



THE

FENCE

The Fence - Shooting August / September 2021

Auditions: Character bio document & Submission information



Introduction

Welcome performers!

This document will name all of the characters in the film but will only provide details for the main cast and supporting roles. Below is the complete character list. As you can see, there are plenty of opportunities to appear in the picture, so we encourage you to apply even if you don't exactly fit the description of the part you audition for.

Once you have read the document in full, please submit your video audition to:
thefencecasting1@gmail.com

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| 1. Steven Knight | 16. Kevin | 31. Running man |
| 2. Andrew Knight | 17. Bike Kid | 32. Maxine |
| 3. Ritchie | 18. Teacher | 33. Tina |
| 4. Dennis | 19. Butcher manager | 34. 8x young boys and girls |
| 5. Terry | 20. Area manager | 35. 3x Secondary School boys |
| 6. Wayne Picket | 21. Martin | 36. Pub Landlord |
| 7. Ricky Picket | 22. Aaron | 37. Jason |
| 8. Mrs Knight | 23. Dave Harris | 38. Kevin's Mate |
| 9. Mr Knight | 24. Ladder | 39. Sketchy looking woman |
| 10. Ice-cream Mike | 25. Jane | 40. Factory Employee |
| 11. Charlie Born | 26. Dodgy guy | 41. Farmer |
| 12. Miss Born | 27. Dennis's Mum | 42. Stan the man |
| 13. Liz | 28. 3x Policemen | |
| 14. Gibsy | 29. Policewoman | |
| 15. Paul | 30. Bike mechanic | |

Total: 53



Steven Knight (18, identify and male)

Steven Knight is 18 and lives at home with his parents and older brother. He's been working as a Butcher for just over six months which he quite enjoys. He's a nice guy who just wants to make his own way in life. He's reliable and street smart with an interest in motorbikes. He's been saving up for his first motorbike for quite some time now.

Steven comes from a poor family, he doesn't spend his money on alcohol, cigarettes or drugs. He doesn't have much but what he does have tends to be well-looked-after. He's mostly buying clothes, vinyl records or motorbike related items.

Under the surface he's an angry kid with father issues. His brother is a notorious character in the area and that sometimes comes with unwanted expectations.

Andrew Knight (24, identify as male)

Andrew Knight is a 24 year old factory worker who used to be a well known tough guy. He's had a number of run-ins with the Police but in recent times has made a real effort to reform himself. He's currently on a suspended sentence which means he needs to keep out of trouble.

Andy is a young man of principle. He looks out for others and never takes a backwards step if he thinks someone's in the wrong. He doesn't get on with his Father all that well as he has mostly been quite absent in his sons lives. Ultimately like Steve he is from a poor area and doesn't have much, but both of them respect what they have. Andy's prized possession is his car and his favourite pick-axe handle which he uses to beat people occasionally.



Ritchie Young (20, identify as male, person of colour)

Ritchie is a 20 year old guy who lives with his Mum and older brother Marc in a block of flats. There's plenty of prejudice around in these days so growing up on an estate has been tough on him, but he's tough with thick skin and a good sense of humour.

He's a Fence, which means he deals in stolen goods. He's very street smart and a great salesman. He's one of Steve's good friends who he can trust. Ritchie earns a pretty good living and has plenty of nice things. He dresses cool and listens to Ska, 2-tone and Reggae music for the most part. There are usually piles of 'goods' lying around in his house waiting to be sold. Even though he can take care of himself, Ritchie is a passive guy, not looking for any trouble.

Dennis (17, identify as male)

Dennis is a 17 year old who lives with his alcoholic mum. He and his mother are both unemployed. He's hilariously funny if not a bit dim at times. But he has a kind heart and really appreciates the help Steve gives him from time to time.

He's simply too poor to have anything nice and most of his clothes are well worn in, if not in dire need of replacing. Dennis has a drug and alcohol problem that he tries to keep quiet.

There's a suspicion that his Mother beats him which plays a large factor in his self-destructive habits.



The Picket Brothers

Wayne (26, identify and male) and Ricky (22, identify as male)

Wayne and Ricky Picket are the local scumbags you don't want to mess with. Wayne is a Fence, but unlike Ritchie he deals in goods stolen in the local area which is against the local code of ethics. He drives around in his black ford capri and is more than happy to extort and intimidate people.

Ricky is a drug dealer who preys on the young and vulnerable members of the estate. He carries a blade with him at all times and isn't afraid to get it out. The pair live together in a council house in the rougher ends of the estate.

Wayne's girlfriend is Andy's ex and this will eventually lead them to cross paths. Wayne is a very angry guy who occasionally slaps Liz around. They're bad people but have established themselves as dangerous individuals that you're better off avoiding.



Ice Cream Mike (40, identify as male)

Mike is an Ice cream man from Knowle. He's a funny character who uses school kids to steal equipment from the schools. He pays the kids in free ice cream. He's a friend of Ritchie. He's not the type to wear a uniform on his rounds.



