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Unappealing Gonshaw

Serial egg collector Mathew Gonshaw appeals his ASBO, but then fails to turn up.



Following on from his convictions and Anti-Social Behaviour Orders (ASBOs) (*Legal Eagle 66, 67 and 68*), egg collector Mathew Gonshaw lodged an appeal against his English ASBO. The case was heard at Snaresbrook Crown Court on 7 September 2012, but - unfortunately for him - Gonshaw failed to appear. The appeal was dismissed, and Gonshaw was ordered to pay costs of £580, including £250 to the RSPB. Despite Gonshaw's absence, Judge Inigo Bing insisted on hearing the details of the case, and then praised the RSPB for its tireless work in bringing egg collectors to justice.