

IN THE KINGSTON UPON HULL COUNTY COURT

No. 7KH06012

Before

Lowgate
Kingston upon Hull

26th March 2008

DISTRICT JUDGE WESTON

Between:

MR DENIS LANGDON

(Claimant)

-and-

MR PHIL WEBSTER

(Defendant)

APPROVED JUDGMENT

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DISTRICT JUDGE WESTON:

1. On the 24th of March of last year Mr Langdon went to the Sutton Park Golf Club to an evening do organised by his sister-in-law.
2. When he got there he found there were no entrances to the club which he could use in his wheelchair without assistance, nor could he use the toilets without assistance and he found it both embarrassing and humiliating.
3. Under Section 21 of the Disability Discrimination Act the Defendant, Mr Phil, presumably Philip, Webster, the licensee and/or owner or other of that particular establishment is required to make reasonable adjustments to physical features of the property where they make it impossible or unreasonably difficult for disabled people to make use of the services.
4. This he has failed to do. He has failed to acknowledge any telephone calls. He has failed to acknowledge any letters. He has failed to file any defence to this matter and he has failed to attend today.
5. In those circumstances the statement on damages from Mr Johnson who is a disability rights worker from the Sheffield Law Centre sets out various matters which I should take into account when considering the amount of damages to be awarded.
6. Firstly, there is a case of a disabled woman in a tea shop. It appears to be the case of, I will have to find it exactly, Shaban -v- Wharfe' restaurant and tea rooms. There is also the case of Purvis -v- Joydisk Ltd and Potter -v- Canterbury Christchurch University and indeed Vento -v- The Chief Constable of West Yorkshire. Okay.

7. In these cases it is suggested that a proper level of damages would be in a region of £4,500 to £5,000 which is the updated figures from the awards which have been given to me, which really should have been put in by Mr Johnson.
8. In the circumstances there will be an award of damages, award of the maximum you have asked for and I can award in this particular case is £5,000.