SHAREPRICES

FTSE 100: at 6215.50 up 128.20

BRITISH FUNDS		
Consols		
2	5	
4	81-19/32	
Conversions		
3	71-13/16	
War		
3	7	-
Treasury		
2	53-13/32	-0-11/16
5 08-12	10 1/8	-0-1/16
7 12-15	110-7/16	
2 IL16	276-3/32	-2-29/32
NORTH AMERICAN		
American Express	£25.75	XD -0.21
Black & Decker	£34.18	+0.22
Chevron	£48.42	+0.40
Du Pont	£25.17	+0.41
Exxon Mobil	£45.60	+0.23
Gannett	1472.36	-44.51
General Motors	1152.70	-20.23
Hess Corp	£53.62	+1.80
Microsoft	1476.91	-10.12
Wal-Mart Stores	£28.83	-0.54
Wrigleys	£38.40	-0.12
AEROSPACE & DEFENCE		
BAE Systems	475	XD +2
Rolls-Royce Gp	453	XD +10
Smiths Grp	985	+18
VT Group	683	+16
BANKS		
Alliance & L	540	XD +29
Anglo Irish	714 1/8	+27 3/8
Barclays	476	+11
Bradford & Bingley	168	XD +5
HBoS	495	XD +30
HSBC	889	XD +10
Lloyds TSB	452	XD +21
Ryl Scotland	365	XD +19
Stan Chart	1880	XD +50
BEVERAGES		
Diageo	1041	
SABMiller	1195	+23
CHEMICALS		
Croda	693	XD -3
Delta	128	XD +4
Elementis 98	78	XD +1
Johnsn Mat	£20 1/8	
CONSTRUCTION & MATERIALS		
Balfour Beatty	443	XD +5
Costain	25	XD +
ELECTRICITY		
British Energy	728	-29
Drax Grp PLC	599	XD +8
Intl Power	444	+2
Scottish & Sthrn Energy	1415	+10
EQUITY INVESTMENT INSTRUMENTS		
Alliance Trust	351	+5
FIXED LINE TELECOMMUNICATIONS		
BT Grp	224	+3
C&W	152	+3 3/8
Colt Telecom	169	+1
KCOM	49	+1
Thus Group	122	+4
FOOD & DRUG RETAILERS		
Morrison W	287	XD +4
Sainsbury	391	+11
Tesco	436	XD +9
FOOD PRODUCERS		
AB Food	887	+9
IAWS Group	1264	+10 7/8
Nth Foods	85	
PGI Group	42	XD
Tate Lyle	522	-5
Unilever	1721	+21
Uniq	116	+6
GAS, WATER & MULTIUTILITIES		
Centrica	301	XD +5
National Grid	713	+3
Pennon Grp	633	-3
Severn	1447	-12
United Utils	720	-6
GENERAL INDUSTRIALS		
Avon Rbbr	90	
Cooksn Grp	728	+28
REXAM	480	+12
Tomkins	184	XD +5
GENERAL RETAILERS		
Ashley L	25	
Carphone Warehouse	288	+13
DSG International	69	+4
Home Retail	266	+9
Inchcape	440	+12
Kingfisher	138 7/8	XD+7 7/8
M & S	399	+18
Mothercare	400	+5
Next	1225	+78
WH Smith	420	+10
HEALTH CARE EQUIPMENT & SERVICES		
Smith Nph	567	XD -3
HOUSEHOLD GOODS		
Aga Foodservice	291	XD +4
Barrat Dev	269	XD -
Persimmon	582	+17
Reckitt Benckiser	£29 5/8	XD+ 3/8
Taylor Wimpey	127	+1
INDUSTRIAL TRANSPORTATION		
BBA Aviation	161	XD +5
Forth Ports	£21	XD+ 1/8
LIFE INSURANCE		
Aviva	660	XD +28
Friends Provident	122	XD +4
Lgl & Gen	127 5/8	XD +2
Old Mutual	134	+6 5/8
Prudential	726	XD +29
Standard Life	263	XD +11
MEDIA		
BSkyB	546	-1
Chrysalis	114	
D Mail Tst	421	+11
ITV	68	XD +1
Johnston Press	131	XD +7
Pearson	671	XD +10
Reed Elsevier	651	XD +14
SMG	10	
Thomson Reuters	1578	XD -37
Trinity Mirror	271	+4
Utd Business	588	XD +17
UTV	240	XD +
WPP	626	+2
Yell Group	173	+3
MOBILE TELECOMMUNICATIONS		
Vodafone Group	163	+4
OIL & GAS PRODUCERS		
BG	1261	XD +1
BP	611	+6
Cairn Energy	£30	- 1/8
Norsk Hdro	800 3/8	+52
Royal Dutch Shell A	£20	+
Royal Dutch Shell B	£20	+ 1/8
Total	£42 3/8	+
PHARMACEUTICALS & BIOTECHNOLOGY		
Astrazeneca	£21	+
Axis-Shield	295	+1
GlaxoSmithKline	1152	XD +22
Shire	919	-4
SOFTWARE & COMPUTER SERVICES		
Autonomy Corp	895	+29
Computacenter	191	+1
Detica	301	-5
Dimension Data	50	+3
LogicaCMG	120	XD +2
Misys	165	+8
Sage Group	206	+5
TRAVEL & LEISURE		
Arriva	703	XD +15
Brit Airways	248	-5
Carnival	£20	+
Compass Grp	349	+8
easyJet	324	+14
Enterprise Inns	392	+13
FirstGroup	586	+11
Go-Ahead	1682	+19
Greene King	521	+10
Intercontl Htls	835	XD +28
Ladbrokes	327	XD +2
Mitchells & Butlers	316	+12
Natl Express	950	XD +18
PartyGaming	25	+
Rank Org	96	+1
Ryanair	248 3/8	+13
Stagecoach Group	256	-
Whitbread	1277	+58
William Hill	381	XD +

