

## Fly Tipping

Fly Tipping is the illegal disposal of household, industrial, commercial, or other controlled waste. Fly tipping can be anything from a single bag of waste to lorry loads of building waste. Fly tipping is a crime that carries serious penalties.



The cleanliness of our county is a universal issue which affects everyone who lives, works, or studies in Shropshire. In recent years, it has been difficult to maintain standards that we would expect to see. Addressing this is a key priority with our officers.

Shropshire, in common with the rest of the country, has experienced an increase in fly tipping in recent years. Our Street Scene delivery partner clear reported fly tips within 5 working days. However, if the offence causes an obstruction, or is considered by us to be dangerous, this will be cleared sooner.



Shropshire Council are working closely with colleagues within West Mercia Police, Defra, The Environment Agency, and other Local Authorities to gather evidence and share best practice in how to tackle Fly tipping.

Occasionally, households might have to hire a private service to dispose of their household, garden, or construction waste. To prevent this waste from being dumped illegally, the Household Waste Duty of Care Regulations 2005 were established, updating section 34 of the Environment Protection Act 1990. These regulations require individuals to take all reasonable steps to ensure that they only hand over their household waste to someone who is authorised to handle it. If they give their waste to an unauthorised person or company, they could face a fine. If someone isn't registered to take your waste, they are less likely to dispose of it legally.

Highways portfolio holder, Dan Morris said:

*We have been working hard with other agencies to both deter and bring offenders to justice. Shropshire Council will continue to work with West Mercia Police, Defra and The Environmental Agency to target anyone who chooses to illegally deposit material, or to carry waste illegally within our county. We hope that this sends a clear message, that Shropshire Council will actively investigate acts of environmental crime in our county and work with communities when incidents are reported. We encourage people to dispose of their waste responsibly.*

Cllr Joyce Barrow said:

*We live in a beautiful part of the country, and we need to ensure that we look after it. Having experienced a very bad case of fly tipping in my own village of Trefonen and the consequences of it, I would ask residents to report any cases they see and identify culprits where possible to the council.*

Community support is valued, you can help protect your community and environment. If you witness fly tipping, try to take as much information as possible, such as vehicle registration and description of the vehicle, time, date, location of the incident, description of the waste being dumped and a description of the people/person dumping the waste.

If safe to do so, photos can be taken of what you have witnessed. Remember, do not approach anyone who you have witnessed fly tipping.

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You can report an incident of fly tipping via [FixMyStreet](#)

This will ensure that each enquiry is logged, acknowledged, and issued with a reference number. The enquiry will be allocated to the appropriate service area who will investigate the matter and action as required.