

**BLACKPOOL COUNCIL**  
**Food Hygiene Prosecutions**

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| <b>Salim Jangarwala</b><br><b>Blackpool Indian Taj</b><br>99 Bond Street<br>Blackpool                                     | 19.03.10 | 10 structural and hygiene offences<br><a href="http://www.blackpoolgazette.co.uk/news/Owner-fined-over-39filthy39-restaurant.6172508.jp">http://www.blackpoolgazette.co.uk/news/Owner-fined-over-39filthy39-restaurant.6172508.jp</a>  | £1000 fine<br>£200 costs<br>£15 victim surcharge             |
| <b>Eamon Maguire</b><br><b>Golden Mile Café</b><br><b>In Mr T's Amusements</b><br>25-41 Promenade<br>Blackpool<br>FY1 5AA | 12.02.10 | 7 hygiene offences<br><a href="http://www.blackpoolgazette.co.uk/blackpoolnews/Cafe-kitchen-dubbed-39danger-to.6082180.jp">http://www.blackpoolgazette.co.uk/blackpoolnews/Cafe-kitchen-dubbed-39danger-to.6082180.jp</a>  | £700 fine<br>£372 costs<br>£15 victim surcharge              |
| <b>Carol Lynn Larkin</b><br><b>Knowlson's</b><br>20 Boome Street,<br>Blackpool  | 01.10.09 | 18 structural and cleaning offences<br><a href="http://www.blackpoolgazette.co.uk/blackpoolnews/Disgust-at-state-of-filthy.5704784.jp">http://www.blackpoolgazette.co.uk/blackpoolnews/Disgust-at-state-of-filthy.5704784.jp</a><br><a href="#">Official Press Release</a>   | £1800<br>£1500 costs<br>£15 victim surcharge                 |
| <b>Jeffrey Johnson</b><br><b>Aroma's</b><br>18 Deansgate<br>Blackpool   | 18.09.09 | <a href="http://www.blackpoolgazette.co.uk/blackpoolnews/Diner-finds-beetle-in-her.5227653.jp?CommentPage=1&amp;CommentPageLength=10#comments">http://www.blackpoolgazette.co.uk/blackpoolnews/Diner-finds-beetle-in-her.5227653.jp?CommentPage=1&amp;CommentPageLength=10#comments</a>  | £700<br>£285 costs<br>£14 victims' surcharge<br>2 day curfew |
| <b>Aheed Sultan</b><br><b>Golden Beach Hotel</b><br>565 Promenade,<br>Blackpool   | 12.09.09 | <a href="http://www.cieh.org/ehn/hotel_owner_fined_over_poor_hygiene.html">http://www.cieh.org/ehn/hotel_owner_fined_over_poor_hygiene.html</a><br><a href="http://www.blackpoolgazette.co.uk/blackpoolnews/Promenade-hotel-fined-for-filthy.5557412.jp">http://www.blackpoolgazette.co.uk/blackpoolnews/Promenade-hotel-fined-for-filthy.5557412.jp</a> | £3700<br>£990 costs<br>£15 victim surcharge                  |
| <b>Muhiminul Choudhury</b><br><b>Bengal Spice</b><br>155 Central Drive,<br>Blackpool                                      | 4.09.09  | <a href="http://www.blackpoolgazette.co.uk/blackpoolnews/Takeaway-admits-hygiene-offences.5625858.jp">http://www.blackpoolgazette.co.uk/blackpoolnews/Takeaway-admits-hygiene-offences.5625858.jp</a>  | £200<br>£225 costs<br>£15 victim surcharge                   |

