

Environment and Sustainable Communities Scrutiny – Flytipping update

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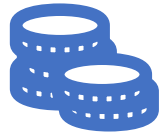
Fly Tipping

We will cover today...

- Council Plan and National Context
- Durham's approach;
- Comparison nationally and regionally;
- What gets fly tipped and where.
- Detail of various campaigns
- Future plans



Links to the Council Plan



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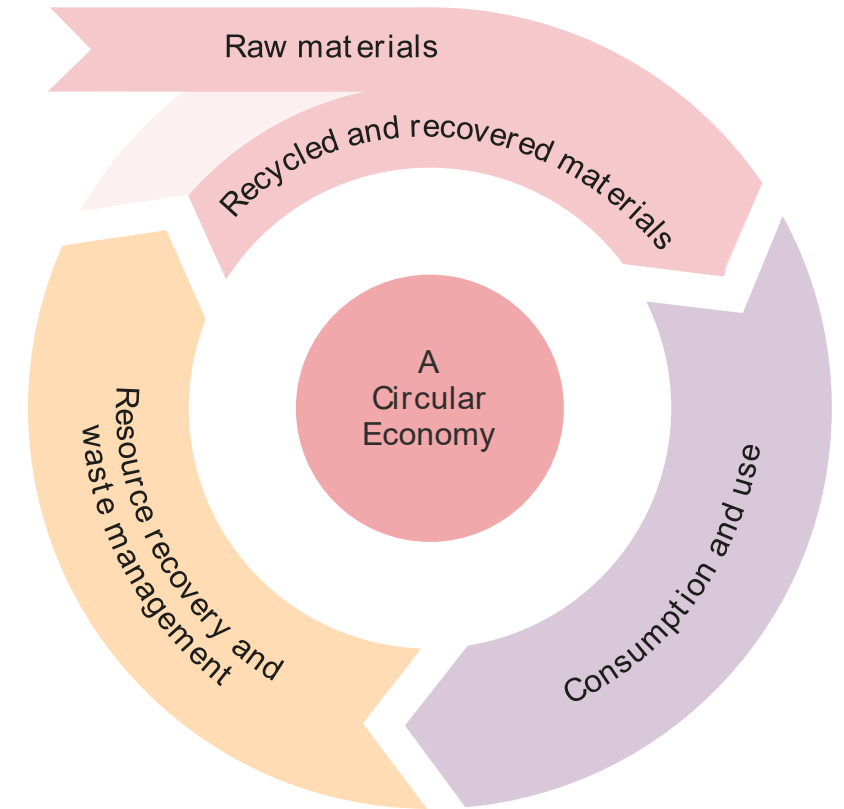
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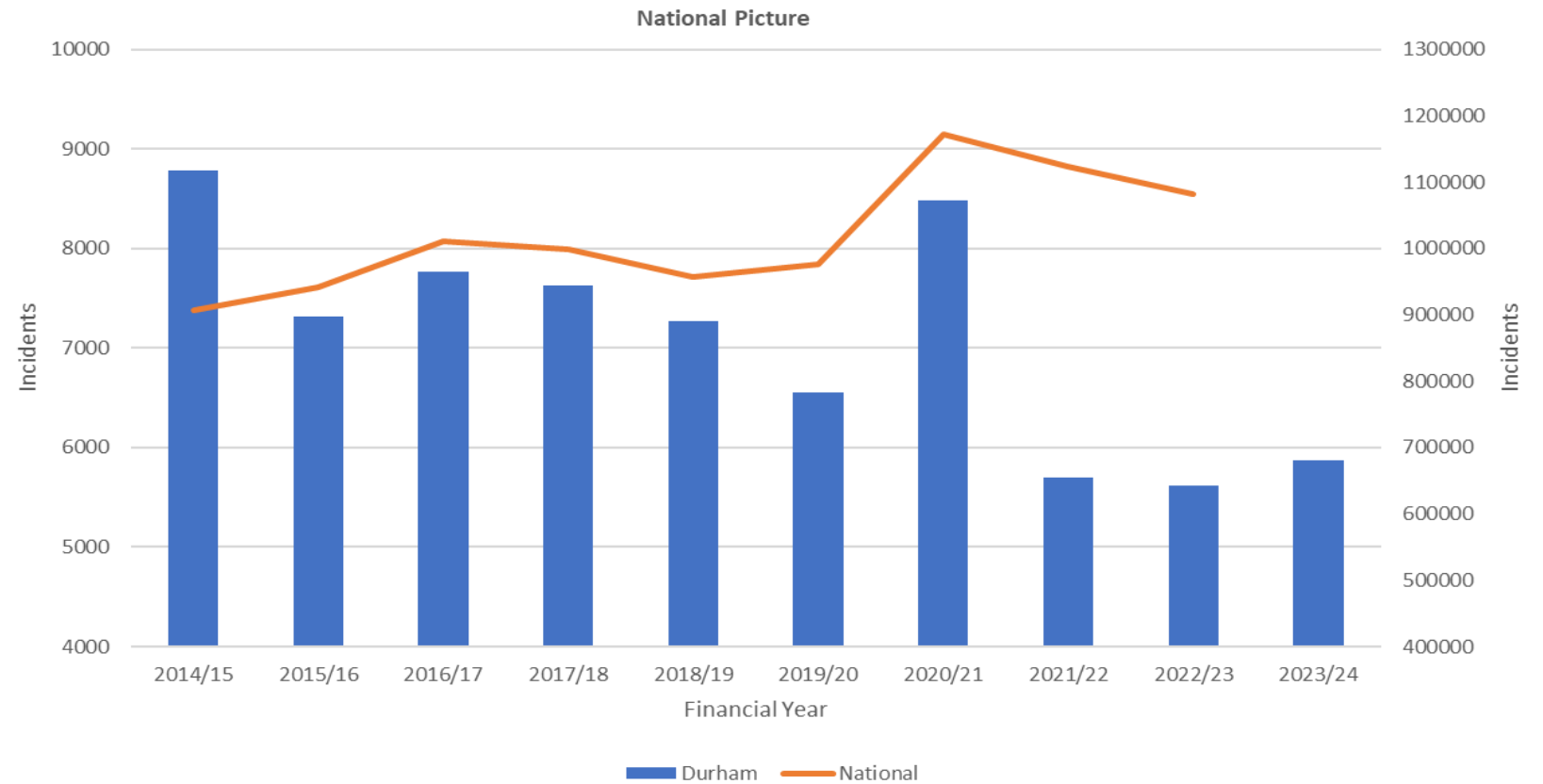
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Flytipping – National Context

