



APSE Street Cleansing Network

Littering Enforcement

For Bucks Sake – Campaign

The principal aim of the 'For Bucks Sake' campaign is to **reduce littering in Buckinghamshire.**

- Social media posts
- Anti-litter signage
- News releases

Awareness



- Community action days
- Posters and educational material
- Litter picking events

Education



- £500 penalty for littering
- Prosecution at court
- Enforcement Agents for civil debt recovery

Enforcement



Why do we need For Bucks Sake?

- The annual cost to a Buckinghamshire Council taxpayer for cleaning and safely disposing of litter is estimated at £3.5 million.
- Litter also presents a visual and environmental blight on Buckinghamshire's roads and high streets.



Local Authority Powers - Criminal

On-Street Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs)

- Local authorities may issue FPNs for littering offences under **s.87–88 Environmental Protection Act 1990** (EPA 1990).
 - FPNs cover littering, including cigarette butts, chewing gum, drink containers, fast food packaging and other discarded items.
 - Penalty fees are reinvested in street cleansing or enforcement functions, rather than general budgets.
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On-Street Litter Enforcement

- Buckinghamshire Council began on-street patrols in January 2025. To date, over 150 FPNs have been issued.
- Penalties are issued at £500, the maximum amount allowed by central government.
- Weekly intelligence-led partnership patrols with Thames Valley Police
- **Noticeably cleaner streets have seen a decrease in FPN issuance.**
- **Public awareness of the presence of Enforcement Officers has led to a marked behavioural shift.**



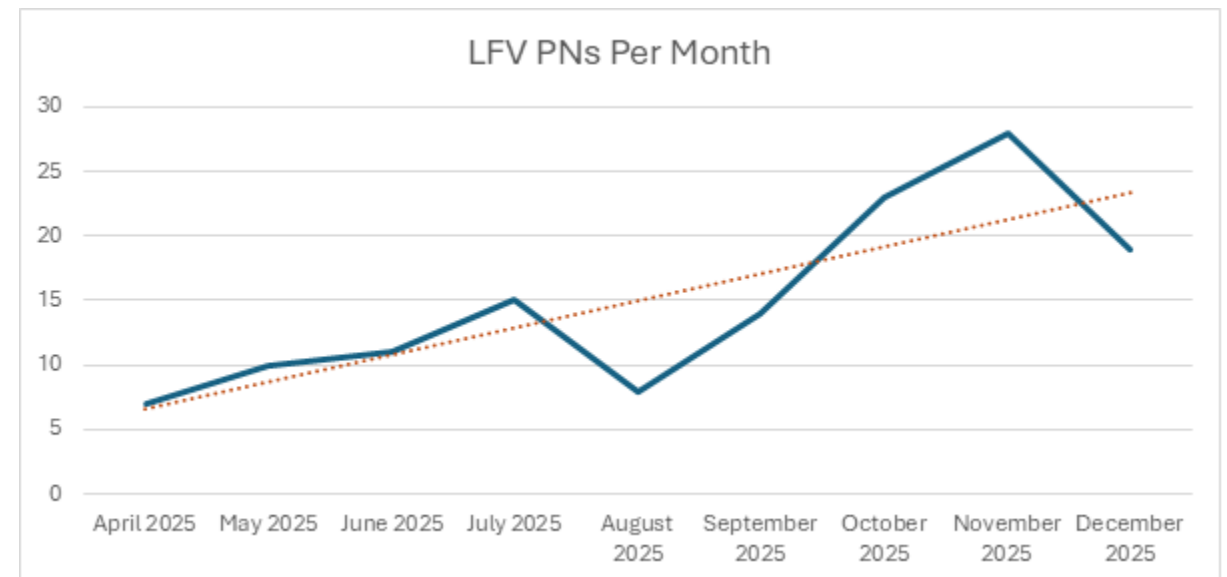
Local Authority Powers - Civil

Civil Penalties for Littering From Vehicles

- Under the Littering From Vehicles Outside London Regulations 2018, councils may issue civil penalties to the registered keeper when litter is deposited from a vehicle.
 - These penalties apply regardless of who discarded the litter, simplifying the enforcement response.
 - Civil penalties sit alongside FPN powers and must be applied proportionately and in line with the Regulators' Code.
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Littering from Vehicles

