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Mrs McGibbon was
one of the 3 wives who
visited the PM

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To shouts of "scab" and "bitch" on Tuesday night, brown and purple paint bombs were hurled at the home of Irene McGibbon, the Kent working miner's wife who won a standing ovation from the Tory conference for condemning the strike. The attack, which Mrs McGibbon says left her eighteenth-century cottage looking like "a condemned slum", was not entirely unexpected. Last Saturday the communist *Morning Star* published an article which disparagingly described the launch of her Miners' Wives Back-to-Work Campaign, and continued: "Interested miners can contact her at . . .", giving her full address. Mrs McGibbon says she cannot recall any other national paper publishing an address right down to the number of the house, and she knows of no moderate miners who read the *Morning Star*. A complaint is on its way to the Press Council.