- Waste and Resources Strategy
- Extended Producer Responsibility
- Simpler Recycling
- Digital Waste Tracking
- ASB Action Plan
- Private Land



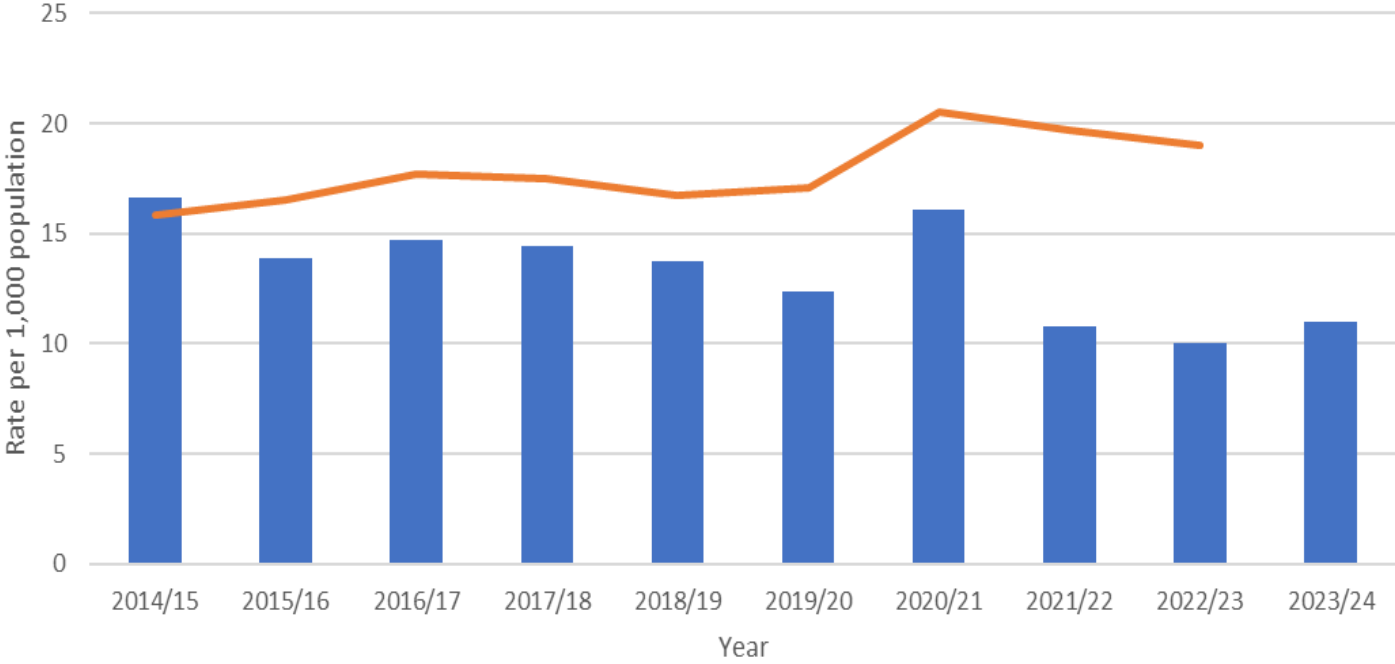
How is Durham doing?



YTD 2500+ proactive reports

How is Durham doing?

