

DEALING WITH ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES AND FLY TIPPING.

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2021 – NFDC FPN's issued

18/09/2020	Unauthorised deposit of waste FPN	£300.00
27/11/2020	Unauthorised deposit of waste FPN	£300.00
14/10/2020	Fail to produce waste carriers licence/documentation	£225.00
23/07/2020	Industrial and commercial waste receptacle offence	£80.00
27/08/2020	Industrial and commercial waste receptacle offence	£80.00
29/12/2020	Industrial and commercial waste receptacle offence	£80.00
29/04/2020	Small fly tip (Leaving litter) FPN	£50.00
24/06/2020	Small fly tip (Leaving litter) FPN	£50.00
10/07/2020	Small fly tip (Leaving litter) FPN	£50.00
23/07/2020	Small fly tip (Leaving litter) FPN	£50.00
16/09/2020	Small fly tip (Leaving litter) FPN	£50.00
18/09/2020	Small fly tip (Leaving litter) FPN	£50.00
21/12/2020	Small fly tip (Leaving litter) FPN	£50.00

2021 – ‘We need to change’

- In 2021, and previous years before then, NFDC issued only a handful of Fixed Penalty Notices relating to Environmental crimes.
- **Why?**
- The team only dealt with off-street car parking (and on-street up to April 2020) and we did not have the right personnel in place or trained to deal with these crimes.

Late 2021 – ‘New personnel’

- We restructured the team and recruited a Senior Environmental Enforcement Officer, Roy Russell, who came with a plan that matched our vision for the future.
- We allocated a full-time Parking Enforcement Officer to him, and also gave him Parking Enforcement Officers on 4 months rolling attachments to enable us to train the whole team in dealing with environmental crime.

We started with 'Duty of Care' visits

- We started with visiting all business in towns and villages not signed up with us for business waste collection.
- This highlighted that almost 50% of businesses had **No Duty of Care** in place on our visit and some, despite being given a 7-day notice to get it in place, received FPN's (34 in 2023).

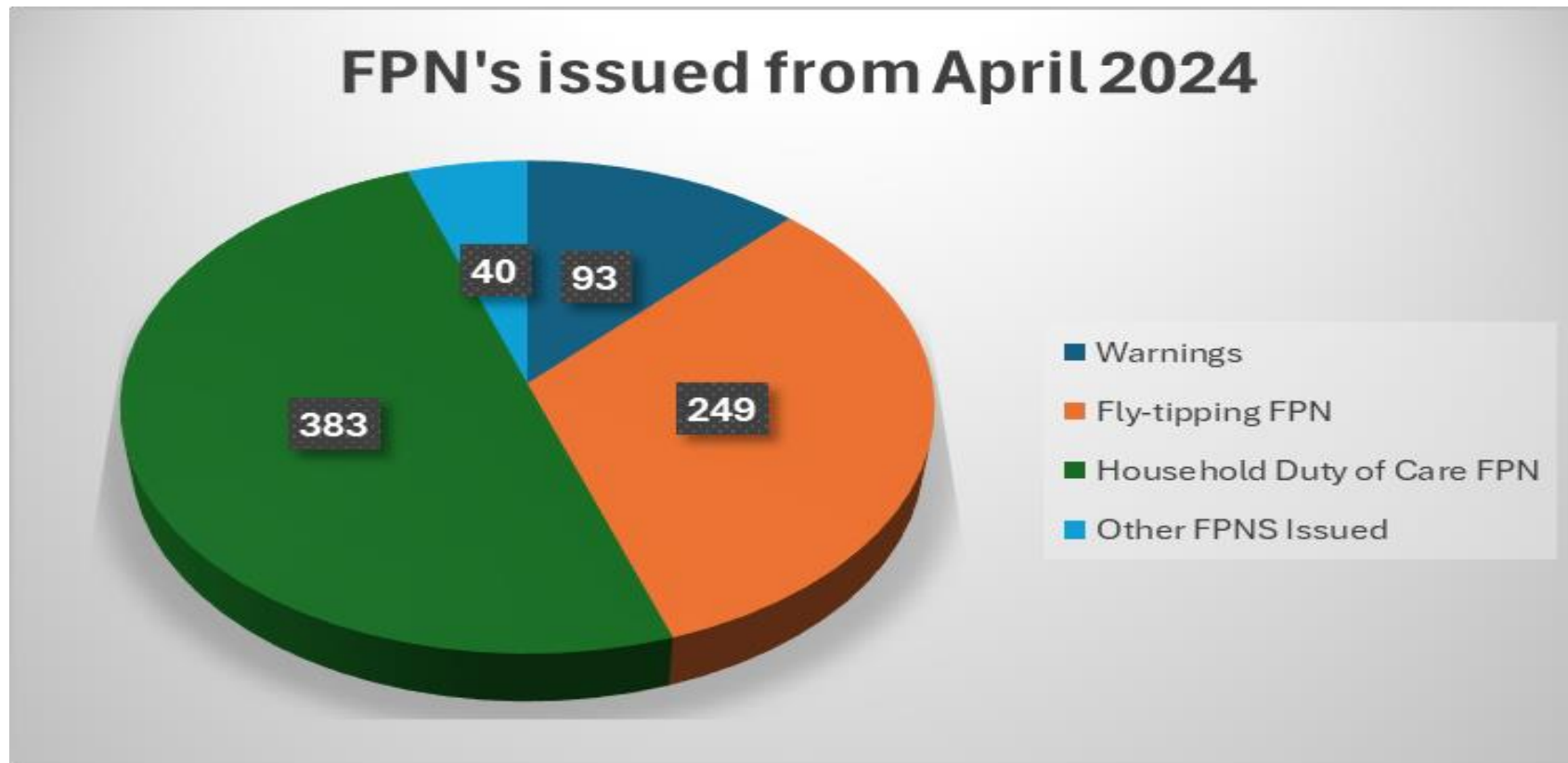
and we then followed this up by checking bags put out before the bin lorries arrived

