

A quick reminder of the services that the Tunbridge Wells Borough Council Street Scene Enforcement team are responsible for:

Investigations into all incidents of Fly Tipping within the Borough.

Installation of signage and covert cameras for the purpose of deterring and gathering evidence.

Instigate legal proceedings against those responsible for fly tipping, including interviews under caution following the Police and Criminal Evidence guidelines. Taking cases to the Magistrates Court (or when appropriate Crown).

Fixed Penalty Notices can be issued for cases of low-level fly tipping of £400.

On **Public** land removal of fly tips in partnership the Councils contractors.

On **Private** land where there is sufficient evidence investigate and take appropriate enforcement action when possible. However it is the land owner's responsibility for removal and correct disposal of the fly tipping.

Investigate Suspected Abandoned vehicles and take Enforcement Action when Criteria are met:

1. The vehicle has not moved for a minimum of two weeks.
2. The vehicle shows signs of abandonment such as two or more of the following:
 - poor condition
 - build up of debris around the wheels, and or on the windscreen
 - broken windows
 - unlocked doors or boot
 - fuel filler cap open
 - un-taxed
3. Please note that a vehicle which changes its location within a road (even infrequently) is not abandoned.
4. Vehicle are allowed to be parked on the highway without a current MOT as long as they are not being used. If they are being used this is a Police matter.

Un taxed vehicles

Locating and removal of untaxed vehicles within the Borough, in partnership with the DVLA's contractors NSL.

Monitoring and checking waste carriers

Checking waste licenses of those carrying waste for commercial gain or as part of their business. Issuing £300 Fixed Penalty Notices to persons responsible for not having the correct licenses.

Seizure of and impounding of vehicles found to be transporting waste illegally or not in accordance with a license.

Stray Dogs

Collection and transportation of contained stray dogs to council approved kennels. Fees charged.

On occasions where appropriate (and the owner can be traced through the dogs microchip or collar tag) returning the dog directly to the owner (fees still apply).

From 6th April 2016, Dogs are required to be microchipped under The Microchipping of Dogs (England) Regulations 2014.

Litter and dog fouling

Issuing Fixed penalty Notices to those witnessed dropping and leaving litter of any type or failing to remove dog fouling originating for a dog under their control.

Fly posting

Issuing FPNs for instances of fly posting within the Borough. Removal of some signs in association with TWBC planning department.

Commercial Waste

Monitoring local businesses to check they are disposing of commercial waste using approved methods and with licensed operators. Following up on complains of illegal waste storage and or placing of commercial waste in domestic bins.

Householder Duty of Care Enforcement

Take appropriate enforcement action including education and or the issuing of £400 Fixed Penalty Notices to Householders whose waste is has been found fly tipped or passed to unauthorized and unlicensed waste carriers

If you require any further information or clarification or if you wish to report an issue, please contact: depot@tunbridgewells.gov.uk

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