

WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r. 16.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s.9

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Statement of: **Katherine Braithwaite**

Age if under 18: **Over 18**

Occupation: **Pc 824**

This statement (consisting of 4 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it, anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature: 

Date **10/11/2025**

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on rear)

On Thursday 7th November 2025 at approximately 1615hrs I attended Today's Extra, 50 Kesteven Road, Stamford in company with Home Office Immigration Officers and Pc Wilson from the Local Neighbourhood Policing Team. The reason for the visit was to follow-up intelligence suggesting that individuals were working at the premises without the correct permission to work in the UK.

At the time of the visit there was only one female member of staff encountered. She introduced herself as the manager and Immigration were satisfied that she did have the correct permission to work in the premises. This worker insisted she only worked her permitted 20 hours per week, as did one of the other workers who also had the same restriction. The manager stated there is only one other member of staff employed at the shop. We established that this worker did not have any restriction on the number of hours he could work. The premises advertise opening 0600-2300hrs seven days a week, meaning it is open for a total of 119 hours a week. It would be impossible for one member of staff to work the remaining 79 trading hours. This would suggest that either the restricted staff work additional hours that are not authorised, or further members of staff are employed to work at the premises that we do not know about.

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When the manager was asked to see a staff rota or her payslip, she could not present either.

Upon completing an inspection of the premises, I noted the following premises licence breaches:

- The DPS authority list was out of date as the manager stated the male listed second of the four members of staff listed had left in March 2024.
- No Right to Work documentation for the member of staff who had left could be found on site.
- The Right to Work documentation on site for the manager encountered and another member of staff listed was not complete as it did not show their full entitlement to work.
- Staff training for the manager encountered was dated 10/09/2024, meaning it was out of date.
- The printed refusals policy and sign requesting customers quietly were completely obscured from customer view due to a floor to ceiling vape display counter.
- Spirits were seen for sale on the shop floor (see below for photographs).

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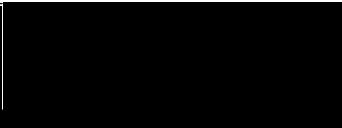
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I also noted equipment used to prepare and smoke illegal drugs including pipes and cannabis grinders were for sale, alongside bottles of 'Poppers' which can be used as a recreational drug (see below for photographs).



I further noted that there was alcohol on sale without price markings (see below for some
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