

Boohoo's shares plunge again amid 'modern slavery' reports

Readers probably won't remember the [Nubian Skin](#) but so far as I know they don't employ slave labour.

The throwaway clothing lines I mentioned were BooHoo and Pretty Little Thing owned by various sons and brothers of the Kamani family. Dad is Mahmud; his sons are Adam, Umar and Samir. When I wrote last year some of the concerns about conditions in their Burnley factory were bullying, the paucity of meal breaks during 12 hour shifts and the imposition of halal criteria upon the foodstuffs that staff could consume during their breaks.

During the recent Covid 19 outbreak the midlands city of Leicester has been placed back into quarantine due to a spike in cases, which are centred around the eastern part of town. Leicester has a minority of white English inhabitants; the part of town where these cases are most numerous is the Asian district, and in particular the garment factories where some shocking allegations have been made that workers have been forced to continue working when ill. This in factories which should have been closed under lockdown regulations, with the [Sunday Times](#) investigation has found.

The factory, which displayed the sign Jaswal Fashions, was also operating last week during the localised coronavirus lockdown without additional hygiene or social distancing measures in place. [The undercover reporter](#) spent two days working in the factory where he was told to expect £3.50 an hour, despite the minimum wage in Britain for those aged 25 and over being £8.72.

At the factory the foreman warned: "These motherf***ers know how to exploit people like us. They make profits like

hell and pay us in peanuts.”

Priti Patel, the home secretary, asked the National Crime Agency (NCA) to investigate modern slavery in Leicester’s clothing factories. The development came after The Sunday Times, with the Conservative MP Andrew Bridgen, raised the alarm with the Home Office after being approached by whistleblowers about the illegal practices allegedly employed in some of the city’s clothing factories.

Boohoo has already come under fire for allegedly risking the spread of coronavirus in Leicester [MailOnline](#) that all the garments they manufacture are for Boohoo and Pretty Little Thing (PLT). He said: ‘All our work is for these two companies and it is the same for all the other garment manufacturers in Leicester. We do not deal directly with them but are given the orders by middle companies who liaise with them. We opened earlier than expected during the first lockdown because there was such an increase in online clothes shopping. Since then, work has not stopped. We are inundated with orders because so many people are buying online.’



Pictured: Workers at the Faiza Fashion factory in Leicester continue to work despite the newly reimposed lockdown

I'm about 50 years too old and 5 stone too heavy for any of these ranges, but the very names don't appeal. Today the