- This resulted in issue of FPN's for businesses putting their business waste out as household waste....
- Also known as 'Fly tipping'..
- Business waste sign-ups have increased by 25% - increasing annual income for Waste and Recycling year on year.

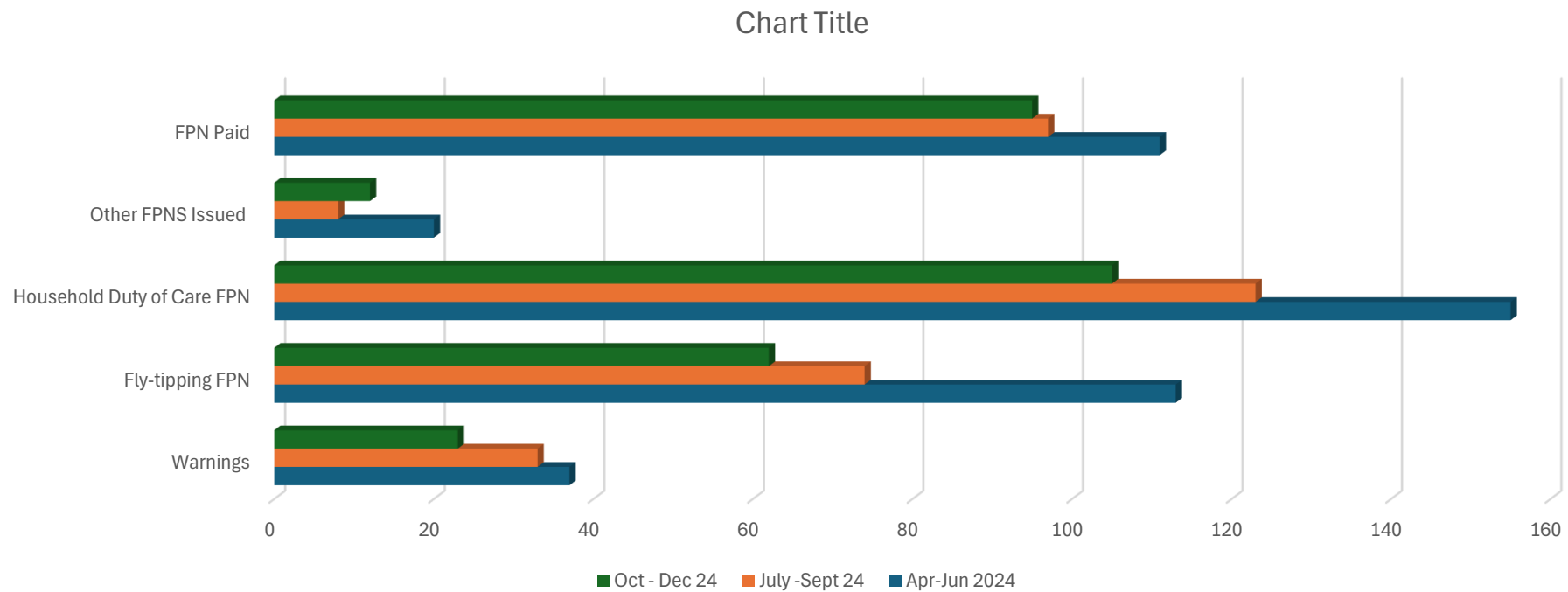
We began sending FPN's in letters to any address where evidence was found at Fly tips

- 259 Fly tipping FPN's were issued in 2023, 672 since April 2024.
- ...were paid and the majority of the others were, after being contacted by the person issued the FPN leading to a case review, cancelled, and it was then noted as a 'verbal warning given'.
- Those who did not pay were offered PACE interviews where, on completion, we re-offered the FPN which was then paid. Those who did not turn up have had their cases sent to legal as prosecution files (5 court cases now pending).

