

The role of HWRC's in reducing waste crime.



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What is waste crime?

- Illegal waste sites
- Illegal burning of waste
- Fly-tipping;
- Misclassification and fraud;
- Serious breaches of permit conditions, including the abandonment of waste;
- Illegal exports of waste.



National Cost of Fly Tipping

- For the 2019/20 year, local authorities in England dealt with just under 1 million (976,000) fly-tipping incidents, an increase of 2% from the 957,000 reported in 2018/19.
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- Just under two thirds (65%) of fly-tips involved household waste. Total incidents involving household waste were 632,000 in 2019/20, an increase of 7% from 588,000 in 2018/19.
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- The most common size category for fly-tipping incidents in 2019/20 was equivalent to a 'small van load' (34% of total incidents), followed by the equivalent of a 'car boot or less' (28%), and only 3% were of 'tipper lorry' load size
- The most common place for fly-tipping to occur was on highways (pavements and roads), which accounted for over two fifths (43%) of total incidents in 2019/20.

BBC - 2018/19. £57m/year in England



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Public Perceptions

- Increase in feedback and awareness from the general public regarding litter and fly tipping in general.
- Its all the Councils fault!
- Its our job to remove it.
- Overenthusiastic volunteering and unrealistic expectations of already busy cleansing teams



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Litter-picking hero Wombles join green team keeping their communities spick and span

Public Perceptions

- Access to HWRC's is linked to fly tipping.
- Cost is a barrier for businesses.
- Infrastructure should be improved!

Craven Herald & Pioneer

NEWS

8th April

Town is 'blighted' by out of control fly-tipping

LincolnshireLive

A Lincolnshire district has seen a huge increase in the number of fly-tipping incidents.

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NEWS

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Early figures have shown a massive increase in the crime in Hart

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Hartlepool Mail

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'Man in van' warning as fly tipping hits four-a-day



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HWRCs – E-Permit Scheme

What is the e-permit scheme?

E-permit schemes are a nationally recognised method of regulating commercial waste tipping, and therefore helping the Council to meet its Duty of Care requirements. Commercial vehicles are more likely to be carrying trade waste than a standard car and by introducing the e-permit scheme, it limits the number of times vans can use the sites, whilst still allowing residents the convenience of using any van or large trailer that they have access to.

Who needs an e-permit?

Residents who own or hire a commercial-type vehicle or plan to transport their household waste using a trailer, will need to apply online for an e-permit before visiting the recycling centre.



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Northamptonshire HWRC statistics

In 2018/19, the e-permit scheme was brought in in October to prevent unlawful depositing of Trade/Commercial waste and covers the requirement for a (free) householder E-Permit if utilising a commercial type vehicle or trailer. (Allowance of 6 visits per year.)

During this year the HWRCs saw a total municipal waste arising figure of 75,350 tonnes (of this, 20,385 tonnes was household residual waste and 2488 tonnes was trade customer waste)

In 2019/20 when the e-permit system started to bed in, the HWRCs saw a total municipal waste arising figure of 66,677 tonnes (of this 16,912 tonnes was household residual waste and 2432 tonnes was trade customer waste).

This shows that overall the e-permit scheme helped to reduce waste arisings by 11.51%. (Household residual tonnages decreased by 17.04%, but trade figures remained stable).



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Northamptonshire HWRC statistics Covid Impact

Indications are that during this year, despite lockdown and then ongoing visitor restrictions current HWRC total visitor numbers remain high but appear to be coming with less waste on each visit.

Current 20/21 totals are 51,975 tonnes of municipal waste arising
(of this 14,280 tonnes was household residual waste and 1321 tonnes was trade customer waste).

An average this represents more than a 23% reduction in total waste arisings since 2018/19

Since the recycling centres re-opened on the 18th May 2020 after the first National lockdown, over 47 weeks, there have been 864,280 visitors to the Northamptonshire HWRCs – Of this, 56.21% of visitors were in the West and 43.79% were in the North.

In comparison for the year 2019-20 (April 2019 - March 2020) – The HWRCs had an annual total of approximately 990,666 visitors, which represents a 3.48% increase in footfall in a year where the facilities were closed for six weeks.



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Dealing with surges in users

Communications

- Social media

- use of web cams to monitor queues

Interventions

- Subsidised or free of charge household bulky waste collections

- Promote / encourage use of kerbside collections / additional capacity / bulky waste

- Booking systems

- Zero tolerance enforcement for perpetrators of environmental crime



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The use of the Anti – Social Behaviour Act 2014

- Can be used to prevent behaviour that cause detriment to the amenity.
- Sanctions can be used in a wide variety of ways to prohibit activities which can be proven to cause a community impact.
- Impact can be taken account from all community partners.
- Ability to discharge low level offences by the use of Fixed Penalty Notices
- Larger scale or ongoing offences can be dealt with by application for Criminal Behaviour Orders for lower level but ongoing offenders (Man & Van or small scale waste accumulations)



Innovation and ideas

- Data for intelligence led enforcement
- Trusted carrier schemes – training and badge? Working with licensing or trading standards.
- Expanded use of ASB approach



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