National Picture

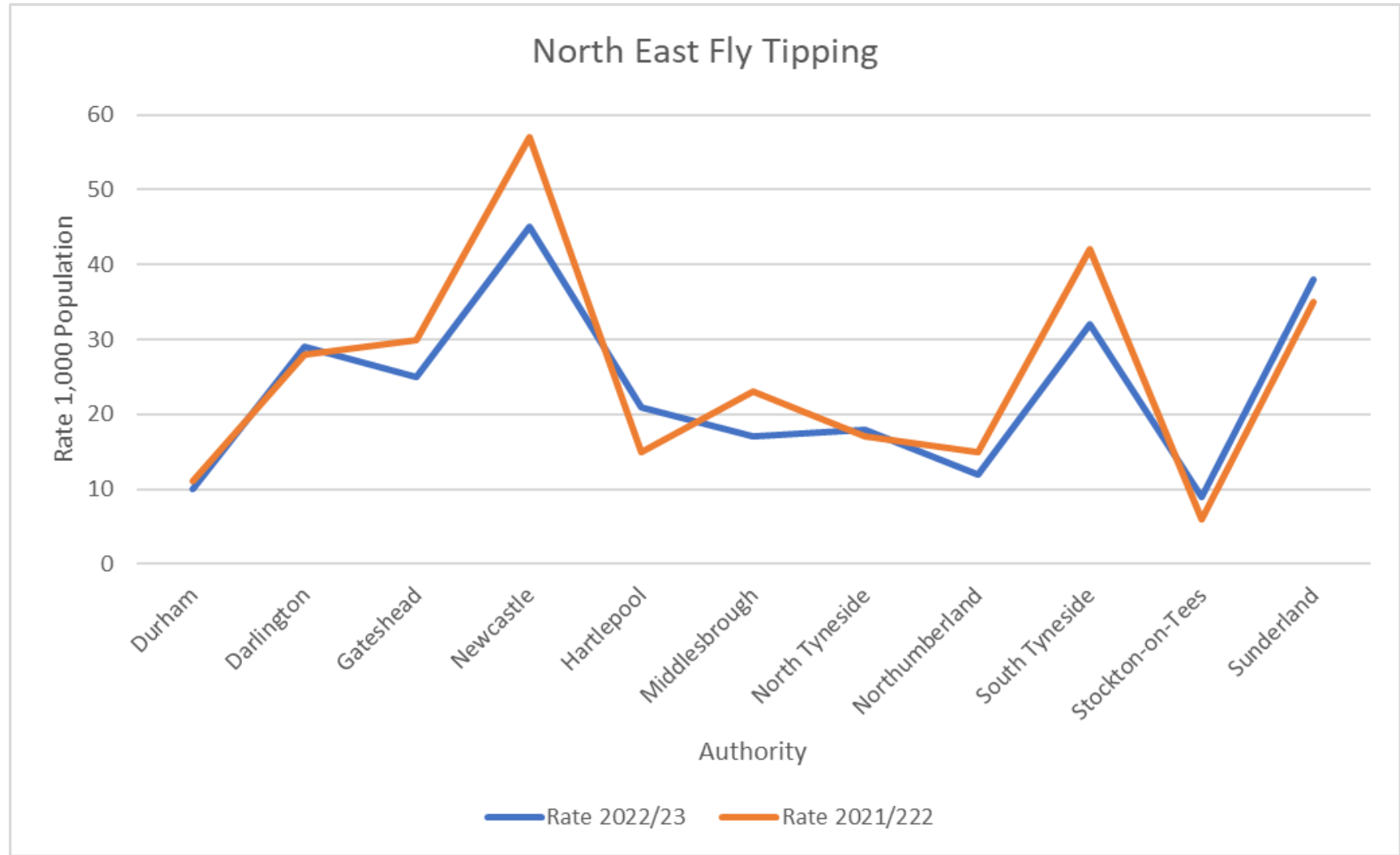


Durham National

Note: year end figures



Regional Comparison

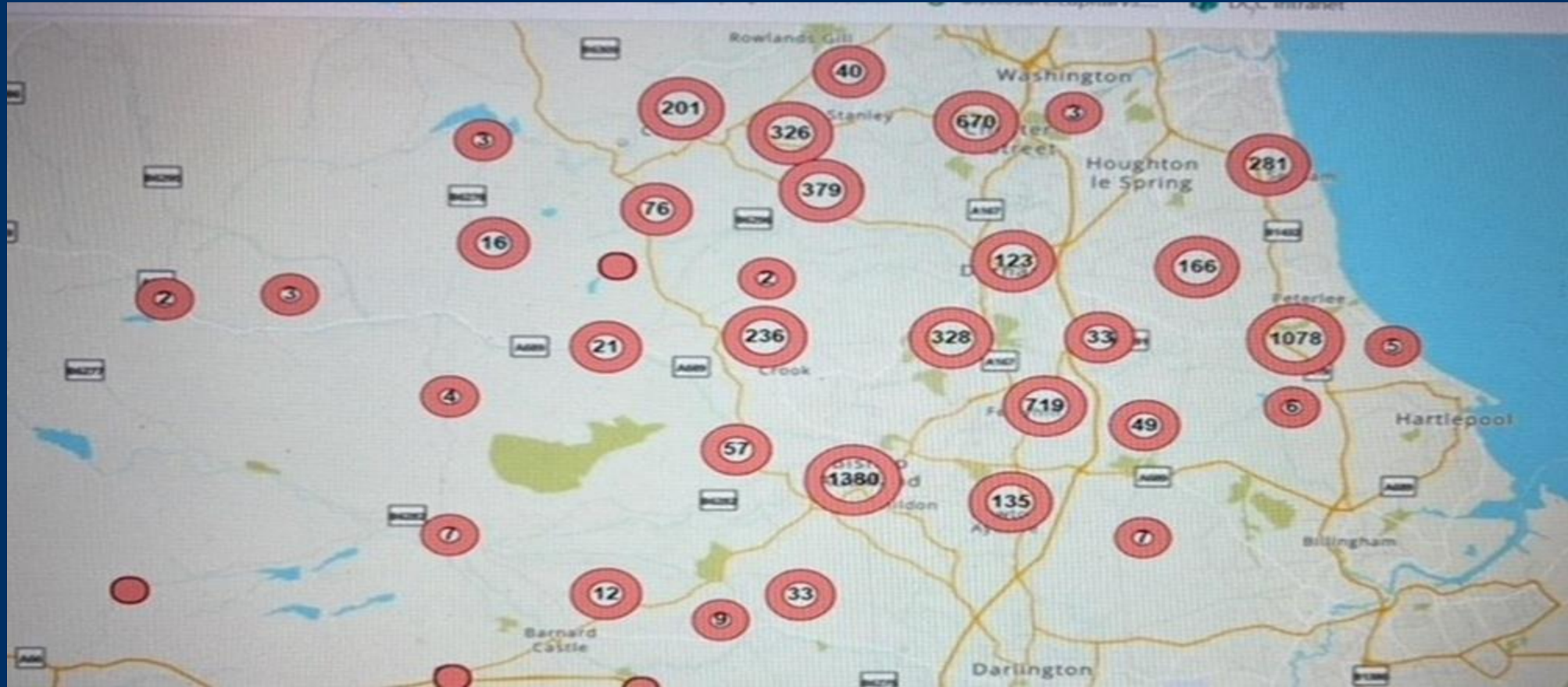


Fly Tipping Rolling Year Total



Durham Rolling Year Total

Where?



