Keep](#)

April 2026 — Sheffield Far-Right Rally / BUF Pendant

- Seen holding a **British Union of Fascists pendant** at a Sheffield far-right rally
- Made an "**Aryan Fist**" salute (Nazi salute variant with clenched fist)
- **Source:** [Workers' Liberty](#)

May 2026 — 5Pillars Journalist Harassment

- Harassed a 5Pillars journalist in Crewe
- Footage shared on social media
- **Source:** [5Pillars Facebook](#)

May 2026 — Ryan Bridge Podcast Appearance

- Appeared on a podcast with **Ryan Bridge** (Raise the Colours organiser)
- Bridge subsequently faced defections from Raise the Colours as it "descended into anti-Muslim bigotry"
- **Source:** [Reddit r/uknews](#)

June 2026 — Liverpool Arrest (County Road)

- Arrested on County Road, Liverpool trying to harass counter-protesters
- Video of his arrest circulated widely
- "Fantastic to see that prick Ryan Ferguson legged and arrested on County Road" — Matty Dillon, Bluesky
- **Sources:** [Bluesky — westonantifascists](#), [Bluesky — Ireland against Fascism](#) (218 likes, 59 reposts)

June 2026 — Court Appearance (Serious Crime Act)

- At Manchester Magistrates' Court for charges related to encouraging violence against police (Serious Crime Act 2007 s44/s58)
- Remanded into custody; **next hearing 29 June 2026**
- Barred from a far-right Liverpool demo ("Liverpool kicks-out Nazi Ryan Ferguson")
- **Source:** [Liverpool Echo](#), [Bluesky — Anti-Reform](#), [Streamlinefeed](#)

June 2026 — Ryan Bridge GBH Arrest / Ferguson Collateral

- Ryan Bridge (Raise the Colours) arrested for Section 18 Assault / GBH in the West Midlands
- Ferguson arrested alongside Bridge but **released** — he confirmed himself he was "not connected to the assault"
- Bridge remained in custody
- **Source:** Nitter (X/Twitter) — Ferguson's own confirmation

July 2026 — Upcoming Court Dates

- **29 June 2026** — Manchester Magistrates' Court (Serious Crime Act - encouraging violence against police)
 - **3 July 2026** — Leamington Spa Magistrates' Court (assault by beating, racial aggravated harassment, threatening behaviour — Warwick protest)
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Links & Affiliations

National Action (Proscribed Terrorist Organisation)

- Ferguson has been recorded chanting "National Action is reforming" and "National Action and Proud" at protests
- He visited **Jack Renshaw** — a convicted National Action terrorist and child sex offender — in prison
- A HOPE not hate report from the State of Hate 2026 notes: "At a protest in Altrincham on 27 July [2025], Ryan Ferguson declared that 'National Action is reforming'"
- **Source:** HOPE not hate, Searchlight

Britain First

- Welcomed into the front rank of a Britain First march, walking beside Paul Golding while wearing a neo-Nazi "88" t-shirt

- Britain First subsequently claimed to have "booted out" Nazis — despite Ferguson being welcomed at their events
- **Source:** [Searchlight](#)

Harry Jackson (National Rebirth Party)

- Collaborated on asylum hotel break-in content
- Both filmed entering hotel bedrooms, testing doors, confronting residents
- **Source:** uk-far-right-social-media-tropes.md, HOPE not hate

Raise the Colours / Ryan Bridge

- Appeared on podcast with Ryan Bridge (Raise the Colours)
- Raise the Colours subsequently lost members due to anti-Muslim bigotry concerns
- **Source:** Reddit r/uknews

Aryan Front

- Ferguson and Aryan Front both attended a Worcester far-right event together (March 2026)
- **Source:** [Reddit r/FuckNigelFarage](#)

Restore Britain

- Claimed Restore is the UK's "only hope" (Apr 2026)
- Called Reform UK a "base for foreigners"
- Said Restore's arrival signals "game over" for Farage
- **Source:** [HOPE not hate](#)

Hugh Anthony

- Hugh Anthony events have had an Aryan Front contingent present and one fascist (Ryan Ferguson) arrested for Nazi salute at a police officer
- **Source:** hugo-anthony.md tracker doc

