

Real-Life Crook-Catching Web Game Launched

Editor's Note: I once wrote that we are at the risk of spiraling into a wierd mix of Huxlerian and Orwellian dystopias, oppression mixed with Big Brother mixed with thoughtcrime and political doublethink, masked by hedonism. Now I have to factor in a quasi "Running Man" armchair-vigilante game, to boot. It's getting so that I'll have to go back and refresh myself on the old SF classics to explore those thought experiments about the then-predicted disruptive technologies we are now mainlining into our society.



([Mail Online](#) [1]) - A new

internet game is about to be launched which allows 'super snoopers' players to plug into the nation's CCTV cameras and report on members of the public committing crimes.

The 'Internet Eyes' service involves players scouring thousands of CCTV cameras installed in shops, businesses and town centres across Britain looking for law-breakers. Players who help catch the most criminals each month will win cash prizes up to £1,000.

The Internet Eyes' website will also feature a rogue's gallery of the so-called 'criminals' along with a list of their offences and which internet user caught them. But civil rights campaigners today condemned the game, which launches in Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire, next month, and branded it 'a snoopers paradise'.

They claim nosey neighbours could snoop on homeowners putting the wrong rubbish in bins and even motorists guilty of the most minor misdemeanors.

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But businessman Tony Morgan, a former restaurant owner, said it would give local businesses protection against petty criminals, and act as a deterrent once 'Internet Eyes patrol here' signs are prominently displayed.

He will charge those who use the service, which could eventually include local authorities and even police forces as well as shop owners, £20 a week per camera.

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