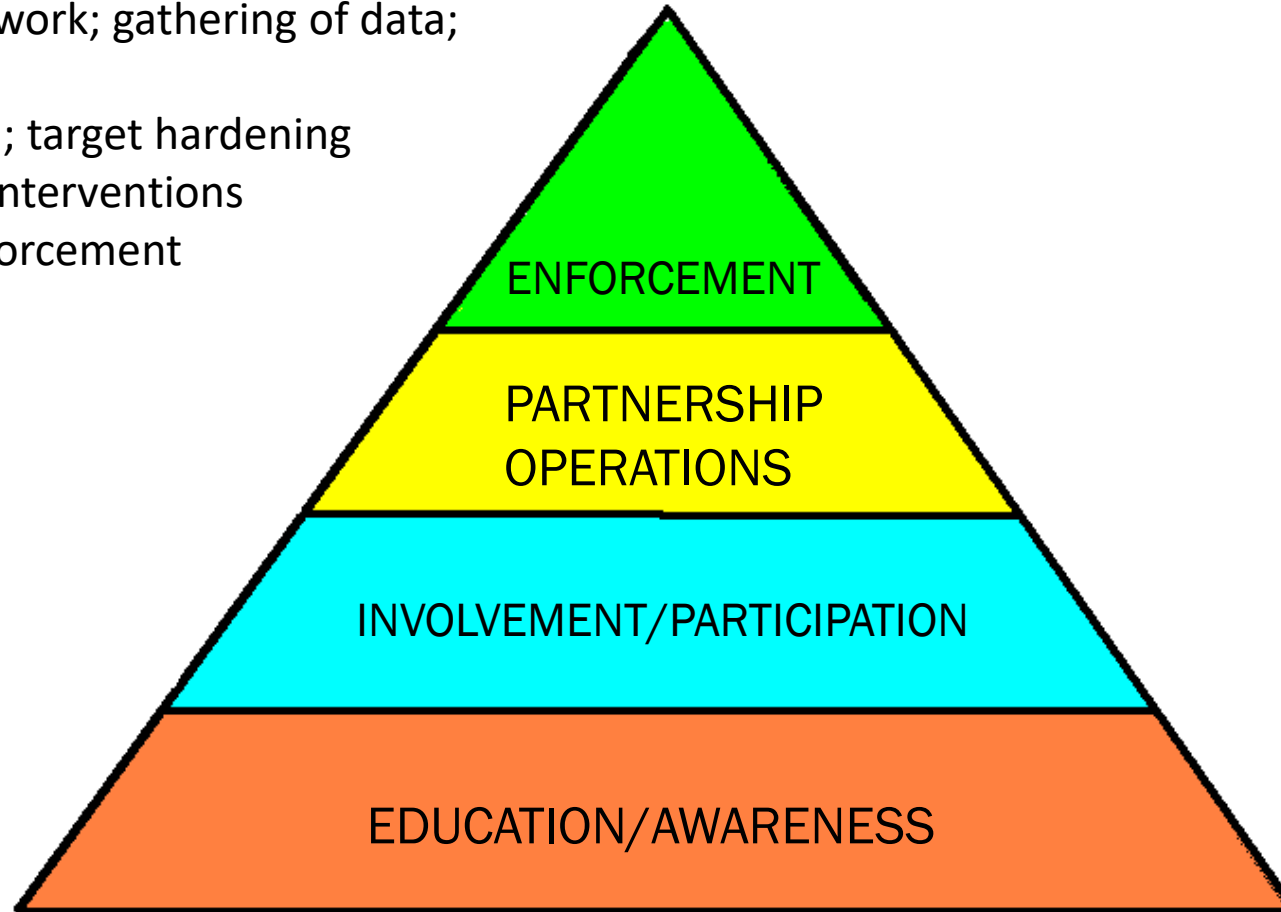
Waste type 2024

Waste Type	total	%
Black bags - household	1386	25
Other - household waste old furniture	967	18
Other - household waste mattresses, carpets	652	12
Other - household waste house or shed clearance	590	11
White goods - Fridge	376	7
Other - household waste not covered elsewhere	330	6
Construction, demolition, excavation - brick, concrete, hardcore, soil, timber, plastics, cement, sand	241	4
Other - household waste small scale DIY	225	4
Green waste	222	4
Other - electrical small appliances - tv, computers, hoovers, radios etc..	173	3
Other - unidentified	112	2
Construction, demolition, excavation - large scale DIY waste e.g. complete kitchen units, bathrooms, household fittings	107	2
Tyres	89	2
Other - commercial waste not covered elsewhere	71	2
Other - commercial waste pallets, packaging	65	
Vehicle parts	46	
Black bags - commercial	44	
White goods - Other	41	
Chemical drums, oil, fuel	29	
Asbestos	8	
Other - electrical Fluorescent tubes, car batteries etc..	7	
Fly tipped animal carcass	3	

The Durham Approach

Use of the “Four P’s”:

- Prepare: service provision framework; gathering of data; analysis; partnership working
- Protect: regular service provision; target hardening
- Prevent: education; campaigns; interventions
- Pursue: appropriate levels of enforcement



A Partnership Approach

County Durham and Darlington
Fire and Rescue Service



Social Housing



Town and Parish Councils



Area Action
Partnership



“We paid a ‘man with a van’ to collect our sofa. We didn’t check where it would end up.”

Before you pay, check your waste will be disposed of the right way.
Report illegal waste carriers: www.durham.gov.uk/flytipping or call 03000 261 000.

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Logos: Environment Agency, Love Waste You Live, Durham Constabulary, CRIMESTOPPERS 0800 555 111, Durham Council, *Altogether greater*

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- Education campaigns/ awareness
- Social Media / Video Footage
- 3.25million reach (23/4)



Social Media Education

Durham County Council Neighbourhood Wardens - North

Published by [redacted]
- Yesterday at 10:33 -

As an occupier of a domestic property, you have a duty to take all reasonable measures available to you to ensure that you only transfer household waste produced on your property to an authorised person.

If you arrange for a private business (e.g. skip hire, house clearance, man with a van) to take away your waste, to meet your duty of care you should check that they are an authorised waste carrier with up to date and valid upper tier licence.

