

# West Bromwich anglers caught fishing illegally in the dark

The incident happened in July 2021 and their cases were brought to Redditch Magistrates Court by the Environment Agency on Monday 7 March 2022 where 33-year old Krzysztof Budzynski, of Gladstone Street and 43-year old Rafal Szalczewski, of Glover Street both pleaded guilty to the offences of the removal of fish and the removal of eel.

Both anglers got the same penalty, including a fine of £100 for the first offence and £200 for the second offence. Costs of £135 were awarded to the Environment Agency and there was a victim surcharge of £34, amounting to £469 for each angler.

The defendants were found in possession of fish and eels that they had removed from the river on 23 July 2021 at 10.40pm by a Birmingham Angling Association (BAA) club bailiff. The bailiff then contacted West Mercia Police and the fish, which included Chub, Perch and Bream, and the anglers' fishing equipment, were seized by a police officer and handed to the bailiff.

The fishing rights at the location where the anglers were found are owned by the BAA and the rules state that any fish caught must be returned alive, and fishing is only allowed until one hour after sunset. Night fishing is not allowed. All of the fish and eels were found to be dead.

Following the verdict, Nichola Tomlinson, fisheries enforcement team leader for the Environment Agency, said:

This case demonstrates great partnership working as it involved West Mercia Police, the local angling club and the Angling Trust to enable us to bring about a successful prosecution. Whilst on this occasion both men had a valid fishing licence, it is also imperative for anglers to observe fishing byelaws.

It also shows how seriously the courts take these offences and we hope the penalty will act as a deterrent to any angler who is thinking of breaking fishing byelaws.

Not complying with the byelaws can incur a fine of up to £50,000 and, as in this case, offenders can also have their fishing equipment seized.

The Environment Agency carries out enforcement work all year round and is supported by partners including the police and the Angling Trust. Fisheries enforcement work is intelligence-led, targeting known hot-spots and where illegal fishing is reported.

Anyone with information about illegal fishing activities can contact the

Environment Agency Incident Hotline 24/7 on 0800 80 70 60 or anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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## [Change of Her Majesty's Ambassador to Switzerland, James Squire](#)

News story

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Full name: James Squire

Married to: Kate Squire

Children: Three

2019 to 2022 Head of North East Asia and Pacific Department, FCDO

2018 to 2019 Head of Democratic People's Republic of Korea Department, FC0

2018 Deputy Head of Mission, Kabul, FC0

2015 to 2017 Head of Pakistan Unit, South Asia and Afghanistan Directorate, FC0

2013 to 2014 Head of Global Threats and Asia Team, UK Mission to the United Nations, New York

2011 to 2012 First Secretary Peacekeeping Finance, UK Mission to the United Nations, New York

2008 to 2010 Deputy Head, Human Resources Department, FC0

1999 to 2007 Fund Manager, Schroders plc

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## [CMA publishes Annual Plan 2022 to 2023](#)

Press release

CMA Chair Jonathan Scott says competition is “more important than ever before” as concerns mount over the cost of living.



The Annual Plan explains how the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) will protect consumers, promote competition and help support the economy in the year ahead. It aims to encourage innovation, productivity, and sustainable growth to benefit all nations and regions of the UK.

Jonathan Scott, Chair of the CMA, said:

At a time of rising concern over the cost of living, competitive markets have a crucial role to play in keeping prices for consumers as low as possible. Competition will also be vital for promoting innovation, productivity and growth in our economy.

Over the last year, we have worked tirelessly to achieve great results for people in the UK, including securing refunds for people whose holidays were cancelled; freeing people from costly ground rent clauses; and launching our first investigations to crack down on companies that make misleading green claims. Looking to the year ahead, competition will be more important than ever before, and our Annual Plan outlines our continued commitment to boosting competition and protecting consumers.

In 2022 to 2023, the CMA will focus on the following themes:

- Protecting consumers from unfair behaviour by businesses, during and beyond the COVID-19 pandemic
- Fostering competition to promote innovation, productivity and long-term growth right across the UK
- Promoting effective competition in digital markets
- Supporting the transition to low carbon growth, including through the development of healthy competitive markets in sustainable products and services
- Delivering our new responsibilities and strengthening our position as a global competition and consumer protection authority

During the consultation process for the draft Annual Plan, the CMA sought insight directly from consumers, representative charities, and businesses. As well as receiving 19 written submissions from organisations that overwhelmingly supported the themes set out in the plan, the CMA held meetings with stakeholders and hosted events across all 4 nations of the UK.

For more information, read the [annual plan](#) in full.

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## [Rural pubs rescued with levelling up funds](#)

- Pubs serving remote communities in England saved by government intervention that will put them into community ownership
- Local pubs in Wiltshire, Cornwall and Leicestershire will receive much needed cash from a wider £150 million government funding package
- New funding will help with pub improvements – such as refurbishment – to keep them at the heart of local communities

Far-flung pubs in rural communities across England are among the cherished community assets being saved by [government levelling up funding](#) today (24 March 2022).

