



Sheffield LicenceWatch

The Opening Times



Please attend the next meeting of Sheffield LicenceWatch at
10.00am or 2.00pm on Wednesday 20th July 2007 at
Farm Road Sports and Social Club, Farm Road, Sheffield, S2 2TP
Members are expected to attend at least two meetings per year

Smoke Free Public Buildings and Workplaces from 1st July 2007

In the last edition of The Opening Times, the new legislation was outlined in summary. This legislation is still on track and all licensed premises should be ready to implement this by the due date of 1st July 2007.



If according to recent press articles - that half of the UK population are not aware of this, then one can expect some persons to attempt to smoke in areas where they shouldn't either by ignorance or even in opposition to the new law. As outlined before the penalties are far greater for premises owners than for the visiting smoker.

Don't be caught out, ensure you get your No-Smoking signs displayed and be firm with those that may try to resist this legislation.

A spokesperson from Sheffield City Council has been requested to attend both morning and afternoon meetings on the 20th June, so you can ask last minute questions and advice.

What is Project ARGUS?

One of the next meetings guest speakers will introduce Project ARGUS, but here is a taster.



Project ARGUS is a National Counter Terrorism Security Office (NaCTSO) initiative, exploring ways to aid you in preventing, handling and recovering from a terrorist attack.

It achieves this by taking businesses through a simulated terrorist attack. The simulation identifies the measures to take for preventing, handling and recovering from a terrorist attack.

What you can expect should you wish to take part?

Project ARGUS is a completely free event, which takes you through a realistic terrorist attack using a multi-media simulation. A series of questions and challenges are put to you, both individually and as a group and you will have to resolve them.

You will work in small syndicate groups and with other local business representatives. The whole event will last three hours.

This free training will be arranged for future dates if required.

Willy Collins a problem for all

Most licensees across Sheffield will know or have heard of William Patrick Collins. His photo appears in the Gallery at each edition. He is a member of the travelling fraternity and has been banned from the whole of Sheffield licensed premises through LicenceWatch for the past 5 years. He persistently visits licensed premises causing trouble and continues to get served despite his continuing bans.

Collins is quite a formidable character physically and has a very threatening manner, giving rise to licensees letting him into their pubs in hope of a quiet life. This rarely happens and trouble is often created when Collins' associates arrive to join him.

A concerted effort is being asked of all licensees in refusing Collins entry to your premises, and LicenceWatch wishes to assist where possible with further sanctions upon him, such as an ASBO. In order to build up a picture for this action, the LicenceWatch committee asks all members to fully take part in the following actions:

- Make yourself aware of Collins
- Get a copy of the Gallery from the next LicenceWatch meeting showing his photograph
- Make ALL your staff aware of Collins within the guidelines of LicenceWatch
- If and when he visits your premises - IMMEDIATELY refuse him entry - stand firm
- DO NOT serve him that 'just one drink and I'll go. It doesn't work in the long run
- Get other staff, adult family members, or trusted customers to act as witnesses
- If you have CCTV fitted, make sure it works and is recording properly
- Save any CCTV evidence
- If Collins becomes threatening and refuses to leave, call the Police on 999
- If he continues to refuse to leave and continues threatening, repeat the call to the police
- Call other back-up yourself from other local licensees if possible
- If Collins is still present when the Police attend. Make sure you tell the officer in the presence of Collins. **'I have requested him to leave my premises, but he has constantly refused. He is banned across the whole of Sheffield by LicenceWatch'** The officer is duty bound under the Licensing Act to assist you with expelling Collins. If he again refuses to quit a licensed premise the officer has further powers to deal with him.
- After the incident report all the details - time, place, witnesses, officers, outcome etc
- Contact the LicenceWatch office and let them know the details EVERY TIME, so that all incidents can be recorded and collated.

In the past, LicenceWatch has played a big part in getting ASBO on a prolific offender. It does work if we all help one another.

Banning problem customers via LicenceWatch

You are a member of a powerful group of people, if they work together can make a considerable difference to anti-social behaviour and criminal activity in licensed premises.

LicenceWatch bans are there to assist you to deal with persistent problem customers and those that threaten or use violence towards customers and staff, as well as using licensed premises in their furtherance of crime.

What to do if you are considering a LicenceWatch ban:

Keep a record of the incident(s) that bring rise to the concern, inc time and date

Keep a record of the identity of any Police Officer that was involved in the incident(s)

Keep a record of any witnesses to the incident(s)

Complete a 'Banning Request' form (found at the rear of your LicenceWatch folder or our website)

Send it by fax or post to Sheffield LicenceWatch at People United Against Crime

Keep your neighbouring licenses informed, so that they can back you up

If in doubt ring the LicenceWatch office and ask for help

Drinks labels to include safe levels

All alcoholic drinks are to include new health warning labels by the end of 2008 under a voluntary agreement between the government and drinks industry.