Each carrier should have a registration number starting CBDU, followed by a set of numbers.

You can check whether a waste carrier is registered on the Environment Agency's online public register using their registration number, business name, or postcode <https://environment.data.gov.uk/.../search-waste-carriers...> or call 03708 506 506.

If your waste is subsequently fly-tipped and investigated by the local authority, records can quickly show that you met your duty of care.

For example, you could do one of the following:

- record any checks you make.
- Keep a receipt for the transaction between you and the waste carrier.
- Ask for a copy or take a photograph of the carrier's licence.
- Record details of the business or of any vehicle used (registration, make, model, colour)

These steps can help enforcement officers catch those responsible if your waste is fly tipped.

It is a criminal offence if you do not take all reasonable measures available to you to meet your duty of care.

You could receive a Fixed Penalty Notice, or face prosecution which could result in a fine and criminal record.



Durham County Council Neighbourhood Wardens - North

Published by [redacted]
- 15 January at 13:20 -

Neighbourhood Warden 02 has been investigating a fly tip which has occurred in a lay by in between Lanchester and Consett.

The waste contained general waste, farmland waste and dead birds.

We are asking anyone to come forward for information to assist us with our investigations.

Please visit www.durham.gov.uk/flytipping for more information on fly tipping.

If you see anyone flytipping, or spot flytipped rubbish, please report by calling 03000 260 000 or via www.durham.gov.uk/flytipping

If this is blocking a road or in a dangerous place, contact the police on 999 or 101.

#OperationStopIt



Durham County Council Neighbourhood Wardens - North

Published by [redacted]
- 5 December 2024 -

FLY TIPPING PROSECUTIONS 🚔🚔🚔

🗨️ Sonia Marie Richards of Gill Crescent, Fencehouses has been prosecuted and found guilty in the magistrates for failing to assist with a fly tipping investigation after a fly tip was found in a back street.

Evidence was found and the female was issued with a contact letter on 09/04/2024 which gave her 14 days to get in contact with the warden. No contact was received therefore a section 108 notice was issued requiring the female to attend an interview with our fly tipping officers, again the female did not show therefore a casefile was prepared for the courts. RICHARDS did not attend court however the matter was proven in absence and the offender now has a total of £805.10 in fines and costs.

