

Joint Unit for Waste Crime

Working in partnership to tackle serious and organised crime in the UK waste industry

Serious and Organised Crime in the Waste Industry

- ➔ Illegal dumping
- ➔ Illegal waste sites
- ➔ Serious and intention permit breaches
- ➔ Illegal exports
- ➔ Misclassification of waste and fraud



Waste crime is 'the new narcotics', says Environment Agency chief

Sir James Bevan, head of the UK agency, says waste crime offers huge profits while costing England £1bn a year



Serious & Organised Waste Crime Review

10 recommendations:

- ➔ Partnership working
- ➔ Environment Agency toolbox
- ➔ Upstream & industry interventions

Independent review into serious and organised crime in the waste sector

November 2018

'We will tackle this INEXCUSABLE crime' Gove declares war on fly-tippers

MICHAEL Gove has declared war on fly-tippers. The Environment Secretary will tomorrow announce a comprehensive review on waste crime after figures revealed it costs the economy more than £600million a year.

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How we operate

- ➔ Being **intelligence** led in our approach
- ➔ Working in **partnership** to deliver disruption and enforcement interventions
- ➔ Encouraging **innovation** and the use of new tools and techniques
- ➔ **Engaging** with stakeholders, industry and communities
- ➔ Using the intelligence we collate to influence and support others in developing **upstream** interventions

Operational Activity

- ➔ JUWC led investigations
- ➔ Support and representation into multi-agency operations
- ➔ Tactical and Technical advice and coordination
- ➔ Development of cross agency communication strategy
- ➔ Improvements in intelligence sharing and developing intelligence rich picture

Operational activity

News

29th July

200 officers arrest five for money laundering in Wantage

Thames Valley Police led the operation and supported by HMRC, Department for Work and Pensions, Environment Agency and Government Agency Intelligence Network (GAIN).

News

3rd August

Wantage police raids in Challow and Stanford: waste mountains found



By Fran Way | [@OxMailFranW](#)
Digital Reporter



A mountain of waste found at the Stanford in the Vale site. Picture: Environment Agency

News story

Waste crime taskforce conducts raid on site in Great Harwood, Lancashire

JUWC Enforcement Officers and Lancashire Police have raided a site near Blackburn which contains around 50,000 tonnes of landfill waste.



An estimated 50,000 tonnes of waste has been landfilled at the site and a number of skips containing mixed household and business waste were observed.

Class A drugs and 120 cannabis plants seized during police raid in Iwade

Class A drugs and 120 cannabis plants have been seized by police from an industrial site in Iwade.

Two hundred wraps of what is suspected to be heroin or cocaine were found at the location, off Raspberry Hill, following a dawn search warrant carried out by Kent Police this morning.

Also present was the Environment Agency, who are investigating reports waste, including building rubble, was being illegally stored at the site.

Environment Agency raids Kent waste site in joint day of action

Illegal waste storage, metal theft and drug dealing prompts multi agency raid at site in Raspberry Hill, Sittingbourne

Underground bunkers full of cannabis, 300 tonnes of illegal waste, a gun and six stolen cars discovered after police raid Lincolnshire farm