In a boost for Great British boozers, endangered pubs in areas such as West Cornwall and Melton Mowbray will be put into the hands of the local community, giving them a new lease of life for generations to come.

In rural Wiltshire, a pub that has stood at the heart of the communities of the Ogbourne Saint Andrew, Maizey and Rockley hamlets for over 100 years has been thrown a lifeline with investment of £237,500. The Silks pub is the only place that locals can get together, making it vital to the lives, wellbeing, and economy of the community.

There is funding for the Prince of Wales pub in the Cornish town of Helston too, which has become a focal point for the community after the local shop, garage and school closed in recent years. And £150,000 will breathe new life into the Bell Inn in Leicestershire, which closed two years ago and was likely to be lost to developers.

The pubs are among 10 new projects being rescued with a total of £1.8 million of funding from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities. The money is being awarded from the department's £150 million Community Ownership Fund, which helps communities take ownership of assets and amenities at risk of closure.

Today's allocations also include funding for a sports academy in Northern Ireland, a community centre in Scotland, an historic chapel in County Durham and a village shop and post office in Dorset.

Secretary of State for Levelling Up Michael Gove said:

Pubs, historic buildings and sports clubs form a vital part of our heritage and for too many places they are a disappearing part of the local community.

That is why we are helping local people take control of these beloved community assets, which would otherwise be lost.

This sits right at the heart of our vision for levelling up – giving people the power to make positive changes in their local community and restoring pride in the places where they live.

CAMRA National Chairman Nik Antona said:

Where dedicated local people are willing to save pubs in their area from closure, demolition or conversion to another use it is right that they are supported to do just that.

Our locals are vital parts of our social fabric – bringing people together, helping to tackle loneliness and social isolation, and providing a range of services for rural communities they serve.

That's why it is so encouraging to see that more communities are benefiting from Community Ownership funding to secure the future of pubs in their communities.

In Northern Ireland, the Ballymacash Sports Academy received £300,000 to provide state-of-the-art sport facilities to help young people from all backgrounds excel in their sporting talents.

Historic Vogrie Hall in Scotland will be brought back to life with a £127,251 investment. The 1930s building in the heart of Midlothian, was once a hub at

the heart of the local community but was forced to close in 2020 after falling into disrepair.

The Fund is already helping communities across the nation seize ownership of prized local assets, including supporters of Bury Football Club who recently bought back the club's historic Gigg Lane stadium.

Other successful projects confirmed today include:

- £240,000 for the Prince of Wales pub in the Cornish town of Helston, which has become a focal point for the community after the local shop, garage and school closed in recent years.
- £150,000 will breathe new life into the Bell Inn in Leicestershire, which closed two years ago and was likely to be lost to developers.
- £56,760 to restore the historic Chapel in Weardale which attracts tourists from all over the world, and creating new employment opportunities for the local community.
- £247,500 will revive the much-loved George building and its courtyard garden in Newham, to create a fun, thriving historic community spot for residents and visitors, helping to build a stronger, more resilient community.
- £204,800 will keep the doors of Fontmell Magna village shop and Post Office open in Dorset. The café and tea garden are the only such local services and are one of the focal points for community life.
- £235,952 will support local junior football and street cricket clubs in Adwick Park, with refurbished facilities.
- £237,500 of investment has given a pub in rural Wiltshire a lifeline, a pub that has stood at the heart of the communities of the Ogbourne Saint Andrew, Maizey and Rockley hamlets for over 100 years. The Silks pub is the only place that locals can get together, making it vital to the lives, wellbeing, and economy of the community.

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## [Civil news: chance to bid for Immigration Removal Centre work](#)

News story

Tender opportunity to deliver Detained Duty Advice Scheme services at a new Immigration Removal Centre in Derwentside, County Durham.



A tender opened on 24 March to deliver Detained Duty Advice Scheme work face to face at Derwentside Immigration Removal Centre.

Successful bidders will hold exclusive schedules for the work which will be carried out under the 2018 Standard Civil Contract.

### **Tender requirements**

Tenders are welcome from organisations who can meet the tender requirements, and either:

- hold a 2018 Standard Civil Contract with authorisation to carry out immigration and asylum work, or
- successfully bid for a 2018 Standard Civil Contract as part of this procurement process

Organisations solely regulated by the Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner (OISC) may not be eligible to bid as they may not be able to meet all the tender requirements.

### **Supervisor standard**

A revised supervisor standard has been introduced for this procurement process. This is to ensure the quality of advice provided. This requires supervisors to provide additional case examples of common elements of work encountered at IRCs.

### **Timescales**

The deadline for submitting tenders is 12 noon on 25 April 2022.

Services under the new contracts will begin 1 July 2022. Contracts will end on 31 December 2022 with the possibility of extension for an aggregate extension period of 9 months.

### **Where can I find out more?**

Detailed information on the tender is available in the 'Information for

Applicants' document on our tender pages.

## **Further information**

[Civil tender activity](#)

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