🗨️ Rebekah Louise Conquer and Scott Graham of Holly Hill Gardens has also been prosecuted and found guilty in the magistrates for failing to assist with a fly tipping investigation after a large amount of waste was found to the rear of Holly Hill Gardens East.

Evidence was found and both residents were issued with a contact letter on 21/03/2024 which gave them 14 days to get in contact with the warden. No contact was received therefore a section 108 notice was issued requiring the pair to attend an interview with our fly tipping officers, again they did not show therefore a casefile was prepared for the courts. CONQUER and GRAHAM did not attend court however the matter was proven in absence and they both have a total of £491.15 to pay in fines and costs.

🗨️ A further case was heard in the magistrates for similar offences however an arrest warrant has been issued as they failed to show up to court.

We investigate all fly tips and will prosecute offenders who continue to dump rubbish in our county.

You have a duty of care to ensure that your waste is being removed and disposed of lawfully and you are therefore required to ask for a waste carriers licence and a receipt/waste transfer note.

To report fly tipping, please visit www.durham.gov.uk/flytipping or call our customer services team on 03000 260000

#OperationStopIt #Flytipping #Prosecutions



Social Media Education

Durham County Council Neighbourhood Wardens - North
 Published by [redacted]
 · 12 November 2024 ·

Warning letters have been issued to residents in the consett area yesterday after reports of multiple fly tips in the back streets.

Our bin crew will not take any side waste, all waste must be presented in a waste receptacle.

For information on bulky waste collections please visit <https://www.durham.gov.uk/bulkywaste>

Please visit <https://www.durham.gov.uk/flytipping> for more information on fly tipping

If you see anyone flytipping, or spot flytipped rubbish, please report by calling 03000 260 000 or via <https://tinyurl.com/flytipping>

If this is blocking a road or in a dangerous place, contact the police on 999 or 101.

11/11/2024 03:44

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Durham County Council Neighbourhood Wardens - North
 Published by [redacted]
 · 6 November 2024 ·

The Wardens definitely got their hands dirty this morning for this litter pick in hotspot fly tipping areas..

The question we want to ask you is, do you recognise any of this waste? Have you paid for someone to remove any of your waste?

Please ensure that you are carrying out the relevant checks and be aware if someone is collecting your waste that:

- Use a waste company registered with the Environment Agency – ask to see their waste carrier certificate
- Keep all paperwork issued by the company

You can check waste carriers by visiting www.gov.uk/find-registered-waste-carrier

Everyone is responsible for their waste to ensure it is disposed of properly, this is known as "duty of care". If waste is fly-tipped and traced back to the owner, you could face prosecution and a fine of up to £50,000.

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Durham County Council Neighbourhood Wardens - North
 Published by [redacted]
 · 20 September 2024 ·

A male from Fishburn has accepted and paid £1000 Fixed Penalty Notice for a fly tipping offence at Ushaw Moor Farm Cottages in August 2024.

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Social Media Education

Durham County Council Neighbourhood Wardens - South
15 January at 13:47 · 🌐

Working with landowner in Leeholme
NW135 has been investigating a fly tip in Leeholme which has been cleared by the landowner and residents. Great example of partnership working.
Waste like this can be a magnet for more waste and other undesirable activity so having it removed as soon as possible is important for everyone.
For more advice on securing your property and protecting yourself from fly tipping get in touch with us on 03000 260000 or use the on line reporting system www.durham.gov.uk/doitonline.



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Durham County Council Neighbourhood Wardens - South
6 December 2024 · 🌐

A male from Coundon has been prosecuted and fined a total of £1115.90 for failing to assist officers investigating a fly tip of waste that was discovered near to Byers Green. The male was contacted and invited to attend an interview in relation to the matter but he failed to attend. The male also failed to attend court and magistrates found him guilty in his absence. To report any incidents of fly tipping please call 03000 260000 or use the online reporting system www.durham.gov.uk/doitonline



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Durham County Council Neighbourhood Wardens - East
15 January at 12:10 · 🌐

A fly tip has recently been discovered in a rear yard in Eighth Street, Blackhall Colliery by SW111. The waste consisted of furniture and other items. If you have any information relating to this or have had works carried out to remove this waste please can you get in touch to assist the ongoing investigations.

Neighbourhood wardens are actively trying to make your community a better place to live in. To report any issues relating to fly tipping you can call 03000 260 000 or visit <https://doitonline.durham.gov.uk/MyServices>



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Enforcement – Changed FPN levels

	Pre-May 24 levels		May 24 levels	
	Full Rate	Early payment	Full Rate	eLearning
Fly-tipping (up to car boot size)	£400	£180	£1000	£500*
Fly-tipping (small van)	Court	N/A	£1000	N/A
Fly-tipping (Larger than Small Van)	Court	N/A	Court	N/A
Household Duty of Care	£300	£200	£400	£250*
Household Duty of Care (2 nd Offence)	Court	N/A	£600	N/A
Flytipping FPN's issued	17		19	
Flytipping FPN's Paid	15	0	14	0
Awaiting Court	2		5	



