

Good practice in local authorities to tackle fly-tipping

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APSE's LAMS app – smartphone survey to monitor litter and fly-tipping condition in your borough

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Pollinator grade (within meadow)

A - Excellent standard

Are there any hard surfaces/paths within your inspection area?

Yes

No

Hard surface weeds grade

C - Significant weed growth

Detritus grading

A - No detritus present

Litter grade

A - Excellent standard

Was today a refuse collection day?

Yes

Fly tipping grade

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Close

Hard Surface Woods grade A

Hard Surface Woods grade B

Hard Surface Woods grade C

Hard Surface Woods grade D

Hard Surface Woods grade E

Hard Surface Woods grade F

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Add further background information if required



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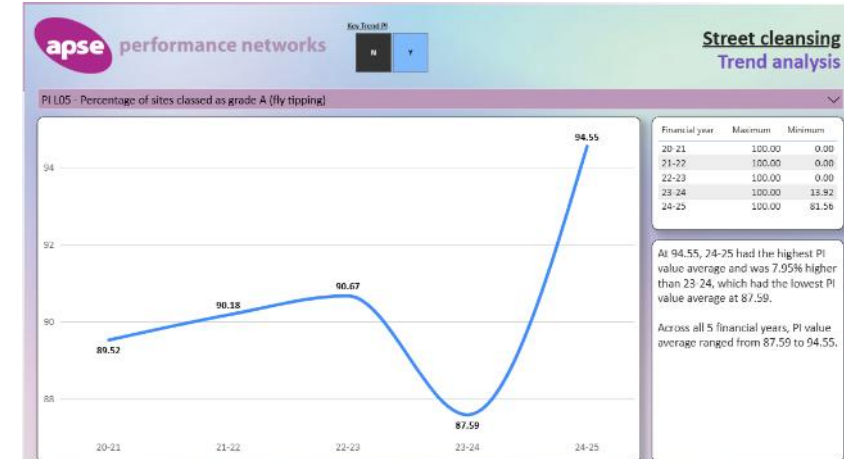


