



Public Protection (food & safety)

Food Premises Inspection Report

Name of business:	Cheerful Links
Address of food business:	1 - 3 Whiffler Road Norwich NR3 2AG
Date of inspection:	24/07/2025
Risk rating reference:	25/00627/FOOD
Premises reference:	22/00084/FD_HS
Type of premises:	Retail shop
Areas inspected:	All
Records examined:	Temperature Control Records, FSMS, Pest Control Report, Training Certificates/records
Details of samples procured:	None
Summary of action taken:	Informal
General description of business:	Cash and carry

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 5 - a very 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

Observation I was pleased to see you were able to demonstrate effective controls to prevent cross-contamination.

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.

2. Structure and Cleaning

The structure facilities and standard of cleaning and maintenance are all of a good standard and only minor repairs and/or improvements are required. Pest control and waste disposal provisions are adequate. The minor contraventions require your attention. **(Score 5)**

Cleaning of Structure

Observation The retail area was well maintained and the standard of cleaning was exceptionally high including the 'out of sight' areas.

Cleaning of Equipment and Food Contact Surfaces

Contravention The following items are dirty and must be cleaned:

- ice machine located in the area where the shell fish tanks are placed. As the machine is not used it may be better to remove it

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

Observation You are maintaining the premises in good condition.

Facilities and Structural provision

Observation I was pleased to see the premises had been well maintained and that adequate facilities had been provided.

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.

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

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

Observation Due to the size of the business, you are using your own food safety management system which was in place and working well. I was confident you had effective control over hazards to food. This should be reviewed regularly and signed off by the HACCP team, it was noted that the Director had not completed this and this should be actioned in a timely manner. You are in the process of standardising the document for all (4) sites where these outstanding points can be addressed.

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

Legal Requirement Complete when processes changes.

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.

Training

Observation I was pleased to see that food handlers had been trained to an appropriate level and evidence of their training was made available. This is regularly reviewed by management.

Allergens

Observation You had identified the presence of allergens in your pre packed foods and had brought this to the attention of your customers. The main reference is through manufacturers labelling to guide customers.