

Public Protection (food & safety)

Food Premises Inspection Report

Name of business:	Harriets Café Tea Rooms
Address of food business:	38 London Street Norwich, NR2 1LD
Date of inspection:	29/06/2026
Risk rating reference:	26/00524/FOOD
Premises reference:	15/00103/FD_HS
Type of premises:	Restaurant
Areas inspected:	Servery, Main Kitchen
Records examined:	FSMS
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 3 - a generally satisfactory standard



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.
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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:

- cutting boards were badly scored and need replacing
- green & yellow cutting boards 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:

- the drainage to the wash hand basin was inadequate
- hand washing not seen

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

Observation I was pleased to see that standards of personal hygiene were high.

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.

Unfit food

Contravention The following food was unfit (and was seized or destroyed in my presence) because it was past its USE BY date:

- 2 x packets of crispy salad stored beyond use by date of 26/6
- 2 x packets of back bacon stored beyond use by date of 28/6

Legal Requirement High risk items have a use by date. After this date you must not sell, use or intend to use these foods. Make sure you have regular checks in place to remove out of date items

Poor Practices

Contravention The following matters represented poor practice and if allowed to continue may cause food to become contaminated or lead to its deterioration:

- storing prepared foods ie cooked chicken for longer than the recommended 3 days

Recommendation You should have a system to identify when open or prepared foods need to be used by or discarded, to ensure the food is fit for consumption. I recommend you apply labels which give a date that is 2 days after the day of production e.g. if food is opened on Monday it should be used by the end of Wednesday (an exception is cooked rice which should not be kept longer than 24 hours)

2. Structure and Cleaning

The structure facilities and standard of cleaning and maintenance are of a generally satisfactory standard but there are some repairs and/or improvements which are required in order for you to comply with the law. Pest control and waste disposal provisions are adequate. The contraventions require your attention; although not critical to food safety they may become so if not addressed. **(10)**

Cleaning of Structure

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

- walls
- pipe work
- window sill
- window frame
- hand contact surfaces such as light switches and door handles
- floor/wall junctions
- extraction canopy
- flooring
- flooring downstairs
- flooring behind and under equipment
- around equipment feet
- light switches

Information Covering surfaces with aluminium foil leads to a potential contamination risk as the foil breaks up into smaller shards

Cleaning of Equipment and Food Contact Surfaces

Contravention The following items are dirty and must be cleaned:

- legs to equipment
- wheels to equipment
- sides to equipment
- equipment
- underneath towel dispensers
- towel dispenser
- interior to hot cupboard
- handles to bins
- bins
- extraction canopy
- filters to extraction canopy
- cling film dispenser
- foil dispenser
- around Interior top to chest freezers
- interior bottom to upright freezer
- cutlery tray
- shelving

- fridge and freezer handles
- fridge door
- interior fridge shelving
- fridge and freezer seals
- food storage containers
- chopping boards
- blade to can opener

Observation You had dedicated equipment for the preparation of raw and for ready-to-eat foods.

Observation You had colour-coded equipment on which to prepare food.

Cleaning Chemicals / Materials / Equipment and Methods

Recommendation Store items such as mops, buckets and rooms in an area, room or cupboard separate from a food areas.

Maintenance

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

- split seals to fridges
- holes to wall
- paint work worn or peeling
- coving loose at wall/floor junction
- drains are blocked

Facilities and Structural provision

Contravention The following facilities were inadequate and must be improved:

- drainage to wash hand basin

Pest Control

Observation You have a pest control contract in place and there is no evidence of pest activity on the premises.

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 had colour-coded equipment and effective separation between raw and ready-to-eat food at all stages in your operation.

Food Hazard Identification and Control

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

- services and facilities are inadequate
- maintenance is poor
- cleaning and sanitation are poor

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

- cross-contamination
- bacteria surviving in cooked food
- bacteria growing on food

Information Before implementing a food safety management system such as Safer Food Better Business, basic good hygiene conditions and practices called prerequisites must be in place. Only then will your food safety management system be effective in ensuring the preparation of safe food.

Proving Your Arrangements are Working Well

Contravention The following are needed in order to demonstrate your food safety management system is working:

- opening and closing checks
- maintenance recording

Traceability

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

Infection Control / Sickness / Exclusion Policy

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

Contravention The following evidence indicates there is a staff training need as food handlers:

- were using food that was passed its USE BY date
- were not washing their hands often enough
- were not cleaning properly

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

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