

Fighting Fly Tipping



Sevenoaks District Council's fly-tipping investigation unit is fighting back against the tippers since it was set up just over two years ago.

The unit had three court prosecutions in just one month in June of this year and another in August. It brought those responsible to Sevenoaks Magistrates' with each culprit handed a hefty fine as well as a criminal record.

Jack Wheeler, Sevenoaks District Council Enforcement Officer works closely with our partners Kent County Council, Kent Police, the Environment Agency, local town and parish councils and housing associations to share information to help us catch those who dump waste.

Fly tipping successes

Since spring 2017, when we set up our tipping investigation team, we have:

Carried out 165 investigations

Prosecuted 11 fly tippers in court

Issued eight cautions

Issued 15 fixed penalty charge notices

Written to 125 residents and businesses about suspected fly tipping incidents.

How you can help

You can play an important role in the fight against fly-tippers by making sure you only use registered waste carriers to take waste from your home or business. If you use a non-registered waste collector and your waste ends up being dumped in the District, you too could face a fine or prosecution.

You can check if someone has a license on the Environment Agency's website <https://environment.data.gov.uk/public-register/view/search-waste-carriers-brokers>

If you witness a fly tipping incident or know of a fly tipper, call Crimestopper in confidence on 0800 555 111.

We also provide a waste collection service for large items. Call 01732 227000 or visit www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/refuse for details.

Social Media Request

If you are using Social Media such as Facebook and Neighbourhood Groups to report crime and community safety issues, don't forget to report it also to Kent Police and us here at the CSU, so that we are aware and can work with you in addressing local concerns. You can report online at www.kent.police.uk/services/report-online or call 101.

PCC meets Residents in New Ash Green

The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) Matthew Scott visited New Ash Green on Friday 2 August to discuss local concerns. The main concern was 101 reporting which Mr Scott said that there is more work happening to help improve call taking and online reporting. Another concern was drugs in the area.

Following on from the meeting we wanted to share what the CSU has been doing to work with residents in the area.

- Addressing drug concerns in Upper South Street, providing intelligence reports to Police regarding drug activity, feeding back to residents and monitoring the area via CCTV
- Nights of Action, where all resources from Police, Council and Community Wardens spend the whole evening patrolling in New Ash Green at various locations
- Visits by KCC Community Warden and SDC Anti-Social Behaviour Officer to schools including Longfield Academy regarding the consequences of pupils behaviour in the village
- Working with British Transport Police on issues of young people from Hartley and New Ash Green at Longfield Station
- Served several warning letters and ABAs (Acceptable Behaviour Agreement) to young people causing Anti-Social Behaviour in the village, with the full knowledge of their parents/carers

We will continue to work with the Parish Council, Village Association and residents in all areas of community safety



Police Cadets Volunteering Week

In July, the police Cadets from Swanley spent a week volunteering in the community. They took part in speed watch in local villages assisted by Police Community Support Officers and PCs and spoke to local residents about how speeding effects the community.

They helped shoppers in Swanley Town Centre and visited local community groups to help out. If you would like to get involved with Police cadets then visit

<https://www.kent.police.uk/jobs-recruiting-now/volunteer-opportunities/cadets/>