Large scale fly tipping – Op Angola

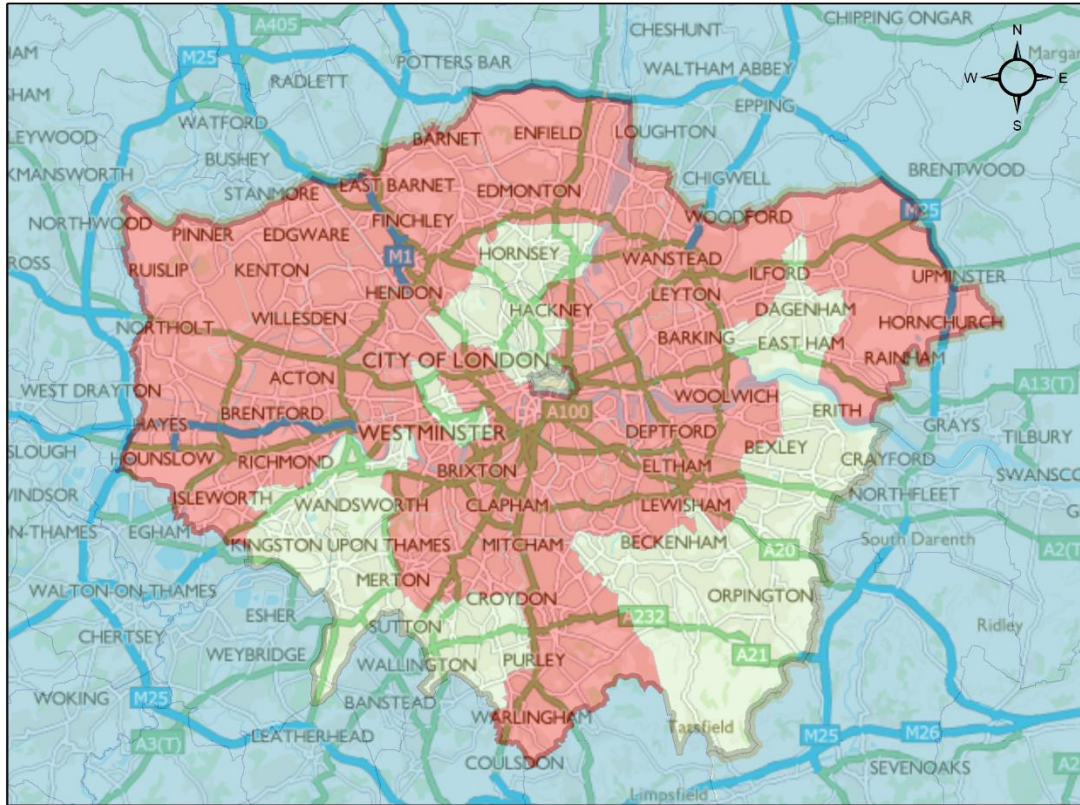




KEY FACTS

- Offences are being committed by **40/60 offenders** (primarily from 3 traveller families)
- These offenders are operating approximately **20/30 vehicles**
- Between 2015 – December 2020 there have been **288 confirmed Angola sites**
- Weekly criminal financial benefit of **£7,500 - £10,000**
- Since 2015 it is estimated that this has netted the offenders approximately **40 million pounds**
- Clear up costs between £5000 and £250,000
- Financial loss to victims (Land owners, Local Authorities and Businesses) in the region of 20 million pounds during that period
- Other offences:
 - Burglary
 - Metal theft
 - Blackmail
 - Threats of violence
 - Vehicle related crime
 - Tax evasion

IMPACTED AREAS



Other Police Forces:

- Hertfordshire Constabulary
- Essex Police
- British Transport Police
- Thames Valley Police
- Surrey Police
- Kent Police
- Bedfordshire police

Metal Crime Week of Action

12-16th October 2020



Vehicle Dismantlers visited

More than **45** partners involved.



449

Scrap metal dealers visited



29

Arrests made



Loads of stolen property recovered

Other disposals



129



150

Number of offences identified



Mobile Collectors/ vehicles stopped

Key Messages of the Week of Action were:

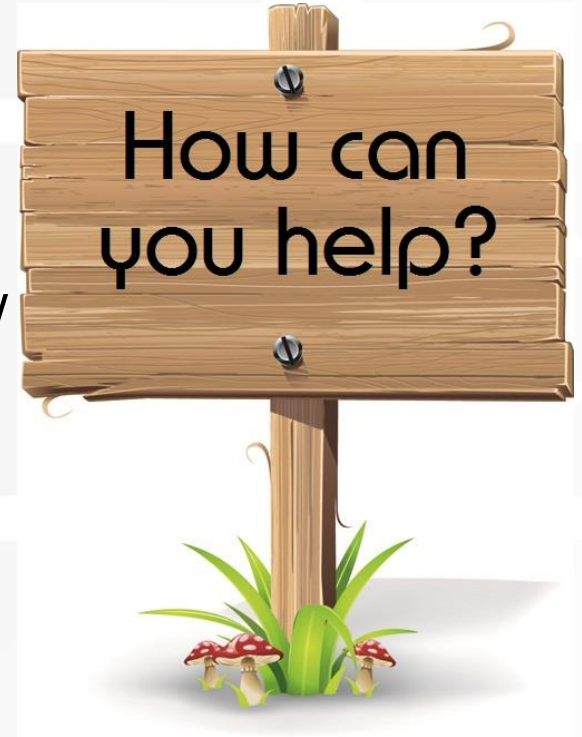
Metal theft continues to be a focus nationally and, together with our partners, we are committed to tackling all forms of this crime.