Enforcement	2019/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25 to 31st Dec
No. of locations cameras have been deployed	44	44	81	65	65	37
No. of incidents caught on CCTV	4	14	41	26	68	63
No. of stop check operations	30	15	50	71	178	120
No. of duty of care warning letters	35	37	32	13	51	30
No. of producers issued	14	7	79	26	144	82
No. of vehicles seized	3	16	8	9	5	7
No. of PACE interviews	8	7	19	40	36	66
No. of FPN's issued for waste carrier offences	13	3	25	13	77	73
No of FPN's issued for Household Duty of Care	N/A	N/A	N/A	24	22	14
No. of FPN's issued for fly tipping	20	45	75	45	41	33
Payment received from above FPN's	£4,015	£2,820	£9,210	£8,300	£11,140	£20,150
No. of prosecutions for fly tipping, waste carrier and HDoC	13	6	26	29	22	10
Awarded fines, compensation, costs and surcharges	£8,231	£3,763	£28,694	£29,140	£23,081	£22,364



13 January at 11:00

Prosecuted for failing to comply with the requirements of a Community Protection Notice (CPN) despite being warned prior to the notice being served.

We were made aware of accumulations of waste building up in residential properties and legal action had to be taken as our requests were simply being ignored.

[redacted] of Steel Street, Consett was found guilty of breaching his CPN and now has to pay a total of £777 in fines and costs.

[redacted] of Duston Road, London was found guilty of breaching his CPN for a property he owned at Elm Street in South Moor. He has also been hit in the pocket and has a total of £1082 to pay in fines and costs.

[redacted] of Ballydoolough, Northern Ireland was found guilty of breaching his CPN for an address he owned at Park Terrace, Leadgate. A total of £982 now has to be paid in fines and costs.

Waste in yards, gardens or on land can pose as a public health risk and should be reported to Neighbourhood Warden Service by visiting www.durham.gov.uk/doitonline or contact our Customer Services on 03000 260000.



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Recent Prosecutions



Durham County Council Neighbourhood Wardens - North

Published by Scott Lancaster

31 December 2024 at 09:00

A County Durham man found himself locked up overnight and put before the courts the following day for failing to produce his waste transfer notes.

Back in October 2023, one of our Neighbourhood Wardens saw a vehicle travelling in the Consett area that was loaded with scrap metal, however he managed to lose sight of it. Checks were later carried out on the vehicle and a 7 day notice & producer was issued to the driver requesting to see his waste transfer notes along with his waste carriers licence.

[REDACTED], 30 of Local Avenue, Sherburn Hill contacted our Neighbourhood Warden and produced his waste carriers licence but no waste transfer notes.

Despite a number of excuses, our Neighbourhood Warden gave another two chances to [REDACTED] to produce his waste transfer notes but still nothing was received. A £300 fixed penalty notice was therefore issued which remained unpaid and a file was prepared for court.

On 29th December this year, [REDACTED] was locked up and kept in overnight so that he could be put before the courts where he decided to plead guilty for the offence of failing to produce waste transfer notes.

This has now cost Barton a total of £1020 in fines and costs along with a criminal record.

If you want to collect waste or scrap metal items in County Durham, you must comply with the law and have the correct licences to operate, otherwise you could see yourself in court like Barton.



PROSECUTED

WOMAN FINED FOR LEAVING RUBBISH IN STREET

- A woman who left a box of household waste on the street and failed to assist with a fly-tipping investigation has been ordered to pay out almost £500 in court fines and charges.
- Peterlee Magistrates' Court heard one of our neighbourhood wardens discovered the waste on Eleventh Street in Horden while patrolling the area.
- An addressed letter found within the box identified the waste belonged to 37-year-old [REDACTED], who lives on nearby Twelfth Street.
- The neighbourhood warden wrote to [REDACTED] asking her to get in touch but received no reply, prompting him to hand deliver a section 108 letter requesting her attendance at a Police and Criminal Evidence (PACE) Act interview. [REDACTED] failed to attend, which resulted in us taking the matter to court.
- [REDACTED], 37, pleaded guilty to failing to take all measures available to secure the transfer of household waste to an authorised person and a further charge of failing to assist with a fly-tipping investigation.
- She was fined £162 and ordered to pay costs of £250 and a victim surcharge of £65.

Recent Prosecutions

- Family ordered to pay £1,195 for not assisting in a fly tip investigation.
- A family has been ordered to pay a combined total of £1,195 for not responding or assisting the Neighbourhood Wardens during a fly tip investigation.
- Legal action was taken against [redacted] and [redacted] both of Newton Grange, Toronto, Bishop Auckland after a Neighbourhood Warden came across a large fly tip which had been set alight in the area of Kitchen Avenue Bishop Auckland.
- They were requested to contact the Neighbourhood Warden in relation to this, and having failed to do so, they were then served with a Legal Notice which requested them both to attend an interview. Again, they failed to respond and did not attend the interview. Claiming that at the time they were in Spain.
- They were ordered to pay a fine of £120, combined costs of £429.50, and a £48 victim surcharge totalling £597.50 each.



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Challenge - HDoC (Household duty of care)

70%+ waste originates from households

We have issued 60 HDoC Warnings (April – Dec 24), this helps educate the community to stop the waste being passed on to fly tippers.