Whole service comparison

LAMS grounds maintenance PI standings

Performance indicator

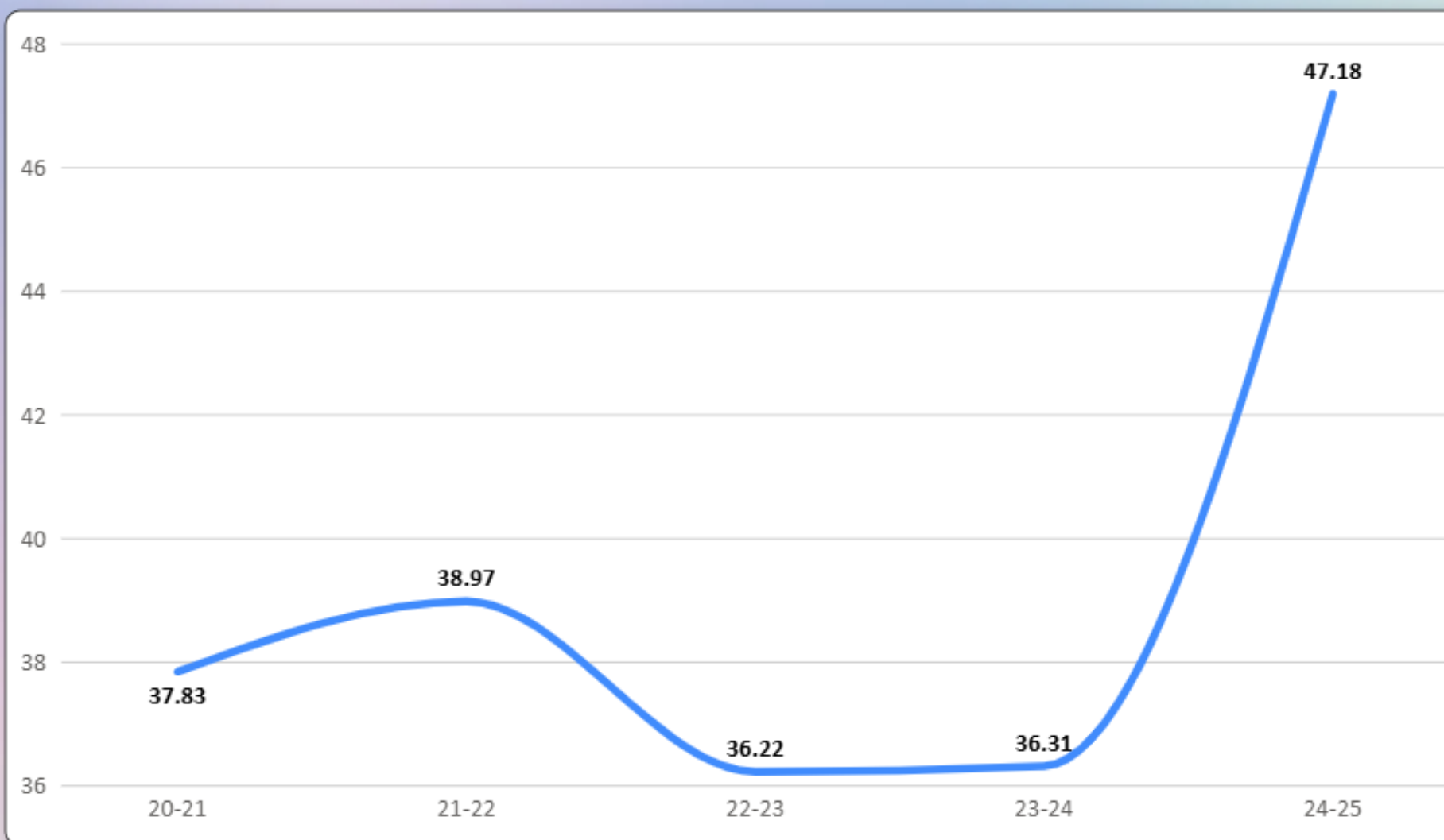
Pr102- Percentage of sites classed as acceptable (grass maintenance)	26	100.00%	95.89%	87.41%	100.00%	1	99.18%	1	100.00%	H
Pr110- Percentage of sites classed as acceptable (grass outcrop)	26	100.00%	96.10%	87.07%	100.00%	1	99.55%	1	100.00%	H
Pr111- Percentage of sites classed as acceptable (flower bed maintenance)	26	100.00%	88.80%	61.54%	96.97%	8	67.69%	2	100.00%	H
Pr112- Percentage of sites classed as acceptable (flower bed maintenance)	18	100.00%	95.01%	84.76%	100.00%	1	95.01%	1	100.00%	H
Pr103- Percentage of sites classed as acceptable (litter)	26	100.00%	95.83%	81.82%	100.00%	1	88.85%	1	99.41%	H
Pr104- Percentage of sites classed as grade A (fly tipping)	26	100.00%	94.27%	60.88%	97.40%	10	88.85%	2	99.38%	H
Pr115- Percentage of sites classed as grade A (fly tipping)	27	100.00%	99.81%	98.68%	98.68%	27	100.00%	4	100.00%	H
Pr105- Percentage of sites classed as acceptable (dog fouling)	26	100.00%	99.55%	96.92%	100.00%	1	100.00%	1	100.00%	H
Pr106- Percentage of sites where bins were overflowing	27	11.04%	4.30%	0.00%	5.41%	20	0.57%	3	0.00%	L
Pr107- Percentage of sites containing bins classed as acceptable (bin structure)	25	100.00%	98.20%	78.72%	93.24%	19	100.00%	3	100.00%	H
Pr108- Percentage of sites containing bins classed as acceptable (bin cleanliness)	26	100.00%	96.30%	78.72%	87.50%	24	100.00%	4	100.00%	H
Pr109- Percentage of sites classed as unacceptable (flood surface weeds)	26	42.54%	12.18%	0.00%	4.21%	8	4.41%	2	2.07%	L



State of the market

- **What the data says**
- APSE conducts annual surveys of members, plus those who partake in Benchmarking can see where they stand relative to the country (and similar authorities) in terms of quantitative data

PI 25d - Number of incidents of fly-tipping/dumps per 1,000 households (England only)



Financial year	Maximum	Minimum
20-21	131.01	5.02
21-22	221.71	3.59
22-23	181.53	5.41
23-24	175.14	4.06
24-25	228.16	8.55

At 47.18, 24-25 had the highest PI value average and was 30.29% higher than 22-23, which had the lowest PI value average at 36.22.

