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A Week of Complete Chaos and Mayhem on UK Streets

The coherent perspective of gang members is one which is largely missing from the debate which has followed on from the riots which have hit cities across the UK.

Justin Rollins is the former leader of a gang of graffiti kids who after a prison sentence has turned his life around and who now — by writing and speaking about it — hopes to help steer other young people away from a life of crime.

While there is talk of tough policing and fixing Britain's 'broken society' it all sounds very 'top down'. Can hard law enforcement tactics and government damnation really solve our society's ills?

What do gang members think? Why do they do what they do?
And what lessons can be learnt directly from them?

For a gang-member perspective, see Justin Rollins' article "[A Week of Complete Chaos and Mayhem on UK Streets](#)" on the Waterside Press website.

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