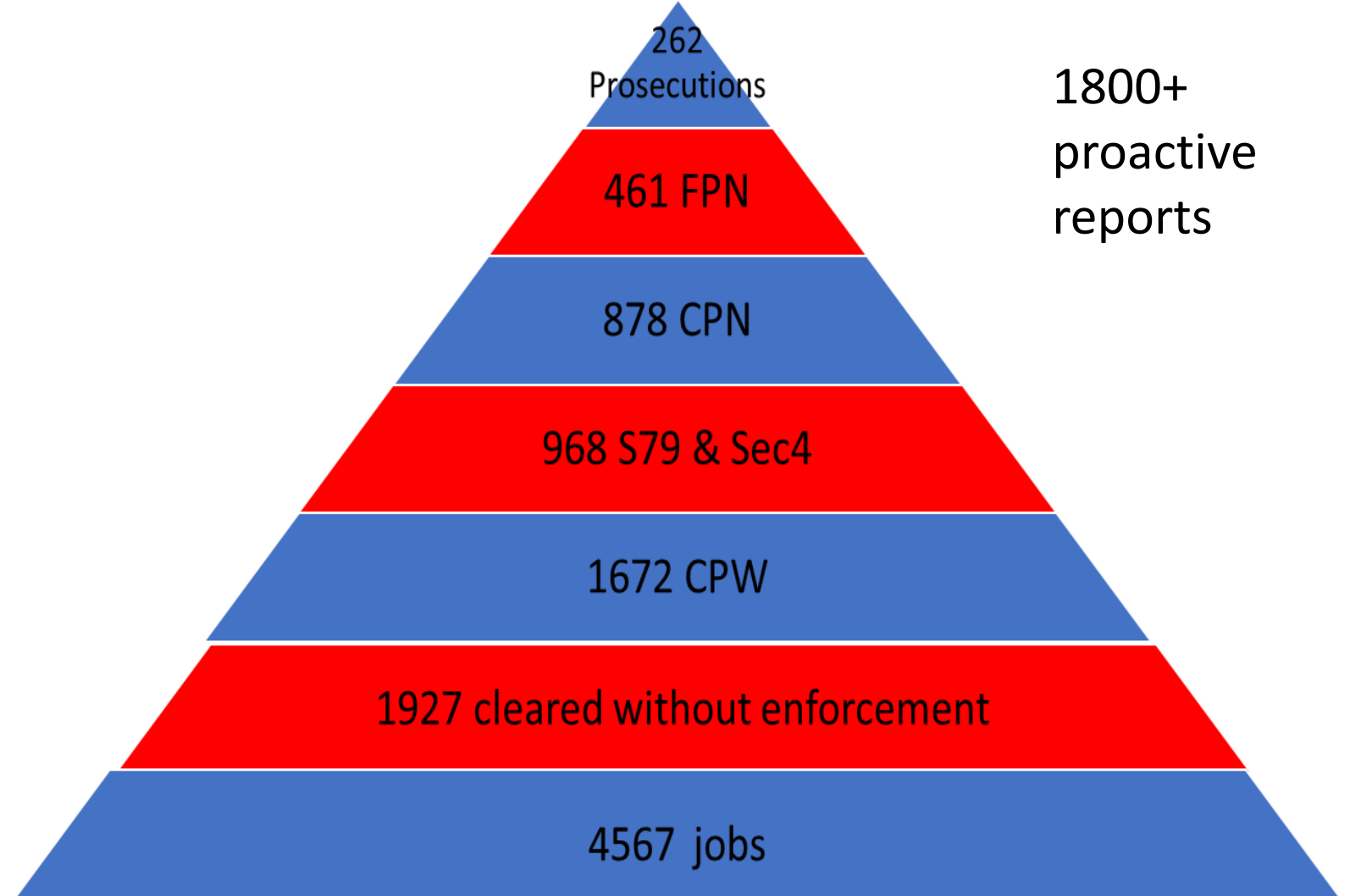
18 FPN's (fixed penalty notices of £400) have been issued to residents (April – Dec 24).

5 paid 12 pending court

1 prosecuted £700 investigation costs conditional discharge



Yards and Gardens 2023/24



CPW/N - Community Protection
Warning/ Notice
S79 – Section 79 Environmental
Protection Act
Sec 4 PDPA – Prevention of
Damage by Pests Act

Waste on Private Land

- Changes:

- Separate default removal team
- Greater use of more immediate legislation
- Coming - shorter timescales for CPW/N

820 cleared so far
this year



1076 so far this
year, 89% increase

- Results

- Quicker clearance
- Reduced Neighbourhood Warden Revisits

Future – National picture

Simpler
Recycling

Extended
Producer
Responsibility

Digital waste
tracking

Waste carriers,
broker, dealer
reform

Sentencing
guidelines
review

Deposit return
scheme

The Future

- Continued
 - Targeted surveillance
 - Campaigning
 - Your Waste Your Responsibility
 - Targeted social media
- eLearning package
- Enforcement
 - Continued strong enforcement
 - Reviewed prosecution process



Questions/ comments?

FLY TIPPING UNDER INVESTIGATION

If you can assist this investigation call: 03000 261 000

