

ALMR Press Notice

Association of Licensed Multiple Retailers

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ALMR Welcomes Greater Efforts to Tackle Anti-social Behaviour

Leading pub and bar trade body, the Association of Licensed Multiple Retailers, has commented on the Home Office figures published by the Daily Telegraph, on police use of Penalty Notices for Disorder. The Telegraph claims that figures obtained under the Freedom of Information Act show a 136% increase in the use of PNDs in the last four years.

Nick Bish, Chief Executive of the ALMR, said:

“Fuller official Home Office stats show significant decreases in the number of violent incidents attributed to those under the influence of alcohol since 1995. Those figures also show that there has been a ‘statistically significant’ reduction in anti-social behaviour in the last year. In this context, the new figures on PNDs clearly demonstrate better police enforcement action on anti-social behaviour on our streets, rather than an increase in criminal behaviour, as the Telegraph might have you believe.”

“As such the ALMR welcomes the new figures. It’s good to see that the police are now using the tools they have been given to tackle the irresponsible minority committing such offences, who often ruin the social scene for the vast majority of the responsible public. The ALMR has long been calling for the uptake of these new powers. It is only right that those who break the law can now be punished accordingly.”

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Notes for editors

- ALMR is the only national trade body solely dedicated to representing the interests of pub and bar operators, and to providing them with business support and advice. It has almost 100 member companies, operating over 15,000 outlets.
- Most ALMR members are small, independent companies operating 50 or fewer outlets. They include the Capital Pub Company and Geronimo Inns, based in London, plus Lancashire-based Inventive Leisure - recently named as one of the ‘100 Best Companies to Work For’.
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