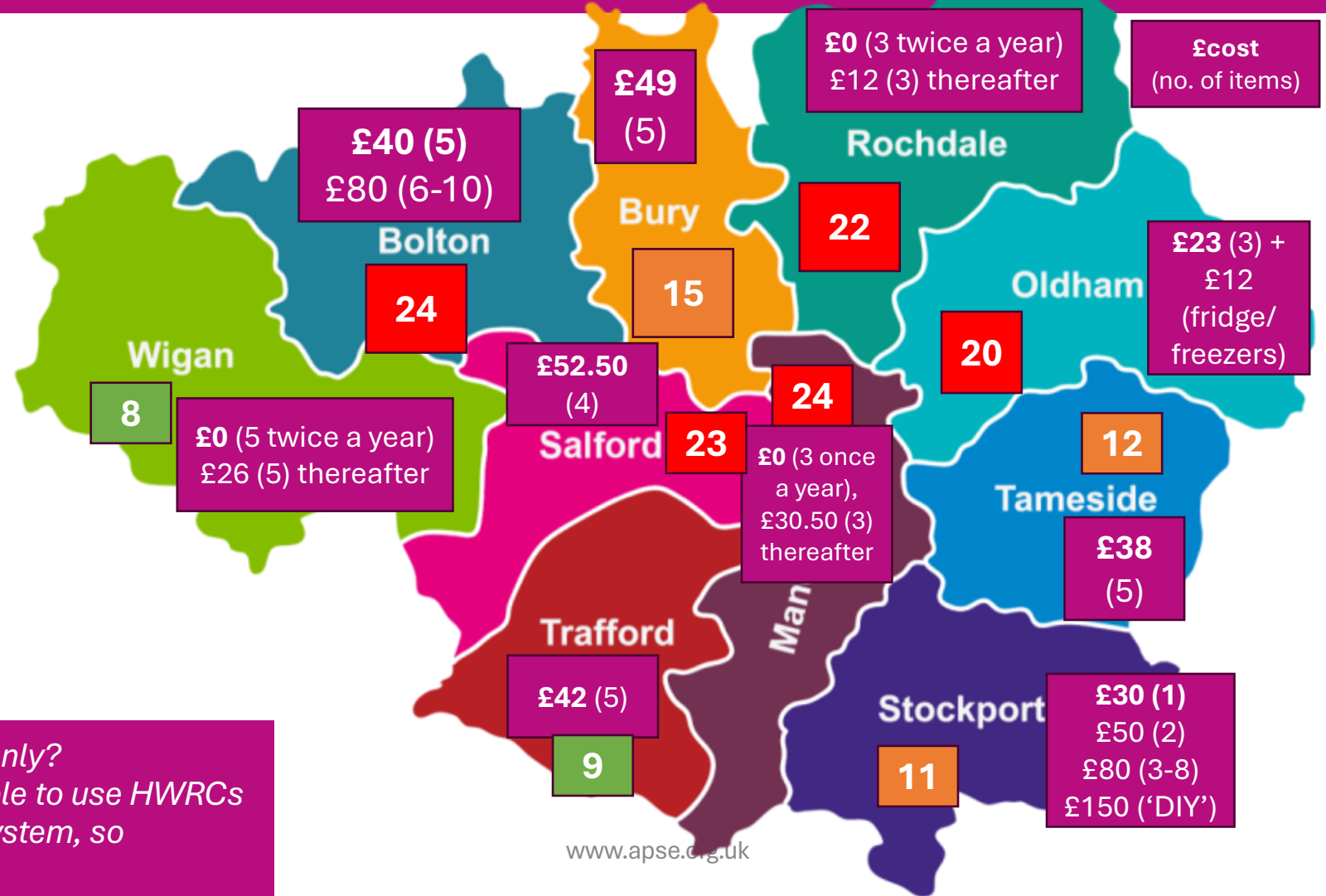
Across all 5 financial years, PI value average ranged from 36.22 to 47.18.

Bulky waste collection

- Policies and charging
- There haven't been many large-scale industry studies into bulky waste charges and relationship with fly-tipping rates, so it is inconclusive
- The BBC's analysis (2019) found *'no connection between the areas with the highest charges for waste collection and the highest rates of fly-tipping.'*
- WRAP (Waste & Resources Action Programme, 2021) did look at *HWRC charging* rates and found *"it appears unlikely that there is an association between fly-tipping and charging at HWRCs"*



Fly-tipping per 1,000 (Defra, 2023-24)



Support for low-income households? (Council Tax Support)

- Bolton – **free** once a year
- Bury – **half price** once a year
- Stockport – **half price**
- Tameside – *state pensioners* (not CTB) - for white goods only

Just so you know... Some London boroughs have fly-tipping rates **over 100** per 1,000...

**Why comparing with GM only?
GMCA doesn't charge people to use HWRCs or have a HWRC booking system, so eliminating that variable*

Education & Enforcement

A whistle-stop tour of good practice, starting from France!