Charlie Born (22, Identify as male)

Charlie is a thief from a different estate. He's a bit of a tough naughty boy but he's mostly stealing just to get by. He lives with his aggressive mother who's a real handful. Charlie uses a garage to strip down motorbikes and cars.

He keeps the smaller items at his home or in the garden shed. He steals for order which means he's usually employed to steal things for others.

Miss Born (40, Identify as Female)

Charlie's mum is a unit that won't take any messing around. She's straight to the point and very confrontational. She speaks loudly and bluntly to anybody she doesn't know. She's probably oblivious to her son's activities as she likely doesn't care much.



Paul (45, identify as male)

Paul is a well spoken suited chap who works at a bank. He regularly buys meat from Steve's butchers and has taken to Steve's polite mannerisms.

**Gibsy (48, identify as male)
and Ladder (6ft 4 plus)**

Gibsy owns the largest scaffolding company in Bristol. Which means he owns the largest in the South-West. He's always accompanied by his enormous henchman Ladder who drives them around.

Gibsy is a fast talking straight down to business man. He's mostly in a rush and speaks his mind without a moments hesitation. You don't want to owe him money or upset him, or you'll be paid a visit by one of his enforcers.



**Liz (21, Female
Identifying)**

Liz is Andy knight's former girlfriend. She is a troubled young lady without much direction. She has a rebel like appearance but really she needs help.



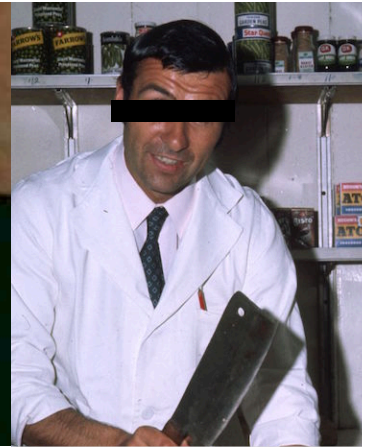
**Terry (18, Male
Identifying)**

Terry is Steve's friend who to tell the truth is jealous of Steve and bitter in general.



**Martin (48, Male
Identifying)**

Martin is Andy's boss at the factory. He likes Andy very much but has to side with his mouthy step-son Aaron when him and Andy but-heads.



**Butcher Manager
(45, Male Identifying)**

Steve works at a local butchers which is of course run by his manager. The manager has a little scheme on the go whereby employees are encouraged



**Mrs Knight (42, Identify as Female)
and Mr Knight (47, Identify as male)**

Mrs Knight is a part time cleaner who loves her sons with all her heart. She's a very tidy and house proud lady.

Mr Knight on the other hand is a bit of a drunk who enjoys the simple life of work, pub, sleep repeat. He's very distant to his sons and it's hinted that him and Andy have probably clashed substantially



Police Officers

Various officers. Roles consist of interviewing people, making arrests and giving chase.



Other roles and brief details

16. Kevin - 21 - Rough lad
17. Bike Kid - 15 - Biker kid
18. Teacher - Male - 40s - big build
19. Area manager - 40s - Shady
20. Martin - 40s - Factory manager
21. Aaron - 22 - slim - attitude
22. Dave Harris - 30s - strong build - Thug
23. Ladder - 30s or 40s - MASSIVE MAN (6ft,4 plus) - henchman
24. Jane - 18 - Slim build
25. Dodgy guy - 40s - rough appearance - impolite
26. Dennis's Mum - 40s - alcoholic
27. Bike mechanic - Male - over 40
28. Running man - 20 - 40 - Heavy build
29. Maxine - 17 - Local shoplifter - fun
30. Tina - 17 - Local shoplifter - fun
31. 8x young boys and girls - 7-12
32. 3x Secondary School boys - 13-16
33. Pub Landlord - 50s - Any gender
34. Jason - 22
35. Kevin's Mate - 20
36. Sketchy looking woman - 40s - disheveled appearance
37. Factory Employee - 20-40
38. Farmer - 60
39. Stan the man 30s or 40s - must be able to roller-skate and willing to perform in small trunks!

A general rule of thumb is that most of these characters are from Bristol and therefore should speak with a convincing local accent. As you can see there are plenty of opportunities to appear in the picture.

Even if you aren't offered the part you audition for, we are looking for most of these roles so may be cast elsewhere. We want to make the casting as open as possible so if in doubt, send across a self tape.

Audition Sides

Andrew Knight ([Here](#))

Dennis ([Here](#))

Ritchie ([Here](#))

The Butcher Manager ([Here](#))

Liz ([Here](#))

Mrs Knight ([Here](#))

Please submit your video audition to thefencecasting1@gmail.com.

If you have a showreel or spotlight please include the links.

We wish you the very best of luck! If you do not hear from us by 02.07.21 then you have unfortunately not been selected for the second round of auditions. Thank you for your interest and support. Regardless of outcome we hope you continue to follow the project! Thank you.