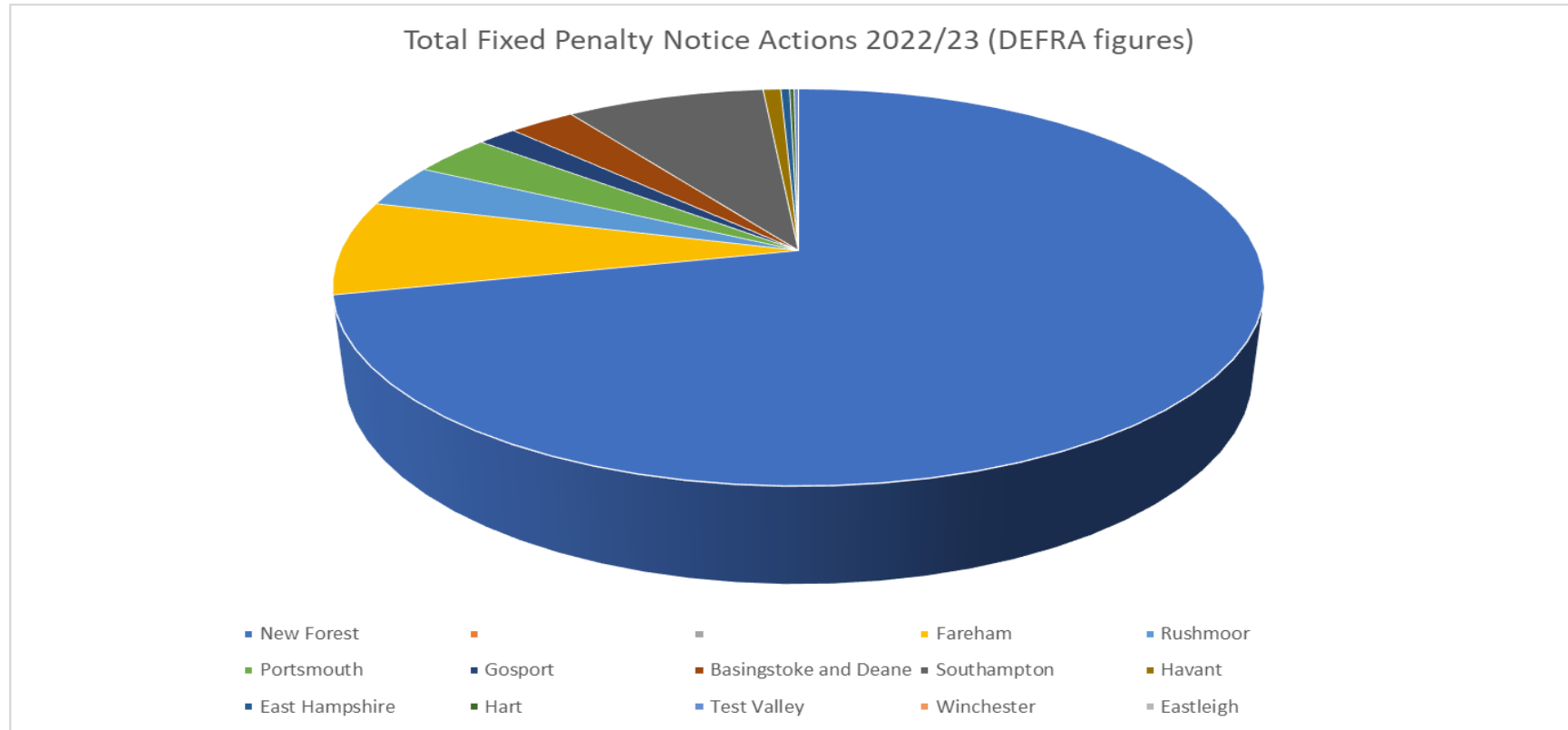
NFDC - 234 FPN'S issued in 2022, 593 in 2023 and 765 in 9 months since April 2024