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| <b>Neil Miller</b><br><b>Sugar Cains</b><br>52 Cookson Street,<br>Blackpool           | 1.07.09  | 3 structural and cleaning offences  | £300<br>£15 victim<br>surcharge                  |
| <b>Mohsin Belfakih</b><br><b>Village Takeaway</b><br>73-75 Red Bank Road<br>Blackpool | 15.05.09 | 6 structural and cleaning offences<br><a href="#">Official Press Release</a>  | £1000<br>£150 costs<br>£15 victim<br>surcharge   |
| <b>Rossall Properties Ltd</b><br><b>Colonial Hotel</b><br>465 Promenade<br>Blackpool  | 17.05.09 | 8 structural and cleaning offences<br><a href="http://www.blackpoolgazette.co.uk/blackpoolnews/Hotel-owners-fined-for-hygiene.5274571.jp">http://www.blackpoolgazette.co.uk/blackpoolnews/Hotel-owners-fined-for-hygiene.5274571.jp</a>   | £4000<br>£500 costs                              |
| <b>Zahid Iqbal</b><br><b>Raji's</b><br>260 Lytham Road,<br>Blackpool                  | 1.05.09  | <a href="#">Official Press Release</a><br><a href="http://www.blackpoolgazette.co.uk/Register.aspx?ReturnURL=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.blackpoolgazette.co.uk%2Ffylde-news%2FFilth-at-Blackpool-takeaway.5242270.jp">http://www.blackpoolgazette.co.uk/Register.aspx?ReturnURL=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.blackpoolgazette.co.uk%2Ffylde-news%2FFilth-at-Blackpool-takeaway.5242270.jp</a> | £450<br>£296.14 costs<br>£15 victim<br>surcharge |
| <b>Dominico Dell'Armi</b><br><b>La Piazza</b><br>8 Cedar Square,<br>Blackpool         | 29.04.09 | <a href="http://www.blackpoolgazette.co.uk/blackpoolnews/Diner-finds-beetle-in-her.5227653.jp?CommentPage=2">http://www.blackpoolgazette.co.uk/blackpoolnews/Diner-finds-beetle-in-her.5227653.jp?CommentPage=2</a>   | £2500<br>£392 costs<br>£15 victim<br>surcharge   |
| <b>Andreas Yiasoumi</b><br><b>La Sirena</b><br>43 Abingdon Street,<br>Blackpool       | 3.04.09  | 5 structural and cleaning offences  | £485<br>£658.58<br>£15 victim<br>surcharge       |
| <b>Dr Farah Anjum</b><br><b>Premier Store</b><br>40 Waterloo Road,<br>Blackpool       | 25.03.09 | 16 offences<br><a href="#">Official Press Release</a><br><a href="http://www.blackpoolgazette.co.uk/blackpoolnews/Blackpool39s-war-against-grime.5120263.jp">http://www.blackpoolgazette.co.uk/blackpoolnews/Blackpool39s-war-against-grime.5120263.jp</a>  | £13,000<br>£950 costs<br>£15 victim<br>surcharge |

