

Warwickshire Trading Standards Partner Update

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Warwickshire Trading Standards Seizes Banned American Candy

Warwickshire County Council Trading Standards Officers have seized banned American candy from a store in Nuneaton. Officers will be visiting other shops across the County to search for the banned products.



The Chartered Trading Standards Institute (CTSI) recently issued a warning that American sweets and fizzy drinks with known links to hyperactivity and cancer in children have flooded the UK.

Warwickshire Trading Standards are advising parents not to give the affected sweets and drinks to their children and for suppliers and retailers to take them off sale immediately.

The products seized included Jolly Rancher and Swedish Fish sweet confectionery and Mountain Dew canned drinks. All contained unauthorised additive ingredients. Sixty-six packets of sweets and 57

Car Dealer Fined for Selling Unroadworthy Vehicle to Stratford upon Avon Resident



A car dealer who sold a Renault Koleos in a dangerous and unroadworthy condition has been prosecuted by Warwickshire Trading Standards. The car had been advertised as ‘Drives Great’ and ‘Inspected and approved by authorised garage’.

The vehicle was purchased from Sensible Attractive Motors Ltd (Brick Kiln Street, Brierley Hill), owned by Zbigniew Stanislaw Samuel (age 51 of Acacia Close Dudley).

The new owner complained to Trading Standards after taking the vehicle to a local garage who told him the car was unroadworthy. Officers investigated and asked an expert vehicle examiner to inspect the car. He found that the vehicle had missing and loose wheel nuts and concluded that it was highly likely the wheel would have become detached if the car was driven.

Warwickshire County Councillor Andy Crump, Portfolio Holder for Community Safety said:

“It is unacceptable that car dealers are selling vehicles to Warwickshire consumers that are dangerous to drive.”

“Our Trading Standards team will continue to take action to protect all road users.”

Further details: <http://tinyurl.com/Stratfordcar>

Penalty Notices Introduced for Animal Health and Welfare Offences

New legislation is to introduce penalty notices for animal health and welfare offences.

Penalty notices of up to £5000 could be issued from 1 January 2024.

Rogue Builder Sentenced to Five Years Imprisonment

A rogue builder has been sentenced to five years imprisonment following a successful prosecution carried out by Warwickshire County Council Trading Standards.

Adam Jones (age 50 of Grange Road Longford Coventry) offered roofing, gardening and

cans of drink were removed from shelves.

Warwickshire County Councillor Andy Crump, Portfolio Holder for Community Safety said:

“Our Trading Standards Officers will be visiting shops to identify and remove from sale any illegal American candy and drinks they find. Local businesses can assist us by checking their own shelves and removing the illegal products. Traders requiring more help and advice can contact Warwickshire Trading Standards via the Citizens Advice Consumer helpline on 0808 223 1133.”

The illegal American candy and drinks cannot be sold in the UK. Consumers that buy them could be at risk from a lack of allergy labelling, or the inclusion of ingredients that don't meet high UK food safety standards.

One way for consumers to spot illegal American imports is to look at the label. If the labelling shows American weights (fluid ounce and ounce as opposed grams and millilitres), it is an import and the food labelling needs to be compliant with UK laws, with no unauthorised ingredients in the produce.

For further details, including a list of some of the affected products, please visit:

<http://tinyurl.com/illegalUScandy>

Food Crime Guidance for Businesses

The Food Standards Agency has produced some guidance for food businesses of all sizes to assist them to identify food crime, that is, serious fraud and related criminality in food supply chains.

This may include a range of criminal behaviour including adulteration, substitution, theft, misrepresentation, illegal processing, waste diversion and document fraud. Food crime can be seriously harmful to consumers, food businesses and the wider food industry.

More information:
<http://tinyurl.com/foodcrimeTS>

Offences includes keeping animals in a poor living environment, overdue TB testing or animal breeders operating without a licence.

The new legislation adds to existing enforcement measures to protect animals—including criminal prosecution for most serious offences.



Further details:
<http://tinyurl.com/animalhealthpenalties>

Warwickshire Trading Standards Act after Resident is Burnt by Dangerous Showerhead

Warwickshire Trading Standards is warning consumers not to use a dangerous replacement 'stop-start-button' showerhead that can cause second and third-degree burns.



Trading Standards Officers acted after receiving a complaint from a resident who had been burnt after using the device.

The replacement showerhead, sold by online marketplaces for a few pounds, are not suitable for electric showers, where they can cause the water in the appliance to overheat rapidly, potentially up to 80°C.

More information:
<http://tinyurl.com/showerheadwarn>

general building work and targeted residents living in Warwickshire, Coventry and further afield. He traded under several names including Global Roofing, Rainbow Roofing and Drives and Landscape Gardening.

At the sentence hearing His Honour Judge Potter said that Jones was a fraudster who had 'cynically exploited' and 'intimidated' his victims, many of whom were very elderly and vulnerable, demanding they pay extortionate amounts of money for poor quality work that was sometimes not even needed! Jones attempted to charge his victims around £50,000, before eventually taking almost £30,000.

The investigation was launched after Jones door-knocked an elderly Kenilworth resident, offering to jet wash the moss off his roof. However, over the next few weeks Jones discovered further 'problems' with the roof including roof tiles, underfelt and guttering that needed to be removed and replaced and what he claimed was storm damage to tiles caused by a large branch. In a few short weeks, the resident had paid Jones over £26,000, his life savings, more than double the cost of a brand-new roof. Jones then falsely claimed he was moving to Australia to dissuade the resident from chasing him to try and get his money back.

A Chartered Surveyor, employed by Warwickshire Trading Standards examined the roof and concluded that work to remove the moss and replace the felt was unnecessary, the jet washing had in fact damaged the tiles, and that the costs far outweighed the value of the work undertaken.

More information:
<http://tinyurl.com/AJonesTS>