



Public Protection (food & safety)

Food Premises Inspection Report

Name of business:	Britons Arms
Address of food business:	9 Elm Hill Norwich NR3 1HN
Date of inspection:	20/01/2026
Risk rating reference:	26/00035/FOOD
Premises reference:	21/00271/FD_HS
Type of premises:	Restaurant or cafe
Areas inspected:	Servery, Main Kitchen, Storeroom
Records examined:	SFBB
Details of samples procured:	None
Summary of action taken:	Informal
General description of business:	Restaurant

Relevant Legislation

Food Safety Act 1990 (as amended)

Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 applied by The General Food Regulations 2004 (as amended)

Regulation (EC) No 852/2004 and No 853/2004 applied by Regulation 19 (1) of the Food Safety and Hygiene (England) Regulations 2013

Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 and related regulations

Food Information Regulations 2014

What you must do to comply with the law

The report may include **Contraventions** - matters which do not comply with the law. You must address all of the contraventions identified; failure to do so could result in legal action being taken against you.

As a guide, contraventions relating to cleaning, temperature control and poor practice, should be dealt with straight away.

Contraventions relating to structural repairs, your food safety management system and staff training, should be completed within the next 2 months.

Health and safety contraventions should be dealt with within 3 months unless otherwise stated.

To assist you the report may also include **Observations** of current practice, useful **Information, Recommendations** of good practice and reminders of **Legal Requirements**.

My inspection was not intended to identify every contravention of the law and only covers those areas, practices and procedures examined at the time of the inspection. If the report fails to mention a particular matter this does not mean you have necessarily complied with the law.

FOOD SAFETY

How we calculate your Food Hygiene Rating:

The food safety section has been divided into the three areas which you are scored against for the hygiene rating: 1. food hygiene and safety procedures, 2. structural requirements and 3. confidence in management/control procedures. Each section begins with a summary of what was observed and the score you have been given. Details of how these scores combine to produce your overall food hygiene rating are shown in the table.

Compliance Area	You Score					
Food Hygiene and Safety	0	5	10	15	20	25
Structure and Cleaning	0	5	10	15	20	25
Confidence in management & control systems	0	5	10	15	20	30
Your Total score	0 - 15	20	25 - 30	35 - 40	45 - 50	> 50
Your Worst score	5	10	10	15	20	-
Your Rating is	5	4	3	2	1	0



Your Food Hygiene Rating is 2 - improvement is necessary

1. Food Hygiene and Safety

Food hygiene standards are generally satisfactory and maintained. There is evidence of some non-compliance with legal requirements. Some lapses are evident however generally you have satisfactory food handling practices and procedures and adequate control measures to prevent cross-contamination are in place. The contraventions require your attention; although not critical to food safety they may become so if not addressed. **(10)**

Contamination risks

Contravention The following exposed food to the general risk of cross-contamination with bacteria or allergens or its physical contamination with dirt, foreign objects or chemicals:

- cake servers stored directly touching in the servery
- foil, cling film and parchment paper were being stored touching

Legal requirement At all stages of production, processing and distribution, food must be protected from any contamination likely to render it unfit for human consumption, injurious to health or contaminated in such a way that it would be unreasonable to expect it to be consumed in that state.

Hand washing

Contravention The following indicated that hand washing was not suitably managed:

- staff were not seen washing their hands when I visited

Legal Requirement Wash hand basins must be provided with hot and cold running water and suitable drainage; soap and a hygienic way to dry hands.

Legal Requirement An adequate number of wash hand basins must be available for use, they must be suitably located and designated for cleaning hands.

Information Hand washing is required:

- * before handling ready-to-eat food
- * after touching raw food and its packaging, including unwashed fruit and vegetables
- * after a break/smoking
- * after going to the toilet
- * after cleaning
- * after removing waste
- * after blowing your nose

Guidance Proper hand washing is essential to prevent cross-contamination of E.coli 0157 and other harmful bacteria onto food and food contact surfaces. Hand washing should include the following steps:

- * wet hands before applying soap
- * good hand rubbing technique
- * rinsing of hands
- * hygienic drying

Personal Hygiene

Contravention The following are examples of poor personal hygiene or where it was made difficult for food handlers to maintain sufficiently high standards of personal cleanliness:

- staff were not using the wash-hand basin regularly
- staff were not wearing suitable protective clothing

Legal Requirement Washbasins must be available, suitably located and designated for cleaning hands. Wash-hand basins must be provided with hot and cold (or suitably mixed) running water. Soap and hand drying facilities must be located nearby.

