

Palmeira Square 'Memorial' - Footnotes to Open Letter by Brighton & Hove Palestine Solidarity Campaign (BHPSC)

1. Video of Sussex Friends of Israel (SFol)/Jewish & Proud rally in Palmeira Square, on Saturday 24.05.25 (Posted on SFOI Facebook page, 25.05.25):

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Akee-g9lTWkd_cN-sD5jmKLCVS_DobHU/view?usp=drive_link

Transcription of first part of the rally at Palmeira Square on Saturday 24.05.25, as above (our emphases):

"Jewish and Proud set up this memorial to those who died on October the seventh, back in November 2023, to hold the square for the Hanukkiah, because this is where Chabbat had the Hanukkiah. And **to prevent pro Palestinians who were beginning to start their marches here**. So, **the idea was to hold the square for the Jewish community**, because there's a lot of shuls around here, and a lot of Jewish community living around here. We're now in Hove, in central Hove. And so, we managed it up until May last year. And then Heidi's [Bachram] group stepped in, the yellow ribbon group..."

2. Palmeira Square being claimed as a 'Jewish site' (Posted on X/Twitter 11.04.25):

↻ Heidi Bachram 🟡 reposted



Nicole Lampert 🟦 @nicol... · 14h ↻ ⋮

What is with the fetish to start their demonstrations near Jewish sites? Why do the police allow it?



Heidi Bachram 🟡 🟦 @Hei... · 14h

The police have refused our request to get the pro-Pal march stopped from beginning right next to our 7/10 memorial tomorrow. Even though every time they do this we get racist ...

3. Examples from the Israeli hostage memorial book of memorials to Israel Defence Forces (IDF) soldiers killed in Gaza SINCE 7 Oct 2023:



4. Video of SFol Zionists chanting support for the IDF in Brighton City Centre, Saturday 24.05.25 (Posted on X/Twitter 25.05.25):

<https://x.com/BrightonPSC/status/1926578789040951489>

After this provocation, these people marched up North Street and along Western Road to “mourn” at the Palmeira Square memorial.

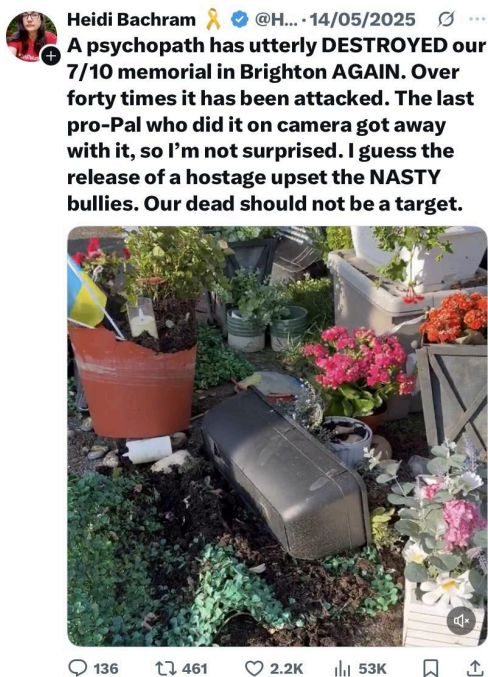
5. Attempts to prevent other members of the public from using Palmeira Square because of the memorial (Posted on X/Twitter 11.04.25 and 12.04.25):

Heidi Bachram 🧡🔵 @H... · 12/04/2025 Replying to @HeidiBachram The pro-Pals deliberately started their march next to our 7/10 memorial in Brighton. For the 4th time. The police refused to move it so Jewish ppl came out to defend it. They chanted their racist slogan “from the river to the sea” at the faces of those murdered by Hamas. Vile.  8 73 358 7.2K	Heidi Bachram 🧡🔵 @H... · 11/04/2025 The police have refused our request to get the pro-Pal march stopped from beginning right next to our 7/10 memorial tomorrow. Even though every time they do this we get racist chants and vile abuse. Even though the memorial has been attacked over 40 times. I guess it will take one of us being physically hurt before action is taken. Then it's far too late. Grim.
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6. An example (next page) of BHPSC publicity for a Nakba Day march starting at Palmeira Square in May 2023

	Description for the photo: This march was organised months before 7 October 2023 - and well before the 'memorial' appeared in November 2023. In fact, BHPSC has organised demonstrations with Palmeira Square as the assembly point since the 1990s.
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7. Two of many complaints about alleged vandalism at the memorial (Posted on X/Twitter 14.05.25):

	
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8. Residents of Brighton & Hove publicly smeared as antisemites (Posted on X/Twitter dated 29.05.25):



16.05.2025

“ We are appalled and heartbroken by the news that the memorial in Brighton to the victims of the October 7 Hamas attacks has been vandalised.

We stand in solidarity with the Brighton & Hove Jewish community who have been unwavering in their commitment to hold a public service every single day dedicated to a different victim of the massacre.

We urge the authorities to investigate this incident fully and to bring the perpetrators to justice. ”

Heidi Bachram 🏳️‍🌈 @H... · 29/05/2025 ...

Last night in Brighton we braved our city's antisemites and terror supporters and raised a GIANT willow ribbon for the hostages in Gaza. We sent a MASSIVE message to shout they're not forgotten. It was beautiful and powerful.

This community will never be stopped by hate. Never.



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Fiona Sharpe 🌈 @Sharp... · 29/05/2025 ...

This is so beautiful - thank you 🏳️‍🌈💜

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9. Minutes of BHCC full Council meeting on 19.12.24:

<https://democracy.brighton-hove.gov.uk/documents/g11514/Printed%20minutes%2019th-Dec-2024%2016.30%20Council.pdf?T=1>

10. Photos of memorials (next page) to Palestinians murdered by Israel in Gaza - situated in St Peter's Church grounds and Victoria Gardens, respectively. Both were removed within days by BHCC.



Description: Memorial set up in February 2025 in St Peter's Church ground



Description: Memorial set up in March 2024 in Victoria Gardens