



Public Protection (food & safety)

Food Premises Inspection Report

Name of business:	The Cottage
Address of food business:	9 Silver Road Norwich NR3 4TB
Date of inspection:	15/12/2021
Risk rating reference:	21/00419/FOOD
Premises reference:	20/00243/FD_HS
Type of premises:	Public House with catering
Areas inspected:	Main Kitchen, Storeroom
Records examined:	Temperature Control Records, SFBB, Cleaning Schedule
Details of samples procured:	None
Summary of action taken:	Informal
General description of business:	Public House with catering

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
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Your Food Hygiene Rating is 4 - a good standard



1. Food Hygiene and Safety

Food hygiene standards are high. You demonstrated a very good standard of compliance with legal requirements. You have safe food handling practices and procedures and all the necessary control measures to prevent cross-contamination are in place. Some minor contraventions require your attention. **(Score 5)**

Contamination risks

Contravention The following exposed ready-to-eat food and or its packaging to the risk of cross-contamination with foodborne bacteria from raw meat or unwashed fruits and vegetables:

- raw foods i.e sausages were being stored next to ready-to-eat foods i.e brownies in the upright fridge
- raw foods i.e eggs were being stored above and next to ready-to-eat foods i.e mayonnaise and cheese
- green cutting board was badly scoured and needs replacing
- open food was being stored too near the wash hand basin splashes from hand washing could contaminate the food

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.

Personal Hygiene

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

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::

- herbs and spices had no 'best before' dates

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. **(Score 10)**

Cleaning of Structure

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

- floor/wall junctions
- behind and under equipment
- cobwebs to garage

Contravention The following items could not be effectively cleaned and must be covered or made non-absorbent:

- mdf or chipboard/untreated wooden shelves

Legal requirement the garage is not a suitable room to be used as a food storeroom as the walls, ceiling and flooring cannot be easily maintained or cleaned. Food rooms must be kept in good repair and decorated to provide surfaces which are smooth and non-absorbent and easy to clean

Cleaning of Equipment and Food Contact Surfaces

Contravention The following items are dirty and must be cleaned:

- fridge and freezer seals
- interior bottom to fridge
- wheels and legs to equipment

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

Cleaning Chemicals / Materials / Equipment and Methods

Observation I was pleased to see that the premises was kept clean and that your cleaning materials, methods 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:

- flooring to the small storeroom
- damage to wooden panel near wooden shelving in small storeroom
- holes to wall

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

A food safety management system is in place and you demonstrate a very good standard of compliance with the law. You have a good track record. There are some minor contraventions which require your attention. **(Score 5)**

Type of Food Safety Management System Required

Information If you want to keep everything on your computer or tablet an electronic version of the Safer Food Better Business pack is also available on the FSA website www.food.gov.uk/business-industry/caterers/sfbb However, do make sure staff have access to it at all times when working.

Observation Your SFBB/food safety management system was in place and working well. I was confident you had effective control over hazards to food.

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

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

Observation You were monitoring (and recording) the temperatures of your fridges and freezers and could demonstrate effective systems for controlling bacterial growth and survival.

Food Hazard Identification and Control

Recommendation I recommend that you add vac packing records to your Safer Food better Business pack

Safer Food Better Business/Food Safety Management System 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

- daily diary had lapsed since 25/10
- four-weekly reviews

Traceability

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

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.

Infection Control / Sickness / Exclusion Policy

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

Allergens

Observation You had devised a chart listing all the food you provide with the allergens present in each and had brought this to the attention of your staff and customers.