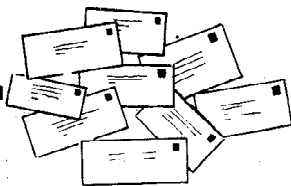

Fined for obstruction

WILLIAM Wallace, of Werdover Street, High Wycombe was fined a total of £75 after admitting obstructing the police outside the Loake Park ground on December

LETTERS

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Hooligans seek out trouble

AFTER watching the football match between Wycombe and Chelmsford, I was appalled at the behaviour of so called "supporters" of both teams. It is not the first time that crowd violence has erupted at Wycombe's ground.

I have watched the previous cup games with Burton Albion and Colchester, and on both occasions fighting occurred, with police having to bring reinforcements.

There is a known 'element' within the home supporters who attend matches just to provoke trouble and not to watch the game. The most disconcerting aspect is that on each occasion the violence gets worse, as in the case of Chelmsford supporters. They not only attempted to fight, but attempted to damage the ground and to stop the match by invading the pitch.

I note that the authorities had taken precautions to stop the possible outbreak of trouble. I regret this wasn't successful as the visiting supporters were able to get behind the main stand to confront home supporters.

Only prompt police action prevented trouble as there were frequent disruptions among the crowd.

Unless the club can safely effect crowd control with barriers and Police presence, I feel the public will stay away from the ground, all because of this hooligan element.

Arriving in the town centre I got off a bus and noticed a fight near the back of Newlands car park. There was a person lying unconscious in the road, knocked to the ground by assailants.

I do realise that this is a nationwide problem and the big football teams with big followings are susceptible to crowd trouble, but why Wycombe? — R. Gooch, Juniper Drive, High Wycombe.