How would you act in this street ?

Unconscious influence

Engaging communication and nudges



Illegal dumping – Barrier kit



Look at yourself when you pollute



Use of eye contact



APSE Performance Networks Seminar 2025 –
With credit to Julie Eckhoudt, AVPU
(Association of Cities for Urban Cleanliness)

Revitalize a place



SCRAP campaign... started in Hertfordshire, now widely used

Fly tipping
on roads
blocks access
for life-saving
emergency
veh



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THREE MONTH
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Why fly tipping is rub



It is dangerous to people, animals and the environment.



It encourages others to dump more.



It is ugly; it spoils our towns and devalues the local area.



It attracts other antisocial behaviour such as graffiti and vandalism.



It harms the countryside and costs landowners thousands to clear.



It is expensive for council tax payers, local councils and landowners.

FLY TIPPING IS THE ILLEGAL DUMPING OF ITEMS

IT CAN BE AS SMALL AS A SINGLE BAG, TO...



LET'S S.C.R.A.P. FLY TIPPING!

We ALL have a DUTY OF CARE, to ensure our household or business waste is disposed of legally and not fly tipped. Avoid an UNLIMITED FINE by following the S.C.R.A.P. code:

- S**uspect ALL waste carriers
- C**heck their license - you can call the Environment Agency on 03708 506 506
- R**efuse unexpected offers to have waste taken away
- A**sk what will happen to your waste
- P**aperwork is your proof - get a full receipt



NO FLY TIPPING

Buckinghamshire Council operates camera surveillance in the area for the purpose of waste crime detection and prosecution.

LET'S S.C.R.A.P. FLY TIPPING

www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk

R.A.P. fly tipping



Did you know?

Under section 34(2A) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990, Domestic Duty of Care, you can be issued a fixed penalty notice if you don't dispose of your waste correctly.

DUTY OF CARE



This includes:

- If fly tipped waste is traced back to **YOU**
- If **YOU** failed to make appropriate checks to ensure the transfer of **YOUR** waste was to an authorised person
- If **YOU** forget to check if the waste carrier is registered to remove **YOUR** household waste
- If **YOU** forget to get a Waste Transfer Note or receipt for the waste which gives a description of the waste, where it was collected from and where it's going

If **YOU** fail on any of the above, then **YOU** may receive a fixed penalty notice or face prosecution.



Leaving waste on unlicensed land.



Leaving items by the side of a bin.



Leaving items outside a closed charity shop.



Leaving items outside a donation or bring bank.



Leaving items outside your property's boundaries to be taken



Leaving items outside a closed recycling centre.

There is NO excuse...

Let's S.C.R.A.P. fly tipping

Use of media... caught in the act

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Fly tipper handed community sentence for dumping rubbish in city

HOME / NEWS / FLY TIPPER HANDED COMMUNITY SENTENCE FOR DUMPING RUBBISH IN CITY

A fly tipper who dumped 15 bags of rubbish and then twice failed to attend court to answer charges has been prosecuted by City of Wolverhampton Council.

Callum Owen

Fly-tipper caught on CCTV

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A man who was caught on camera fly-tipping in a popular dog walking location has appeared in court and been fined by magistrates.



Waste fly-tipped by Owen Gilbert near Roddymoor, Crook

In the footage, Owen Gilbert, of Hope Street, Crook, was seen removing household waste from the back of a van and dumping it into the undergrowth in an attempt to conceal it.

The incident occurred in June 2024 on private land close to the nearby villages of Billy Row and Roddymoor, which are frequently targeted by fly-tippers.

Magistrates in Peterlee heard how one of our neighbourhood wardens discovered the waste during a routine patrol. The warden checked footage captured by covert CCTV cameras installed as part of efforts to crackdown on fly-tipping and was able to watch the whole incident unfold.

This included gaining a clear view of the van's registration number, which led him to Gilbert, who was the registered owner.

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Waste fly-tipped at Barmston, Lincolnshire

Four more fined for fly-tipping and littering

SHOP A TIPPER

Provide us with information that leads to us identifying fly tippers and you could get a reward.

BBC

Man who dumped bed by road fined £4,600 by Brent Council

Naiffisa Abbas was caught on camera fly-tipping in Queensbury in a crackdown by the council.

Around Ealing

Fly-tippers pay for their actions

Nearly 200 fines issued to fly-tippers since Ealing Council launched its campaign to take tougher action on people illegally dumping waste.