- Police, along with other agencies, remain vigilant of a resurgence based on supply and demand.
- We are working with our partners to share intelligence and coordinate activity to detect and disrupt those operating in this field. We are working together to understand the scale of the crime across the UK and responding through prevention, education and enforcement.
- We encourage people to report any suspicious activity to the police by calling 101, or 999 if an offence is in progress. If you spot something on the railway, **contact BTP by texting 61016 or calling 0800 40 50 40**. Reports of metal crime should be made as soon as possible to increase the chances of the perpetrator being apprehended.
- Tackling the crime is about prevention as much as detection. We encourage people to remain vigilant and consider security measures to protect metal assets.



How you can help

- Information reporting
- Intelligence sharing
- Consider opportunities to work collaboratively
- Promotion of JUWC



How we can work together

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everyone is an
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HOW DO WE DO IT? 'THE HUBBUB WAY'



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Design



Experiment



Scale



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Renton



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SIMPLIFY

Make the decision easy

Recycle
here

Empty plastic and cans,
nowt else.



#LeedsByExample

A colorful graphic of a fish's head, primarily blue, with yellow fins and a pink mouth. A dark metal drain cover with vertical slats is placed inside the fish's mouth, making it look like the fish is eating the drain cover. The graphic is set against a light blue background that resembles water.

FUN THEORY

A bit of playfulness can go a long way

FOR FISH'S SAKE,
DON'T DROP LITTER!

#FFSLDN

SOCIAL NORMS

Because everyone else is doing it...



3 KEY LESSONS

1

**Long lasting
behaviour change
takes time.**

2

**Not everything is a
'winning' idea.
Test your idea and be
prepared to fail.**

3

**Know your audience,
be one step ahead.**



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What is the Textile Recycling Association?

- It is the only legitimate UK trade association for processors and collectors of used clothing and textiles.
- It was established in 1913.
- It is the only trade body operating in our sector that already has robust membership entry requirements in place.
- We are committed to putting in place more transparent standards which will enable local authorities, waste management companies, charities, retailers and others to exercise more due diligence when selecting used clothing collectors.



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Why work with members of Textile Recycling Association?

- Robust entry requirements – we endeavour to ensure that only reputable organisations are admitted.
- Protection against breach of the Environmental Protection Act (1990) and Waste Framework Directive.
- Coverage from John O’Groats to Lands End and Derry to Dover!
- Our members will pay you sustainable competitive values.
- Textile bank policy.



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What has happened during the Covid 19 outbreak?

- International markets for used clothing disappeared at the beginning;
- Charity shops have closed for long periods;
- Textile banks have remained open throughout – collectors of recycled materials and waste designated as key workers;
- Some businesses have moved into textile bank operators.



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Risk to local authorities if they work with other businesses!

- Breach of waste legislation.
 - Waste Framework Directive requires you to check your merchant has the legal authority to take and process your waste.
 - 22 out of 24 non-TRA members found to operating without a waste carriers licence and/or environmental permits/exemptions.
 - Financial risk.
 - Reputational risk.



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New membership checks

- Pre-audit checks.
 - Waste carriers licences, permits, exemptions.
 - Phoenix companies, previous directorships.
 - Insurance.
- Site visit
 - Compliance with employment law and looking for breaches of the modern slavery act.
 - Training of staff, clear instructions in appropriate languages etc.
 - Compliance with H&S regulations
 - Specific checks for businesses collecting via textile banks, door to door and charity shop.



- Businesses are checked upon entry to association.
- Records for existing members updated with site visit every 3 years.



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Textile Bank Operators checks.

- Written agreements with landowners.
- Solicitation statements on all banks – charity banks must comply with the Charities Act 2006.
- Can a member of the public knock on the operators door?
- Instructions on acceptable materials.
- Service and payment schedules.
- Clearing around banks.



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TRUST merchants standard.

- Voluntary standard developed by and with the help of stakeholders from across the used textile supply chain.
 - E.g. TRA, CIWM, WISH, CRA, textile collectors, charities and others.
- Externally audited standard which all suppliers of used clothing/textiles can look out for.
 - Local authorities, waste management companies, fashion retailers, schools and community organisations as well as charities.
- Covers Health and Safety, Labour practices, Environmental Standards, Vehicles/Transport and sound business practices.
- Compliments TRA membership requirements.



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