Social Media Footprint

Platform	Status	Notes
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X/Twitter	Fluctuating	Frequently taken down for breaches; reappears under new accounts. Posted "Lovely news" re: migrant deaths at sea. Confirmed he was released after Ryan Bridge GBH arrest — "not connected to the assault".
Gab	Active (presumed)	Generic far-right content found but no specific profile identified in sweep
Facebook	Active in comments	Appears in posts by HOPE not hate, 5Pillars, The Bristol Cable, Leeds SUTR, The Telegraph
Rumble	Appears in videos	At least 2 videos of his Hoylake arrest uploaded
Bluesky	N/A (discussed by anti-fascists)	Mentioned 9+ times in June 2026 alone — mostly anti-fascist accounts posting arrest footage

Media Coverage

Publication	Date	Headline
Liverpool Echo	24 May 2025	Football thug pictured at Britain First march wearing 'neo-Nazi' t-shirt
Liverpool Echo	18 Jun 2026	Ryan Ferguson charged with 'encouraging violence against police'
CoventryLive	9 Jun 2026	Liverpool man named and charged in connection with Warwick protest incident
HOPE not hate	8 Apr 2026	The Company You Keep: The Extremists Flocking to Restore Britain
Workers' Liberty	8 Apr 2026	Talking with the far right in Sheffield
Liverpool Echo	15 Feb 2026	How a convicted football hooligan dived deep into far-right politics
Manchester Evening News	—	The football hooligan who wasted police time has his dark history revealed
Lancs Live	—	The evolution of convicted football hooligan into far-right political figure

Publication	Date	Headline
BBC News	12 Mar 2026	Protester 'filmed shouting Nazi slogans' in Bristol march
Searchlight	Mar 2026	Heil and farewell — how Ryan Ferguson shut down the Bristol Patriots
HOPE not hate	5 Feb 2026	"Whites only, no blacks": Ferguson and friends march in Blackpool
HOPE not hate	—	Case file: Auditors
Searchlight	May 2026	Britain First boots out nazis but welcomes terrorist boss
Novara Media	12 Mar 2026	'It's Ballsy of Them': How Emboldened Far-Right Activists Are Attacking Antifascist Strongholds in Bristol
The Bristol Cable	Mar 2026	The rise and fall of Bristol Patriots
5Pillars	Aug 2025	Far-right anti-mosque agitator jailed over hoax police calls

Social Media Reaction (from sweeps)

Bluesky (June 2026)

“ @hopenothate.org.uk: "Neo-Nazi Ryan Ferguson has claimed that Restore is the UK's 'only hope'. Ferguson believes that it represents a replacement for an ideologically weak Reform, referring to Reform as a 'base for foreigners'. He claims that Restore's arrival has signalled 'game over' for Farage." (5 ♥)

“ @westonantifascists: "There appears to be more squabbling within the far right. Ryan Ferguson claims RealityCheckChick is a plant. She's the same person who showed up at Bristol, Worcester and Liverpool protests with him, and now suddenly she's a plant LOL."

@searchlightmag.bsky.social: "Neo-nazi Ryan Ferguson boasted last night that he would be in Liverpool today. He posed with his little Cheltenham posse: Justin DuPlessis and James Hodges (aka The Viking). But he didn't make it. Police stopped him as he drove into Liverpool and arrested him for breach of bail." (15 ♥, 2 🗨)

“ @irlagainstfascism: "Far-right bigot Ryan Ferguson gets arrested in his hometown of Liverpool today. Thousands of anti-fascists marched against racism in their city, sending a clear message to Ryan and his racist mates. Things you love to see 🗨 ♥" (218 ♥, 59 🗨)

“ @westonantifascists: "Video footage of Ryan Ferguson being arrested over the weekend in Liverpool trying and failing to harass counter protestors"

“ @antireform.bsky.social: "Wonder how repeat racist and previously convicted, Ryan Ferguson, got on at court yesterday? Wonder if the police will ever charge him with the countless racist offences he has committed as he has attempted to terrorise the country" (via Expose Racism)

“ @mdillon7: "Fantastic to see that prick Ryan Ferguson legged and arrested on County Road. Well done to all involved 🗨🗨🗨🗨"

X/Twitter (via Nitter)

“ @I_amMukhtar: "Neo-Nazi Ryan Ferguson has been arrested in Liverpool. This is the guy who his dad left him at the age of 2 and married a Black woman. That's why he became a racist. He has a mixed-race step sister."