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| <b>Trueberry Ltd</b><br><b>Hotel Miami</b><br>561 New South<br>Promenade<br>Blackpool                            | 20.02.09 | 15 offences<br><a href="#">Official Press Release</a>   | £3000<br>£366.45 costs<br>£15 victim<br>surcharge       |
| <b>Waseem Haleem</b><br><b>Big Apple</b><br>281 Dickson Road,<br>Blackpool                                       | 6.02.09  | <a href="http://www.blackpoolgazette.co.uk/blackpoolnews/Cockroachinfested-Blackpool-takeaway-shutdown.4396731.jp">http://www.blackpoolgazette.co.uk/blackpoolnews/Cockroachinfested-Blackpool-takeaway-shutdown.4396731.jp</a>         | £1280<br>£450 costs<br>£15 victim<br>surcharge          |
| <b>John Gallagher</b><br><b>Glenshee Hotel and</b><br><b>Glen Marie Rest Home</b><br>Harrow Place<br>Blackpool   | 28.01.09 | <a href="http://www.blackpoolgazette.co.uk/blackpoolnews/Owner-fined-5500-over-dirty.4925060.jp">http://www.blackpoolgazette.co.uk/blackpoolnews/Owner-fined-5500-over-dirty.4925060.jp</a><br>11 structural and cleaning offences      | £6500<br>£511 costs<br>£15 victim<br>surcharge          |
| <b>Sarfraz Ali and</b><br><b>Linx Properties Ltd</b><br><b>Sherwood Hotel</b><br>412-414 Promenade,<br>Blackpool | 21.1.09  | <a href="#">Official Press Release</a><br><a href="http://www.blackpoolgazette.co.uk/blackpoolnews/Ants-in-kitchen-of-Blackpool.5012849.jp">http://www.blackpoolgazette.co.uk/blackpoolnews/Ants-in-kitchen-of-Blackpool.5012849.jp</a> | £1848 and £700<br>£297 costs<br>£15 victim<br>surcharge |
| <b>Janie Brown</b><br><b>Codfather</b><br>3 Dinmore Place,<br>Blackpool  | 27.11.08 | <a href="http://www.blackpoolgazette.co.uk/blackpoolnews/Filth-and-chips.4745675.jp">http://www.blackpoolgazette.co.uk/blackpoolnews/Filth-and-chips.4745675.jp</a>   | £1100<br>£250 costs<br>£15 victim<br>surcharge          |
| <b>Kelvin Moran</b><br><b>Clifton Arms</b><br>300 Preston New Road<br>Blackpool                                  | 19.11.08 | 11 structural and cleaning offences   | 2 year Conditional<br>Discharge<br>£260 costs           |
| <b>Waqas Ghazanfar</b><br><b>Shalimar Gardens</b><br>16-18 Talbot Road,<br>Blackpool                             | 12.11.08 | 7 structural and cleaning offences  | £700<br>£241.10<br>£15 victim<br>surcharge              |

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| <b>Mr Kasmukh Korla and Mr Ahmed Karim</b><br><b>Coronation Plaice</b><br>105 Coronation Street,<br>Blackpool | 12.11.08 | 6 structural and cleaning offences   | £300 and £300<br>£150 costs<br>£15 victim surcharge                               |
| <b>Iqbal Noree Akash</b><br>76 Topping Street,<br>Blackpool   | 11/08    | 20 structural and cleaning offences  | £2000<br>£400 costs<br>£15 victim surcharge                                       |
| <b>You Yong Huang Shanghai</b><br>14 Hawes Side Lane,<br>Blackpool  | 10.9.08  | <a href="http://www.blackpoolgazette.co.uk/blackpoolnews/Could-this-be-Blackpool39s-filthiest.4370279.jp">http://www.blackpoolgazette.co.uk/blackpoolnews/Could-this-be-Blackpool39s-filthiest.4370279.jp</a><br><br><a href="http://www.blackpoolgazette.co.uk/Register.aspx?ReturnURL=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.blackpoolgazette.co.uk%2Fblackpoolnews%2FCould-this-be-Blackpool39s-filthiest.4370279.jp">http://www.blackpoolgazette.co.uk/Register.aspx?ReturnURL=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.blackpoolgazette.co.uk%2Fblackpoolnews%2FCould-this-be-Blackpool39s-filthiest.4370279.jp</a> | 180 hours community work. 4 month curfew. Electronic tagging between 8pm and 7am. |
| <b>Peter Metcalf New Kimberley Hotel</b><br>585-589 New South Promenade,<br>Blackpool                         | 4.9.08   | 20 structural and cleaning offences<br><a href="http://www.blackpoolgazette.co.uk/blackpoolnews/BNP-rally-hotel-licence-revoked.5581014.jp">http://www.blackpoolgazette.co.uk/blackpoolnews/BNP-rally-hotel-licence-revoked.5581014.jp</a><br><br><a href="http://www.blackpoolgazette.co.uk/blackpoolnews/Grimy-BNP-linked-hotel-39a.4462103.jp">http://www.blackpoolgazette.co.uk/blackpoolnews/Grimy-BNP-linked-hotel-39a.4462103.jp</a><br><br><a href="#">Official Press Release</a>  | £1000<br>£500 costs<br>£15 victim surcharge                                       |
| <b>Peter Oldham</b><br>Trading on forecourt of Lords Hotel,<br>337 Promenade,<br>Blackpool                    | 19.05.08 | 3 illegal street trading offences<br>6 hygiene offences<br><br><a href="#">Official Press Release</a>  | 120 hours community order<br>£100 costs   |
| <b>Stephen Cross Prime Cuts</b><br>Stall 26-27<br>New Market,<br>Waterloo Road,<br>Blackpool                  | 14.06.06 | Operating an unlicensed butchers shop<br><br><a href="#">Official Press Release</a>  | £660<br>£240 costs  |