The labels will include the drink's unit content and recommended safe drinking levels. For Beer, Wine and Spirits unit information will be given per glass and per bottle. Most Bottles and cans already have details of alcoholic units on their labels.

The public health minister Caroline Flint stated '...this voluntary agreement will help people calculate, at a glance, how much they are drinking and whether they are staying within sensible drinking guidelines. We want to make it as simple as possible for people to keep an eye on how much they are drinking and help them take the responsibility for lessening the impact excess alcohol can have on their health.'

The announcement comes following government advice last week to pregnant women to avoid alcohol.

Training available

The Drugs Awareness courses will soon be back on line through Sheffield LicenceWatch and Sheffield College at a subsidised rate. If you or your staff wish to acquire this BII approved qualification, please contact the LicenceWatch office for further details.

Similar training is also being organised to SIA standard for the three day Door Supervisors qualification. Again this will be at a subsidised rate. Please contact the LicenceWatch office for further details.

Radio System

If you have any issues relating to the LicenceWatch radio system which operates in and around the city centre, please contact Mick Platts at the CCRAC Radio office or Darryl in the LicenceWatch office.

A new scheme is due to come on line soon for the Hillsborough area and a scheme for the Broomhill / Ecclesall area is also back on the agenda.

Pub Quiz

The first three pubs to fax back, email or ring into the LicenceWatch office with the 10 correct answers will win a years FREE LicenceWatch membership.

1. The Joshua Tree was a hit album for which group?
2. Where in Cuba did the doomed U.S backed invasion begin in 1961?
3. Which Yorkshire football club beat Bristol Rovers to clinch the Johnstone's Paint Trophy?
4. Which is the closest English city to Scotland?
5. The Bill is set at which Police Station?
6. Which type of creature was the logo of the Midland Bank?
7. Who had a 1985 hit with 'Every Time You Go Away'?
8. Which poker hand consist of 5 cards of the same suit?
9. Which London street is famous for its exclusive medical practices?
10. Who said: 'England expects every man will do his duty'?

Return of a familiar face

PC Darryl Marshall has returned to People United Against Crime as the seconded Police Officer, with responsibility for Sheffield LicenceWatch. Those of you that have been in the licensing trade for several years will no doubt remember Darryl from his previous time there until he left in 2005. Having spent two years in the Police Liquor Licensing Dept for Sheffield, he has a good working knowledge of the licensing act and the issues facing you.

LicenceWatch Meeting Dates

20th June 2007

3rd October 2007

South Yorkshire Police - Safer Neighbourhood Teams

The Police Liquor Licensing Dept for Sheffield has been severely reduced and now only acts as an administrative port for applications. All aspects of police licensing activity have been farmed out to each Safer Neighbourhood Team within the two Sheffield policing districts. Listed below are the contact details for each team and the area they cover:

Sheffield 1 District

SNA	Areas Covered	Contact No.
Central	City Centre	0114 252 3996
East	Tinsley, Darnall, Attercliffe, Meadowhall	0114 252 3995
South	Wybourn, Park Hill, Arbourthorne, Manor	0114 252 3993
West	Burngreave, Wincobank, Shiregreen, Firth Park, Firvale	0114 252 3994

Sheffield 2 District

Broomhill	Broomhill, Broomhall, Crookes, Greystones, Fulwood	0114 296 4876
Ecclesfield	High Green, Chapeltown, Grenoside, Foxhill, Shirecliffe, Southey Green, Parson Cross, Ecclesfield	0114 296 4854
Hillsborough	Upperthorpe, Netherthorpe, Crookesmoor, Hillsborough, Middlewood, Stannington, Loxley, Stocksbridge, Deepcar	0114 296 4912
Sharrow	Dore, Totley, Sharrowvale, Sharrow, Highfields	0114 296 3187
Woodhouse	Woodhouse, Mosbrough	0114 296 3779
Woodseats	Gleadless Valley, Heeley, Meersbrook, Norton, Batemoor, Jordanthorpe, Lowedges, Bradway, Woodseats	0114 296 3680

Useful LicenceWatch Contacts

Nigel Williams	Chairman	Tel: 0114 230 1325
PC Darryl Marshall	LicenceWatch Office	Tel: 0114 275 8688
Mick Platts	CCRAC Radio Scheme	Tel: 0114 273 5290
Julie Hague	Child Protection, SCC	Tel: 0114 273 6753
Greg Ward	Trading Standards, SCC	Tel: 0114 273 6241
Custom & Excise	Confidential Helpline	Tel: 0800 595 000

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