Exchange rates

Australia	2.01 dollars	N. Zealand	2.36 dollars
Bangladesh	127.45 taka	Norway	9.66 krone
Brazil	2.93 reals	Pakistan	120.26 rupees
Canada	1.91 dollars	Philippines	71.50 pesos
China	12.32 yuan	S. Africa	13.98 rand
Czech Rep.	29.67 korunas	S. Korea	1735.00 won
Denmark	9.05 krone	Sri Lanka	200.77 rupees
Euro	1.22 euro	Sweden	11.41 krona
Hong Kong	14.59 dollars	Switzerland	1.97 francs
Hungary	288.08 forints	Taiwan	52.47 dollars
India	70.65 rupees	Turkey	2.37 new lira
Japan	197.21 yen	USA	1.88 dollars
Mexico	18.43 pesos		

DUTY chemists

Open until 6pm: Boots the Chemist, Bowthorpe Main Centre. Dereham Road Pharmacy, 562a Dereham Road. Natural Health Pharmacy, St Johns Close, Hall Road. Natural Health Pharmacy, 117f Ipswich Road. Hamblins Pharmacy, Noble Close, Heartsease Estate. Lloyds Pharmacy, 143 Colman Road. Lloyds Pharmacy 22 West End Street. Lloyds Pharmacy, 25a Earlham Road. Lloyds Pharmacy, 2 Mandela Close, Oak Street. Lloyds Pharmacy, 42 Earlham West Centre. Lloyds Pharmacy, 81 Middletons Lane, Hellesdon. National Co-operative Chemists, Suffolk Square, Vauxhall Street. Numark Pharmacy, 140 Thunder Lane. Superdrug, St Stephens Street. Beechcroft Pharmacy, 23 Beechcroft, New Costessey. Alliance Pharmacy, 78 Hall Road.

Open until 6.15pm: Thorpe Pharmacy, 202 Thorpe Road.

Open until 6.30pm: Hurn Chemists, 143 Unthank Road. Alliance Pharmacy, Magdalen Medical Practice, Lawson Road. Moss Pharmacy, Willow Wood Surgery, Aslake Close, Sprowston. Alliance Pharmacy, 92 Colman Road. Alliance Pharmacy, The Health Centre, Lawson Road.

Open until 8pm: Alliance Pharmacy, Waitrose, Church Lane, Eaton. Tesco's Pharmacy, Blue Boar Lane, Sprowston. Sainsbury Superstore, Queen's Road. Morrisons, Albion Way, Riverside.

Open until 10pm: Sainsbury Pharmacy, Pound Lane. Boots, St Stephensgate Medical Practice, 55 Wessex Street.

Open until 10.30pm: Woodside Pharmacy, Woodside Road.

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Camera puts the brakes on the speeding drivers

Two months ago the region's first multi-angled safety camera van was launched in Norfolk to help crack down on reckless motorists. Reporter **DAVID BALE** spent a day with the county's safety camera partnership to see how their new tool was getting on.

Deterrent: Since the new cameras were introduced, no motorcyclist has been caught speeding. PHOTO: ANTONY KELLY

Earlier this year motorcyclists were warned that a new kind of speed camera was on the county's roads – and already the message seems to have hit home.

