

Brent & Harrow Age Restricted Products Responsible Trader Scheme

TERMS & CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

INTRODUCTION

1. This scheme has been introduced to improve standards and support traders who seek to comply with the spirit and letter of the law relating to age restricted goods.
2. The overall objective of the scheme is to improve upon existing standards of trade, promote best practice, and for businesses to demonstrate a commitment to protecting young persons from age restricted goods and reducing access to such products.

ELIGIBILITY

3. Initially the scheme will be launched in Harlesden, Willesden Green, Marlborough and west Harrow wards, but will be opened to all traders who sell age restricted goods in the near future.
4. To become a member the trader must sign up to the scheme's Code of Practice.
5. There is a system for acceptance and rejection of members, with a right of appeal. The appeal panel will be chaired by the Director of Trading Standards. There is no further right of appeal.
6. Membership of the scheme does not imply any Service, Council recommendation or recommendation by any partner agency.
7. Following acceptance to the scheme, the documentation and logos supplied may be used by the trader to promote their membership. All signs, certificates, logos and documentation remain the property of the London Borough of Brent and Harrow Trading Standards Service.

MEMBERSHIP

8. Traders must complete and sign all sections of the acceptance form.
9. The Council reserves the right to refuse or revoke membership if there is any evidence of non-compliance with the Code of Practice or there is evidence of offences in relation to age restricted sales. Other serious contravention of legislation may also affect the right to membership.
10. The Council has a statutory duty to enforce consumer protection legislation. Nothing in this scheme shall preclude the Council from taking such action.