## **Blackpool Bakery Food Hygiene Prosecution**

The owner of Knowlson's Bakery, 20 Boome Street, Blackpool has pleaded guilty to 18 food hygiene offences at Blackpool Magistrates Court.

On 13 December 2007, Environmental Health Officers, Carolyn Bland and Anne Coates visited the bakery in order to carry out a routine food hygiene inspection. Officers were disgusted at the filthy conditions they found and gathered evidence for legal proceedings.

Officers found the bakery to be dirty, with accumulations of rubbish to the bakery floor and food debris to the walk in chest freezers. Wash handbasins were dirty and did not have soap or towels for hand washing. The floor covering in the bakery was damaged meaning that it could not be properly cleaned. Officers saw flaking paint to the bakery walls, damaged oven gloves and cracked plastic storage bins which presented a physical contamination risk. There was a work surface that had cardboard taped onto it which was wet and mouldy. Equipment which comes into contact with food, such as mixers, can openers and freezers were dirty.

Following 11 adjournments Carol Lynn Larkin, 61 attended Blackpool Magistrates' Court on 1 October 2009 to enter her guilty pleas. Upon sentencing, Larkin's barrister asked magistrates to be mindful of the fact that Mr and Mrs Larkin had recently been declared bankrupt. However, after examining photographs taken by Environmental Health Officers from within the bakery, magistrates stated that these were 'the worst they had ever seen' and fined Carol Lynn Larkin £100 for each offence. In total she was fined £1800, ordered to pay the council £1500 costs and the £15 victims' surcharge. The case against Mr Michael Larkin was withdrawn.

Knowlson's Bakery which produced cream cakes and gateaux for many hotels and businesses in Blackpool and throughout the northwest, was visited 12 times by Environmental Health Officers since the Larkin's took over in 2004, and they were warned on several occasions that failing to comply with food hygiene regulations would result in legal action being taken. In 2006 hygiene improvement notices were served on the couple. The bakery has since gone out of business.

Specialist Public Protection Officer, Carolyn Bland said 'Blackpool Council will not tolerate such blatant disregard for the law and for public health. We are pleased that the magistrates recognise the significance of these offences and the importance of the work carried out by our officers'.

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### Blackpool Food Hygiene and Health & Safety Prosecution

Blackpool Council has successfully prosecuted Mohsin Belfakih, the owner of The Village takeaway, 73-75 Red Bank Road, Blackpool for food hygiene, and health and safety offences.

Environmental Health Officers first visited the premises in November 2008 as part of the Council's multi-agency Nightsafe initiative. The premises were open and preparing food such as pizzas, burgers and kebabs. However, Officers noted that they were operating without any hot water to the wash hand basin and kitchen sinks.

Officers were also concerned about the safety of the gas installation in the premises. Improvement notices were immediately served for these defects.

The Village was visited twice more after the notices had expired. On both occasions the takeaway was found to be without hot water, resulting in staff being unable to wash their hands, and clean equipment thoroughly. The owner, Belfakih, had also failed to get the gas installations checked by a competent gas engineer.