The van, which has multi-direction cameras and recording systems to identify drivers from front, side and rear, is the Norfolk Safety Camera Partnership's latest weapon in the fight to cut road accidents.

And the word on the street is that bikers are modifying their behaviour to make sure they're not caught. In fact, since the new van hit the roads, no motorcyclist has been caught on camera speeding, which makes the partnership's Bryan Edwards very happy.

He told the Evening News: "From a road-safety aspect that has to be a success. We have said since 2001 that the best camera is the one that does not catch anything. Excessive speed is socially unacceptable and it's the biggest complaint from the public to police and county councils.

"Word has got around the East of England that we have got this camera and bikers are modifying their behaviour and slowing down. We don't want to ban motorcycles from Norfolk; we welcome motorcyclists to visit Norfolk, but we welcome responsible drivers who obey the law, which applies to motorcyclists, as it does to every other road user.

"It's especially important now because the number of motorcyclists on the roads is soaring as they're cheaper to buy and you can be younger driving them."

Training officer Chris Smith added: "Since the launch you can sit on the A47, where the speed limit is 60mph, and all the motorbikes will be coming down the road at 60mph.We never had that before."

Although the camera has not caught any speeding bikers, it has caught motorists tailgating – something that previously could not be picked up.

Mr Smith said: "Tailgating is not an offence, but careless driving and driving without care and consideration are, and this information can be passed on to the police."

The Evening News joined Mr Smith in the county's new multi-angled speed camera van.

Whereas speed camera bosses might not top the popularity stakes for the average person in the street, the training officer is keen to point out that his job is all about road safety, and nothing to do with penalising drivers. He says there's no hidden agenda, and he does not get paid any extra if he catches more motorists.

His day consists of parking the van for up to 90 minutes at a time in known trouble spots and then recording any vehicles breaking the speed limit.

He said: "If no offences are recorded during the session no one is questioned why or is told to get more. I would leave the job if that were the case."

Mr Smith said Norfolk's yellow safety camera vans are never hidden from view, and their location is always published in local media in advance, providing more evidence they are not trying to catch motorists out.

However, despite this, he says it seems some people will never accept the cameras are there to do a worthwhile job.

He added: "One of my colleagues had a piece of concrete thrown at the van, but that was several years ago, and things like that don't happen now. Even so, I still need to put a call into the police to tell them where we are in case we need the cavalry to come charging in."

When the Evening News visited it, the van was stopped in a lay-by on the dual carriageway A47 in Costessey, coming out of Norwich.

Mr Smith said: "Each chosen site has to have the speed camera sign prominently displayed. The location is based on research on the number of killed or seriously injured incidents at the stretch of road, or on feedback from our little black boxes, which are dotted around the city, recording traffic movement. Safer neighbourhood teams also ask for known troublespots to be visited."

The speed equipment takes about 10 minutes to put up or to dismantle. The side cameras have to be manually adjusted and then the operator has to align the laser onto the stretch of road he's concentrating on. If the front number plate cannot be detected the new camera can be used to record it when it goes by or even after it has passed.

The cameras are constantly recording, but it's down to the operator to press the laser if he thinks that someone's speeding.

Sometimes Mr Smith and the other operators have to give evidence in court, when motorists query the validity of the record, so they each have to keep notes on where they have been, what offences they recorded, and when.

The disks with the offences on are taken back to the office and decisions are made on whether to prosecute. Disks that won't be used are destroyed.

Motorcyclists account for about one in four of fatal and serious injury collisions, but just 1pc of all traffic. In the 12 months from January to December 2007, 14 motorcyclists were killed in the county and 126 seriously injured.

The partnership has ordered two more cameras and vans and the new equipment will soon be sited at troublespots where motorcycle casualties have occurred. You have been warned.

➜ Do you think the speed cameras are helping keep our roads safe? Email eveningnewsletters@archant.co.uk or log on to eveningnews24.co.uk/forums

Speeding motorbike was no set-up

Partnership bosses were keen to lay to rest one particular rumour – and that is that a motorcyclist caught on speed camera zooming along at 137mph last October was a set-up.

After the clip was featured on the Evening News website the story was picked up by national magazine Motorcycle News.

That prompted the magazine's readers to suggest the rider wearing a white helmet and high visibility jacket was in fact a police motorcyclist on an unmarked bike.

But John Fairey, manager of Norfolk Safety Camera Partnership,

said: "It's not us riding bikes or anything like that. They're real people that are on the road captured by our cameras. It's nothing simulated or set up. No, we wouldn't do that, it's not ethical."