

Warwickshire Trading Standards Partner Update

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National Housing Order declared to protect poultry from Avian Influenza

The UK Chief Veterinary Officer has ordered a mandatory housing order to cover the whole of England following the escalating number of confirmations of avian influenza in kept and wild birds.



The new measures mean bird keepers across the whole of England must house all poultry and captive birds if they keep more than 50 (except in specific circumstances e.g. some zoo birds) or if they sell or give eggs away.

A GB wide Avian Influenza Prevention Zone (AIPZ) is also in place and requires all keepers whether they have pet birds, commercial flocks or just a few birds in a backyard flock to undertake enhanced biosecurity measures to mitigate the risk of further outbreaks of the disease. These enhanced biosecurity measures include reporting of changes in egg production, mandatory record keeping, disinfecting footwear, and cleansing & disinfecting housing and concrete walkways on a continuous basis

This nationwide housing order extension follows the introduction of housing measures for north, central and parts of east of England to mitigate the risk of further outbreaks of the disease.

Warwickshire Trading Standards Animal Health Officers' role includes helping manage and control animal diseases.

For more information visit: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/national-housing-order-declared-to-protect-poultry-from-avian-influenza>

Studley Shop That Sold Illegal Cigarettes Shut Following Action by Trading Standards

A shop that repeatedly sold counterfeit and non-duty paid cigarettes and hand rolling tobacco has been closed following action from **Warwickshire County Council Trading Standards**.

Bazzar Mini Market located on Alcester Rd in Studley had been selling illegal cheap cigarettes and tobacco. Trading Standards worked with the landlord to have the lease on the property forfeited. Posters have now been affixed to the front of the shop stating that it has been closed after persons on the premise were engaging in criminal activity.



Trading Standards Officers seized hundreds of packets of cigarettes hidden in a secret wall compartment and under the floor in a specially built lift operated by hydraulic pistons.

Warwickshire County Councillor Michael Bannister, Portfolio Holder for Customer and Localities said:

“I’m delighted that our Trading Standards Service, working in partnership with Warwickshire Police, has taken this action. Illegal cigarettes sold at pocket money prices are easier for children and young people to buy and get hooked on. The profits from these sales often end up the hands of organised crime groups, helping to fuel other criminal activity.”

“Those who sell illegal tobacco are warned that they face large fines or jail and could see their businesses closed.”

You can report the sale of illegal cigarettes and hand rolling tobacco to Trading Standards via the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline: 0808 223 1133.



Trading Standards Support Police Op Machinize

Operation Machinize is a nationwide initiative co-ordinated by the National Crime Agency to disrupt money laundering and other serious organised crime by targeting cash intensive high street businesses that are often used as fronts for illegal activity.

Trading Standards Officers have been supporting Warwickshire Police in their visits to businesses including vape shops, nail bars, barbers and fast-food restaurants.



In Warwick and Leamington Spa over £2000 worth of illegal vapes and tobacco was seized, six people were arrested for immigration offences and one premise was served a prohibition notice in relation to health and safety concerns.

Outside those times, you can still reach the team by calling the 24/7 helpline 0300 555 2222 or visiting stoploansharks.co.uk



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‘Safe for the Season’ Campaign

Unsafe electrical items, toys without proper safety markings, and products lacking CE marks pose risks to children and adults. The campaign aims to reduce these risks by raising awareness and providing practical,

- **Consumer Advice:** How to shop safely online, what to check when buying second-hand, and how to spot unsafe products in-store.

- To find out more, search for social media posts using the hashtag #safefortheseason or visit: <https://centsa.org.uk/campaigns-2/>

This Autumn, Warwickshire Trading Standards mystery-shopped 53 High St. stores, asking young people under the age of 18 to attempt to buy alcohol, cigarette and nicotine vapes. Out of 53 premises visited, located across every district and borough, only 6 failed to ask for age identification. Business and staff caught selling age restricted products to minors could be prosecuted.



<https://centsa.org.uk/product/age-restricted-sales-bundle/>