NFDC – FPN's FROM 1ST APRIL 2024



Total Fixed Penalty Notice actions 2022/23 – Hampshire - broken down into districts)



**DEFRA – LATEST PUBLISHED DATA: Of those that issued fixed
penalty notices
these are the 20 LAs with the highest FPN to incident ratios in 2022/23**

Rank of FPNs per incident (1)	Local Authority	Region	FPNs per incident (2)(3)	Total FPNs	Total Enforcement Actions	Total Incidents
1	Brentwood	East	2.14	1,498	2,663	700
2	Islington	London	1.38	1,781	3,644	1,292
3	Brighton and Hove	South East	1.10	2,235	2,785	2,032
4	Enfield	London	0.93	5,096	11,580	5,505
5	Wandsworth	London	0.71	4,302	17,737	6,094
6	Thurrock	East	0.47	1,162	2,176	2,464
7	New Forest	South East	0.41	390	1,598	952
8	East Lindsey	East Midlands	0.38	546	750	1,449
9	Waltham Forest	London	0.34	3,128	5,285	9,160
10	Torbay	South West	0.29	248	248	843
11	Ealing	London	0.29	3,785	8,739	12,922
12	City of London	London	0.29	859	3,212	2,998
13	Stoke-on-Trent	West Midlands	0.27	875	1,701	3,265
14	Reading	South East	0.27	363	1,055	1,361
15	Lambeth	London	0.26	1,572	4,454	5,951
16	Gloucester	South West	0.26	353	1,203	1,360
17	Blackburn with Darwen	North West	0.25	1,022	6,836	4,167
18	County Durham	North East	0.24	1,301	6,949	5,415
19	Sutton	London	0.24	1,167	1,952	4,946
20	Pendle	North West	0.23	877	4,792	3,884

NFDC Community recycling banks (‘Bring sites’)

- We have 19 ‘Bring sites’ in the District where people can bring certain items for recycling in bins. Most of the items are already collected during our kerbside collection – we still currently have a weekly bag collection
- We identified that there was wholesale abuse of these ‘bring sites’ and as well as items contaminating recycling bins, a lot of businesses were dumping their business waste there.

Household 'Duty of Care'

- We identified that there was systemic abuse of the 'Bring sites' and the need to deal with householders proportionally.
- In 2023 we brought in a £200 (£120 discount if paid within 10 days) Household Duty of Care (S.342A) which resulted in 281 FPN's issued in 2023 – with 166 paid with the majority of the rest cancelled and listed as 'verbal warning given'.
- Since April 2024, 383 issued with

OPERATION 'WOLF'

(I LIKE GUINIA PIGS SO IT IS A TEST PICTURE TO CHECK YOU ARE STILL WITH ME..)



Multi-Agency stop-checks

- **'Operation Wolf'** involves regular partnership working with the Police, Environment Agency, New Forest National Park Authority, VOSA and HMRC (Red diesel team).
- We use NFDC car parks and usually pull-in up to 100 vehicles each event.
- The Police lead as they have the traffic powers to direct traffic into the car park
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- Different locations and times are used.
- Each event lasts up to 4 hours.

Operation Wolf – actions taken

- A number of vehicles receive stop notices, drivers arrested for drugs offences, waste carriers licences are checked and VOSA check vehicles in detail for offences.
- Driving offences, seatbelts/mobile phones etc.
- HMRC dip tanks of all vehicles when they are present and deal with offences detected.

Vehicle Seizure

The Control of Waste (Dealing with Seized Property)
(England and Wales) Regulations 2015

Vehicles were seized during Operation Wolf then disposed of by NFDC disposed of to date using this legislation.



Future plans

- Aim to remove bring sites once wheelie bin rollout – need to monitor impact.
- Continue to educate through flyers in business waste annual invoices from NFDC.
- Continue to work with Police to target offenders.

My contact details

- I am currently working for NFDC and contactable at:
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- I am actively seeking an alternative full-time/part-time position outside NFDC and would welcome any offers or suggestions.
- The final slide has a brief 'mini CV'
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David Hurd – ‘mini CV’

- Since 2016: Environmental Enforcement and Amenities Manager, NFDC (parking/abandoned vehicles/dog warden service/enviro-crime/Keyhaven river moorings)
- 1991-2011: Devon and Cornwall Police Officer (Sgt for 17 years – Neighbourhood teams/response/control room/qualified National Police trainer)
- 1978-1991: Royal Naval Seaman Officer, primarily in submarine service
- *BA (Hons) Social and Organisational Studies (Criminal Justice)*
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