Legal Requirement All persons in food handling areas must wear suitable, clean, and where appropriate protective clothing.

Temperature Control

Observation I was pleased to see you were able to limit bacterial growth and/or survival by applying appropriate temperature controls at points critical to food safety and that you were monitoring temperatures.

2. Structure and Cleaning

The structure facilities and standard of cleaning and maintenance are less than satisfactory and you are failing to comply with the law in many respects. Contraventions require your immediate attention as some are critical to food safety. We may revisit your business and if standards have not improved take formal enforcement action. **(15)**

Cleaning of Structure

Contravention The following items were dirty and require more frequent and thorough cleaning:

- floor/wall junctions
- flooring behind and under equipment
- pipe work
- ledges to walls
- walls
- doors
- electric wall sockets
- shelving to dry store

Cleaning of Equipment and Food Contact Surfaces

Contravention The following items are dirty and must be cleaned:

- under counter freezer needs defrosting and cleaning
- handles to fridge/freezer doors
- seals to fridges/freezers
- racks to dishwasher
- underneath towel dispenser
- utensil holder
- interior to microwave
- door to microwave
- frames to equipment
- stainless steel shelving to tables
- legs to equipment
- wheels to equipment
- food storage containers
- lid to food storage container
- cooker hob
- bottom to equipment
- interior bottom to under counter freezer
- cutlery trays
- handle to fridge in servery
- lid to bin

Cleaning Chemicals / Materials / Equipment and Methods

Observation I was pleased to see that your cleaning materials, and equipment were able to minimise the spread of harmful bacteria between surfaces.

Maintenance

Contravention The following had not been suitably maintained and must be repaired or replaced:

- lid to bin
- top to fridge cabinet

Facilities and Structural provision

Contravention The following facilities were inadequate or absent and must be provided or improved:

- there are insufficient or inadequate hand washing facilities

Legal requirement An adequate number of washbasins must be available, suitably located and designated for cleaning hands. Wash-hand basins must be provided with hot and cold (or suitably mixed) running water.

Pest Control

Observation I was pleased to see that the premises was proofed against the entry of pests and that pest control procedures were in place.

3. Confidence in Management

There are generally satisfactory food safety controls in place although there is evidence of some non-compliance with the law. The contraventions require your attention; although not critical to food safety they may become so if not addressed. **(10)**

Type of Food Safety Management System Required

Observation You were monitoring (and recording) the temperatures of your fridges and freezers as well as the temperature of cooked/hot-held food and could demonstrate effective systems for controlling bacterial growth and survival.

Observation You were date labelling perishable foods appropriately and could demonstrate effective control over food spoilage organisms.

Safer Food Better Business that works

Contravention The Management sections in your Safer food Better Business (SFBB) pack are intended to demonstrate you are in day-to-day control of the hazards to food. The following Management sections were either missing, incomplete or not up-to-date:

- add yourself to your SFBB staff training lists

Food Hazard Identification and Control

Contravention You have not identified these food hazards or the methods of control at critical points in your operation

- cross-contamination

Contravention The following pre-requisites have not been met and this means that your food safety management system will be ineffective:

- staff hygiene is inadequate
- services and facilities are inadequate
- cleaning and sanitation are poor

Proving Your Arrangements are Working Well

Contravention You are not working to the following safe methods in your SFBB pack:

- cleaning schedule as a deep clean of the premises is needed. You should do this regularly

Traceability

Observation Your records were such that food could easily be traced back to its supplier.

Infection Control / Sickness / Exclusion Policy

Guidance UK Health Security Agency recommends that food handlers known or suspected to be suffering from a food-borne infection or gastrointestinal illness stay away from work until symptom-free for 48 hours.

Observation Policies were in place to prevent any infected food handler from contaminating food.

Waste Food and other Refuse

Observation You had measures in place to dispose of waste food appropriately and were employing the services of an approved waste contractor.

Training

Recommendation A Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering or its equivalent (a 6-hour course leading to the award of a recognised certificate in food hygiene) would be appropriate for your food handlers. Booking details for the equivalent CIEH course are on our website: www.norwich.gov.uk

Recommendation A Level 3 Award for Supervising Food Safety in Catering would be appropriate for your supervisory staff and those with managerial responsibility.

Recommendation Catering staff should refresh their food hygiene knowledge every 3 years so that they stay up to date with current legislation and good practice. Booking details for this course are on our website: www.norwich.gov.uk

Allergens in food

Contravention You are failing to manage the risk from allergens properly:

- storing the cake servers directly touching in the servery