Mohsin Belfakih attended court on 15 May 2009 and pleaded guilty to 6 offences. He was fined £1000 and was ordered to pay £150 costs and the £15 victims' surcharge.

Specialist Public Protection Officer, Carolyn Bland said, "Washing your hands is the single most important factor in preventing the spread of germs. Failing to provide hand-washing facilities where food is prepared for the public is simply not acceptable. If businesses fail to comply with improvement notices Blackpool Council will take enforcement action".

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### Blackpool Food Hygiene Prosecution

Blackpool Council has successfully prosecuted the owner of Raji's, 260 Lytham Road, Blackpool for failing to keep his takeaway food shop clean.

The premises was visited in November 2008 by Environmental Health Officers from Blackpool Councils Food Control team, as part of the Nightsafe initiative. During the food hygiene inspection Officers found that the kitchens were dirty, with food debris splashed up the walls. Equipment such as fridges and freezers, cookers and cloths were found to be dirty.

Raw foods were found stored above ready-to-eat foods such as salad items in the fridge at the time of the visit. This example of cross contamination, where bacteria from raw foods spread to ready to eat foods, is a direct cause of food poisoning. In addition, Iqbal failed to provide a hand wash basin in the kitchen, so food handlers were unable to wash their hands. The kitchen sinks were full of dirty pots and left over food. He was also unable to provide evidence of a food safety management system based on the HACCP principles.

Iqbal had previously been warned that legal action would be taken if the premises were not kept clean, and hygiene improvement notices had been served upon him in the past. On 1 May 2009 Zahid Iqbal pleaded guilty to 9 food hygiene offences in Blackpool Magistrates Court. He was fined £450 and ordered to pay £296 costs and the £15 victim surcharge.

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### **Record Food Hygiene Fine for Blackpool Retailer**

Blackpool Council has successfully prosecuted the owner of Premier Convenience Store, 42 Waterloo Road, Blackpool. Dr Farah Anjum was found guilty of 16 food hygiene offences following a trial at Blackpool Magistrates Court on 25 March 2009.

Public Protection Officers from the Food Control Group first visited the store in July 2008 to undertake a food hygiene inspection. The inspection revealed shortcomings in hygiene practices, including holes in the ceiling through which pigeon droppings had fallen and accumulated in the storeroom beneath, mould growth in freezers and accumulations of dirt in fridges. As a result, Officers served hygiene improvement notices on the business operator, Dr Farah Anjum, requiring her to rectify the problems.

The premises were revisited in August 2008, when it was discovered that the legal notices had been largely ignored and not complied with.

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## **Blackpool Food Hygiene Prosecution**

Blackpool Council has successfully prosecuted Trueberry Limited for 14 food hygiene offences at the Hotel Miami, 561 New South Promenade, Blackpool.

Public Protection Officers from the Food Control Group visited the hotel on 10 October 2007 and found that the kitchen was dirty, with greasy equipment, and a mouldy ice machine in the bar. Broken kitchen wall tiles and bare wood surfaces were found, preventing these surfaces from being properly cleaned. There was no hand-wash basin provided in the kitchen for food handlers to wash their hands, and food found in the fridge had exceeded its 'use-by' date by over 6 weeks. The company also failed to provide evidence of a food safety management system, which is required by law.

Trueberry Limited had been warned that failing to comply with the food hygiene regulations would result in legal action being taken, and had previously been served with legal hygiene improvement notices which were not complied with.

After many adjournments at Blackpool Magistrates Court, Trueberry Limited were found guilty of all 15 offences and fined £3000 with £366.45 costs. They were also ordered to pay the £15 victim surcharge. The director of the Company, Sheetal Patel has failed to appear in court and a warrant remains out for her arrest.

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## **Blackpool Food Hygiene Prosecution**

Blackpool Council has successfully prosecuted the owner and manager of the Sherwood Hotel, 412-414 Promenade, Blackpool for failing to keep the kitchen clean.