- Introduced in April 2025, using civil law rather than criminal – this lowers the burden of proof from ‘beyond reasonable doubt’ to ‘on the balance of probabilities’
- We request dashcam footage from members of the public, private CCTV, as well as using our own surveillance.
- Over 150 notices issued – totalling £75,000.
- **Tackling a national issue on roadside littering**



Litter Statistics Overview

On-Street Statistics

January 2025 – December 2025

- 85 penalties have been paid.
- 5 successful prosecutions
- On-street litter enforcement, has raised £42,000.00 through paid penalties.
- 77 Informal challenges received
- 44% of challenges cite financial hardship



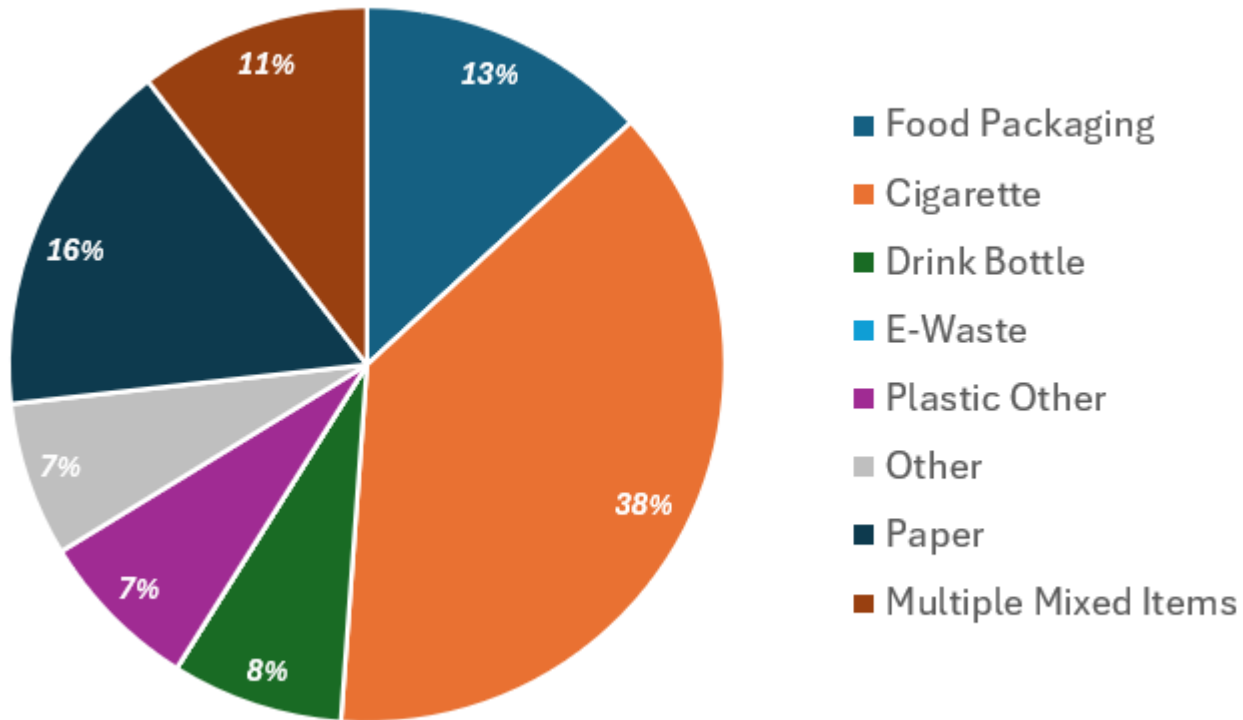
Littering from Vehicles Statistics

April 2025 – March 2026

- 92 penalties have been paid, with most cases still active or in recovery by the Enforcement Agents.
- Over approximately 10 months of LFV enforcement, the team has collected £49,020.00 through paid penalties.
- 54 informal representations received.
- 17 Traffic Penalty Tribunals submitted; we have lost 2.

