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An electric cable through the ceiling from the pub to the en-suite bathroom, to power kitchen equipment located in the bathroom

HMO lives at risk: Appeal hearing fails

Defendant ordered to pay £58,000 now has to pay £74,000

A man who appealed against his conviction and sentence for running an unlicensed and hazardous-to-life HMO (House in Multiple Occupation) in Boston has been ordered by a court to pay even more.

Paul Turner had previously been found guilty by Boston magistrates of 17 offences which he had denied and had been ordered to pay a total of £58,433.00. The magistrates heard that occupants were put at risk of death or serious injury in case of fire.

On Friday, July 7, after a five-day appeal hearing at Lincoln Crown Court, the original total to pay was increased to £74,601.93, despite the appeal being allowed on four of the 17 charges.

Turner (46) of Manor Farm House, West Winch, King's Lynn, Norfolk, who had control of the former Ship Inn on London Road, Boston, appealed after he had been found guilty of charges

relating to use of the premises as a HMO – five relating to fire safety offences.

In February, Boston Magistrates fined him a total of £47,000 and ordered him to pay £11,313.19 costs and a £120 victim surcharge.

He had been accused of putting tenants in danger. Magistrates heard that escape routes in the event of fire were not protected and not up to standard – one fire exit route was blocked by a freezer in circumstances where the fire alarm had been temporarily disconnected and there were construction works going on downstairs. Other issues included a hole cut in a ceiling for cables to run into a room above to provide electricity for cooking, multiple use of extension sockets with multiple extension cables trailing over shared landings and passageways and running up stairs.

Read more at <http://bit.ly/2tQmxnq>

Week 15 winner – Read more at <http://bit.ly/2ngHd3i>



Thank you from Alison Fairman

Once again I would like to thank the people of the town for all they have done to keep Boston looking good. We have had great support from the businesses, in sponsorship for flowerbeds, with the hanging baskets and extra planting round the town. The sheep on the roundabout have created a stir, Greenscapers and Pay Back keep Pilgrim's Patch a pleasure to walk through. The volunteers at Witham Way Country Park have done a magnificent job making it a delight to use. A special thanks to Kevin and the borough council parks and grounds team whose barrier baskets and hanging baskets have added stunning colour to Bargate and Central Park.

And thank you to Cllr Claire Rylott, our Vice Chairman, Ian Farmer and Jen Moore at the borough council, and all the team. We go out in all weathers, all through the year, planting, cleaning grot spots, litter picking all through town.

We work on sponsorship, partnership and enthusiasm.

And thank you to all the passers-by who chat to us and encourage us, it makes a big difference, and that's what we are trying to do too!

The in-bloom judges have been and gone and now we wait until September to hear the result. Fingers crossed for our third gold award.

Alison Fairman, Chairman, Boston in Bloom

Boston students set off for Japan

Japan may seem half a world away, but Boston has a very real connection with this faraway oriental land. And an invitation has gone out for more to become involved in Boston's connection with Hakusan City.

Read more at <http://bit.ly/2uuQHij>



Central Park centenary plan

Public ownership of the land which was developed as Boston's Central Park will be 100 years old in 2019 and plans are being hatched for some major improvements to mark its centenary.

Read more at <http://bit.ly/2tRx3fX>



Reward for Peter's dedication to country park

A love of Boston's Witham Way Country Park has seen Peter DesForges rewarded with the Robert Lauberts Environmental and Community Award.

Read more at <http://bit.ly/2ubQSiN>



Project to help Boston residents save money & water

People could save money, help conserve the environment and enhance their gardens by getting on board with Anglian Water's Potting Shed Club.

Read more at <http://bit.ly/2tn3WO3>