The hotel was visited by Public Protection Officers in June 2008 as part of the Council's Nightsafe initiative. A food hygiene inspection revealed the kitchen to be dirty, with mouldy fridges, greasy and rusty equipment, and a lack of towels available for food handlers to adequately wash and dry their hands. Public Protection Officers also found ants marching across the kitchen floor.

The operators of the business had been warned previously that failing to comply with the food hygiene regulations would result in legal action being taken. Mr Jasjit Dhami, the director of Linx Properties Limited, attended court on 21 January 2009 and pleaded guilty to 28 food hygiene offences. He was fined £1848 and ordered to pay £297 costs. Mr Sarfraz Ali, the manager of the hotel also appeared before Blackpool Magistrates on 20 February 2009 and pleaded guilty to all offences. He was fined £700.

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### Blackpool Prosecution Hat Trick

A Blackpool hotel manager has been fined for failing to keep his premises clean. In August 2007, Carolyn Bland and Sam Rowell visited the New Kimberley Hotel, to undertake a routine food hygiene inspection following numerous visitor complaints. Officers found various structural and cleaning defects, no soap or hygienic drying facilities to the kitchen hand washbasin, a mouldy ice machine, cross contamination issues and food that had exceeded its use by date. The manager, Peter Metcalf, had been warned previously that failure to comply with regulations would result in formal action. Metcalf, pleaded guilty to 9 food hygiene offences, and was found guilty of the remaining 11 following a trial in April 2008. He was fined £1000, and £500 costs, after being declared bankrupt.

Public Protection Manager, Ian Almond, commented that 'these cases demonstrate the promptness of Food Control officers in taking appropriate and proportionate enforcement action in order to protect the public'. He added, 'Blackpool Council does not hesitate to take legal action where advice and persuasion has not worked, in line with the Council's enforcement policy'.

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Blackpool Council has successfully prosecuted the operator of a mobile food business for 3 counts of illegal street trading and various hygiene offences. Public Protection Officers, Carolyn Bland and Sam Rowell, observed 3 counts of illegal street trading on the town's Promenade in November 2007. The mobile food operator, Peter Oldham, was first observed trading within 12 metres of the Promenade during the town's illuminations period. A food hygiene inspection of the trailer revealed various structural and cleaning defects, including cigarette ends in the hand washbasin, mould to the ceiling of the trailer, flaking paint to the internal walls and dirty cloths. The operator was initially given a written warning, but as he was observed operating illegally on a further two occasions, prosecution was considered the most appropriate course of action. On the third occasion a food handler was observed smoking a cigarette whilst handling open food, and failed to wash his hands. In a prosecution at Blackpool Magistrates Court in May 2008, Oldham pleaded guilty to 3 street trading offences and 6 hygiene offences. He was sentenced to a 120 hour community order of unpaid work, and £500 costs.

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## **Blackpool Butcher Prosecuted**

A Blackpool butcher has been successfully prosecuted for operating a butcher's shop without a licence. The food business operator, Mr Stephen Cross, pleaded guilty to the offence under the Food Safety (General Food Hygiene) Regulations 1995.

Carolyn Bland, Public Protection Officer, from Blackpool Council visited Prime Cut Meats in July 2005. Cooked meats were found on the premises alongside raw, despite several verbal and written warnings in previous months.

Mr Cross was fined £660 and ordered to pay costs of £240 by Blackpool magistrates. The defence maintained that the cooked meat found was for personal consumption and not intended for sale, despite the cooked meat being 13 days beyond its use-by date.

'The high level fine reflects the seriousness of this offence and the significant risk to public health', said Head of Environmental Services, Kevin Garrity. 'We aim to advise our businesses on how to comply with legal requirements, Mr Cross has repeatedly ignored our advice and prosecution was sought as a last resort in accordance with our enforcement policy'.

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