4 days ago

North East Lincolnshire Council

Van used for fly-tipping crushed, says council

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Blackburn fly-tipper caught dumping bags of waste in alley as car seized

Zubeda Haq was also fined £2000 after illegally dumping building materials.

3 days ago

Caught on camera: Can you help identify this fly-tipper?

If you recognise the person in the image, please call 01472 326700 or email communityprotection@nelincs.gov.uk and quote PR202504-...

1 month ago

Mobile/pop up recycling/bulky waste centres



Bradford – working with communities in clean-up campaigns

- Bradford have around **1,100 streets** that can be quickly defined as “back streets” **55% of these are adopted so fall under normal cleansing maintenance** Where the back street is unadopted or part-adopted it’s very much a horse-for-course approach.
- Past attempts at **serving notice on every occupant** of every house on the street proved **ineffective** and generated more work for the council than just clearing the alley up would have done.
- What we have been doing a lot of recently is turning the table a bit and saying if you can **get a group of residents to come out and help clean** the alley and carry the items we will arrange a mini-clean up and take all the waste away (e.g. 4 hours on a Saturday morning etc)
- We have then been **publishing** these mini clean ups with before during and after pics on the **local Facebook groups** for those Wards or Constituencies to try and show people that their neighbours are doing their bit. Where there is very specific evidence or witnesses for fly tipping in back allies we will still go down the enforcement route

'Days of Action' to help clean up Bradford

Posted Monday, 28 April 2025 by Sukhwant Lota



We have announced a new series of 'Days of Action' to help clean up local areas across Bradford, building on the success of last year's clean-ups.

The six Days of Action will see our staff teaming up with local residents and organisations to carry out activities such as litter picking, painting, weeding, and planting shrubs.

Following a strong turnout in 2024, when we worked with residents, local authorities, and community groups to make a real difference across Bradford, the new series aims to continue these efforts and address issues like rubbish dumping.

Colleagues from Bradford Council, West Yorkshire Police and Community Payback will also be on hand to help at some events.

Everyone is welcome to join and will be equipped with litter pickers, bags, and gloves.

- The community clean-up days involved volunteers, residents, West Yorkshire Police, Bradford Council and community payback, with activities such as litter-picking, painting, weeding, and planting shrubs.
- "We're just cleaning areas up. We're moving fly-tipping, bringing out rubbish from the gardens and getting it into skips," he said.



NICOLA REES/BBC
Volunteers take part in the action days by trying to clear as much rubbish as possible

Communities urged to dispose of waste responsibly



NICOLA REES/BBC
The clean-up days aim to remove rubbish from estates in Bradford

Tim Dale Nicola Rees

Network query - alleyways

- A member Council has experienced an increase in the incidences of fly tipping and dumping in alley ways in its area.
- Their alleys are commonly not registered with the land registry and so no one responsible party can be found to clear the alley.
- They would therefore be interested to hear if other authorities have similar issues and what approach they take to dealing with these incidents, in particular: •
- Do you for example clear for free or do you charge the occupiers of surrounding properties for such clearance.
- Has any authority taken an alternative approach that has proved to be successful

Fly-tipping response in unadopted alleyways in Crewe, Cheshire East

- Historically in the unadopted alleyways in Crewe fly tipped waste (also referred as ‘side waste’) has been removed; this is found to be a combination of both bagged waste and other general items of household waste, e.g. beds, furniture and white goods.
- In the last 18 months pilot zones in these areas have been targeted and an additional **2 members of the enforcement team have been employed to patrol these areas** to engage, educate and enforce.
- Smart surveys have been carried out by the Community Engagement Team to outline issues in each area
- Meetings with residents
- Walkabouts; where residents, members and officers have attended Local media campaign; **‘no rubbish excuses’**
- Lots of posts of Facebook from **residents**; who are now **directly engaging** with officers, including reporting instances of fly tipping and **delivering literature** to explain about waste collection services



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have broken the alley gate





Nottingham City Council response

- We do have issues with flytipping in Alleyways in many parts of the city.
- This is a particular issue in wards with a high number of transient residents. In these areas it is almost impossible to take enforcement action.
- We have tried gating alleyways where we've supplied keys to residents **with some limited success.**
- In terms of clearing we look at this on a case by case basis where we will undertake one off clearances on proviso that all residents are written to afterwards where their responsibilities are made clear.
- We also do weeks of action and periodic deep cleans where we carry out clearances of alleyways to improve the general appearance of an area

Moss Side, Manchester alleyway transformation





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