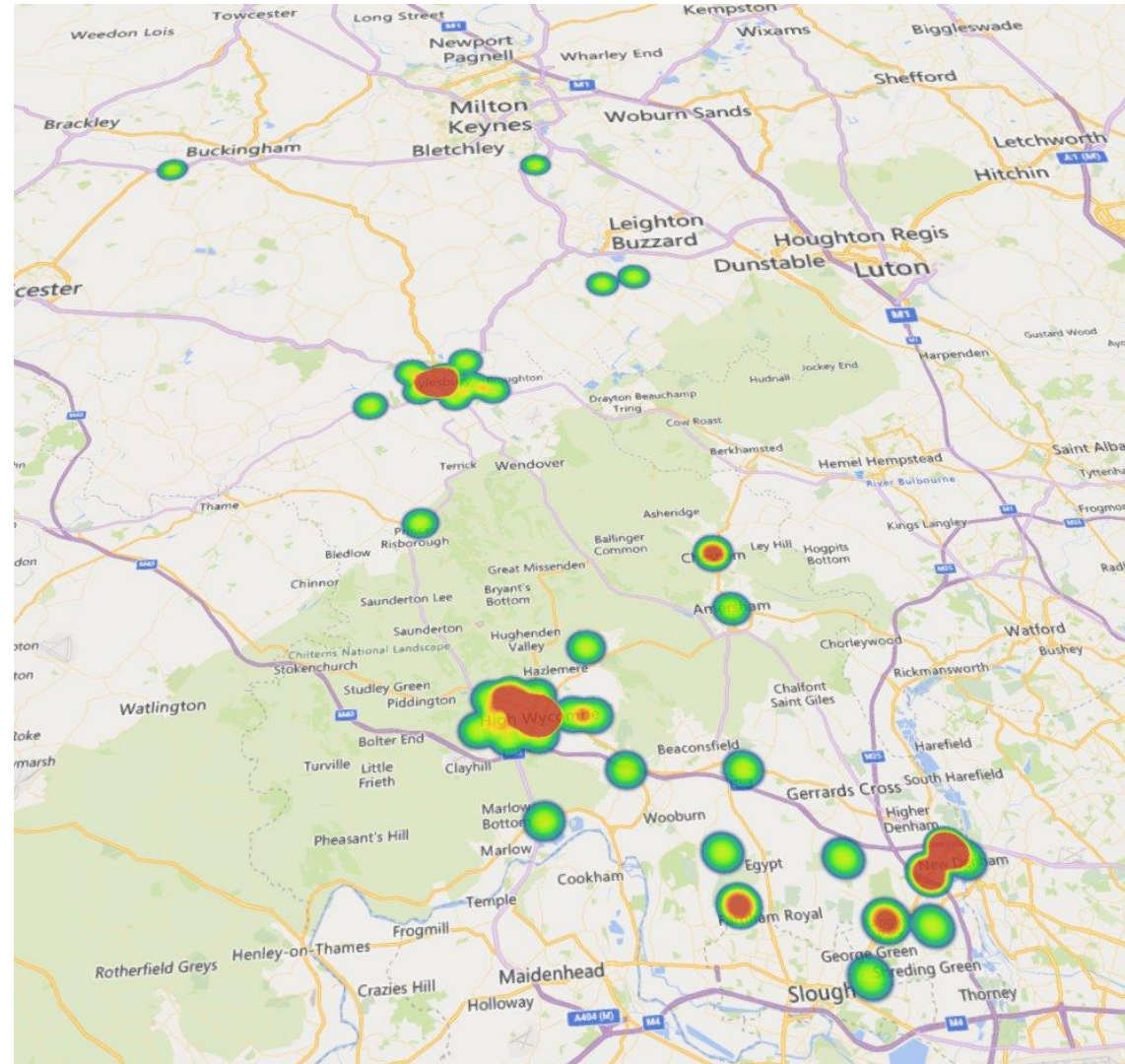


What is being littered?



- In many local authorities, over 90% of littering enforcement relates to cigarette ends. This is due to the enforcement work carried out solely on on-street.
- In contrast, due to our targeted focus on roadside offences, only a proportion of our enforcement relates to cigarette ends.
- **62% of our recorded offences relate to food packaging, drink bottles, paper, and mixed/multiple items.**
- Our targeted enforcement approach is therefore **focused on addressing what is considered the "real" and most impactful forms of litter** within the community.

'Hot Spot' Locations



How can you help and keep up to date?

Report littering from a vehicle offences:

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-transport/report-problems-on-roads-streets-and-pavements/report-littering-from-vehicles/>

Follow us on X (Twitter):

<https://x.com/BucksFlyTipping>



Any questions?