“ @crochetjenny: "Ryan Ferguson at Manchester Magistrate's Court tomorrow."

@FightingAnne1: "Liverpool kicks-out Nazi Ryan Ferguson."

“ @aware_wanderer: "Ryan Ferguson, 26 years, of Barberry Crescent, Bootle has been charged in connection with a social media post that intentionally encouraged violence/assisting an offence against the police, namely battery, under Section 44 and 58 of the Serious Crime Act 2007."

“ @aware_wanderer: "Ryan Ferguson always seems to end up heading in the wrong direction. I'm sure that's just an unfortunate coincidence and has absolutely nothing to do with deliberate provocation or content farming."

Facebook (via Phice)

“ HOPE not hate Facebook: "Ryan Ferguson, although not the organiser of the event, had advertised it as a 'whites only' march... maintains a relationship with National Action's Jack Renshaw – a convicted neo-Nazi terrorist and child sex offender."

“ Leeds SUTR Facebook: "Far Right troublemaker Ryan Ferguson arrested again - objecting to being called a nazi."

“ 5Pillars Facebook: "UPDATE: According to footage shared on social media, far-right activist Ryan Ferguson — who harassed our journalist in Crewe on Saturday..."

Reddit

“ r/bristol: "Neo-Nazi Ryan Ferguson on today's Bristol Patriots march shouting Heil Hitler" — Top comments note his links to National Action and Jack Renshaw

r/GreenAndPleasant: "Ryan Ferguson dubbed down on being a nazi scumbag"

“ r/brum: "A self-confessed Neo Nazi that is fond of giving Heil Hitler salutes at racist events"

“ r/FuckNigelFarage: "Ryan Ferguson and Aryan Front were in attendance. Can't get any more nazi than that."

“ r/uknews: "Ryan Bridge appearing on a podcast with the avowed neo-Nazi and convicted racist Ryan Ferguson"

Key Observations

1. **Multi-jurisdiction charges stacking up** — Ferguson now has active cases in three different court systems simultaneously: Manchester (Serious Crime Act), Leamington Spa (assault/racial harassment), and the existing Avon & Somerset investigation (Bristol Nazi salute). If even one sticks, he faces significant time.
2. **Restore party pivot** — Ferguson abandoning Reform for the harder-right Restore is significant. It signals the far-right ecosystem is fragmenting further, with figures like Ferguson gravitating towards parties even Farage can't control.
3. **High arrest frequency but rare convictions for the main offences** — Ferguson has been arrested for Nazi salutes, hate speech, and harassment but often released without charge or on bail. The hoax calls conviction (Aug 2025) and the current Serious Crime Act charge are rare examples of the legal system actually sticking.
4. **Causes groups to shut down** — His behaviour at the Bristol Patriots march in March 2026 was so extreme it directly led to the group suspending operations and deleting their Facebook page. He's a liability even to the far-right groups that host him.
5. **Steady escalation** — From football hooligan → racist abuse convictions → Britain First supporter → neo-Nazi regalia → National Action proscription chanting → asylum hotel break-ins → Heil Hitler on video → BUF pendant + Aryan Fist salutes. The trajectory is clearly deepening rather than moderating.
6. **National Action links are significant** — Chanting "National Action is reforming" at a protest is a serious matter given National Action is a proscribed terrorist organisation under UK terrorism legislation. Visiting Jack Renshaw in prison confirms ongoing connection to the group.

7. **Internal far-right friction** — Accusations against RealityCheckChick as a "plant" suggest internal trust is eroding within his circle, consistent with his pattern of burning bridges even among allies.
 8. **Ryan Bridge connection becoming a liability** — Being arrested alongside Bridge for GBH (even if released) links Ferguson to increasingly violent far-right activity beyond his usual MO of Nazi salutes and harassment.
 9. **Content farming suspicion** — Multiple observers note his behaviour seems tailored to generate outrage and social media attention. "Always seems to end up heading in the wrong direction" — suggesting staged provocation for content.
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Last compiled: 23 June 2026 (evening sweep) | Source sweep: SearXNG, Nitter (X/Twitter), Bluesky, Phice (Facebook), Rumble, Gab, Reddit | Key sources: Liverpool Echo, CoventryLive, BBC, Searchlight, HOPE not hate, Workers' Liberty, MEN, Lancs Live, Novara Media, Bristol Cable

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