

# Enforcement action results

We want to keep you up to date on the hard work our enforcement team are doing. When we get a result, we'll let you know here.

## September

### 28 September

- In a late-night operation we issued 12 £400 fly-tipping fines, five £110 fines for use of the incorrect receptacle, two £100 fines for unlicensed skips and materials and 10 enforcement notices requesting waste documents and ensuring businesses place out their waste correctly.

### 27 September

- In a hunt for illicit cigarettes and alcohol, we seized 1,300 cigarettes and 250g of hand rolling tobacco from a shop in the N22 area. The operation, with HMRC, was part of London Trading Standards Week. The shop will now face a licensing review and could have their licence suspended or revoked. Dodgy cigarettes may not show appropriate health warnings or have their Duty paid. They could also contain human faeces, asbestos, mould and dead flies. The illicit tobacco trade is often part of organised criminal activity and evidence suggests it may also fund terrorism.

### 26 September

- We went out on an early-morning operation to catch fly-tippers. Our team found evidence in piles of dumped waste and issued three £400 fines. Veolia removed the rubbish immediately.
- We've been hunting out rogue letting agents today for London Trading Standards Week. Out of 40 estate agents checked today, only two were found not to be members of a redress scheme or to provide comprehensive details of their charges. The Trading Standards team are now investigating them with the view to prosecution which could find them liable to fines of up to £5,000 per offence. All letting agents must join one of three Government-approved redress schemes so that tenants, landlords, leaseholders and freeholders have an independent person they can complain to. Letting agents must also display their fees, charges, and other relevant information in their branches and online.
- A large fly-tip in N17 was reported to us, with photographs. Our officers identified the property where the waste came from, investigated and formally interviewed the managing agent after summoning them to our offices. The agent admitted the items had come from their property and was handed a £400 fine. The agents also agreed to pay £300 towards our investigation and clean-up costs. They also committed to putting measures in place to avoid a repeat occurrence.

### 25 September

- Haringey Police cadets aged 15 and 16 went out on a test purchase to buy knives for London Trading Standards week. The cadets visited seven shops and tried to

buy age-restricted goods. Only one shop sold a knife – the seller will be prosecuted. Over the year 23 shops have been targeted and three sales made. A recent case saw the seller fined £500 plus £500 compensation.

## 20 September

- Our enforcement officers and police are working to support Travellers at Down Lane Park in leaving the site. Following a number of discussions, we have agreed that they will vacate by Saturday morning. In the meantime, all caravans have moved from marked pitches to the outer edges of the park and waste has been kept to a minimum. We and the police will continue to monitor the situation and will be at the site on Saturday.

## 18-19 September

- We issued 12 £400 fines and six enforcement notices in a late night fly-tipping operation. The owner of one business also admitted he does not have a trade waste contract and could face another £300 fixed penalty. One male was questioned by the police after an enforcement officer was injured after a fine was issued. This investigation is ongoing.

## 9 September

- Eight £400 fines were issued for fly-tipping in a late night operation

## 6 September

- Officers found 41 packets of illegal cigarettes hidden amongst stocks of sweets behind an off licence counter in Tottenham. The illicit foreign cigarettes had incorrect health warnings on them and were not in the correct UK plain packaging. A shop worker admitted selling the cigarettes, which had not had their UK Duty paid, for £6 a packet – well below the price of the legitimate product. The cigarettes were seized pending further investigation by Trading Standards.
- An off licence selling beer at a very low price was raided by our Trading Standards team. Officers discovered 876 litres of beer, which they suspected had been smuggled into the UK without payment of Duty. The Haringey trader was unable to produce any invoices and HMRC seized the alcohol.

## August

### 29 August

- In a late-night operation we issued seven £400 fly-tipping fines and one penalty for littering. One business will be prosecuted for fly-tipping and has fines outstanding. We issued 10 notices to businesses under the Environmental Protection Act and another got a Community Protection Notice Warning Letter.

### 24 August

- An alleyway in Bruce Grove was cleared by offenders from the Community Payback scheme.

## 23 August

- A fried chicken shop was temporarily closed by our team over health standards. It reopened on 25 August, having carried out all the work we required.
- A man banned from Haringey following a council drug dealing investigation at Ducketts Common has been ordered to pay more than £350 after he illegally returned to the borough. The man, from Enfield, was also warned he should expect to be jailed if he comes to Haringey again. He was one of five excluded from the borough in June 2016 following the drug probe. He breached the ban and at Edmonton County Court he was ordered to pay a £100 fine plus court costs of £255.

## 18 August

- We carried out a late night operation to tackle waste crimes. We issued five £400 fly-tipping fines and one fine of £150 for unlicensed street trading.

## 17 August

- We issued seven £400 fines for fly-tipping and two £110 fines for use of incorrect receptacles in a late-night waste operation.

## 11 August

- Groups loitering around Seven Sisters Market and West Green Road were given fines and warnings in an operation by our enforcement team, community safety team and the police. They were flouting the newly extended Public Space Protection Order in the area, which bans groups from congregating in the street. We issued three warnings to groups drinking alcohol, seven warnings to groups obstructing the footway and four fines to those causing a nuisance. There was also one cannabis seizure and a cannabis warning.

## 10-11 August

- We went out to tackle fly-tippers overnight. We issued 9 fines of £400 and we're investigating 6 businesses and 2 residents over waste issues.

## 1 August

- Our team went out overnight tackling businesses unlawfully depositing waste. Over two nights, we issued 19 fines of £400 for dumped black bags or cardboard boxes.

## July

### 31 July

- Two men have been jailed for their role in a £200,000 conspiracy to pass off horsemeat as beef. Horsemeat and beef were delivered to Dinos & Sons in Tottenham, where the meats were mixed together then sold on to food manufacturers. At Inner London Crown Court, Andronicos Sideras, who mixed the

meats, was jailed for four years and six months for fraud. His supplier Ulrik Nielsen was jailed for three years and six months. Haringey Council played a significant role in obtaining evidence to secure these convictions.

## 25 July

- Our tactical enforcement team and Immigration carried out a joint operation at two businesses along Green Lanes and one on Tottenham High Road. Arrests were made at two of the businesses over immigration offences.
- We issued a £150 fixed penalty notice to a man who forced entry into an abandoned shop and was selling perfume from the front of the premises. The man had a loud speaker and was attracting large crowds of people who were purchasing the perfume. The man was issued with the fixed penalty notice and was made to immediately pack up all the goods and vacate the premises. The keys to the property were then returned to the managing agent.
- A resident captured footage of tenants taking refuse sacks from their domestic bin and dump them at the entrance of a nearby alley. Our ward enforcement officer was able to trace the contents back to the tenants, who denied dumping the waste. The footage was shown to the managing agents of the tenants' property who condemned their behaviour and issued them with a warning. The tenants were issued with a £400 fly-tipping fixed penalty notice, which has since been paid.

## 24 July

- Around 100m of foliage near the railway tracks between Bounds Green Road and Eleanor Road was cut back by Haringey Community Payback. Veolia collected the cuttings.
- 27 people who have not paid littering fines issued by Kingdom will be dealt with at magistrates' court under the streamlined single justice procedure.
- A quick thinking resident captured on camera a landlord dumping furniture. The landlord was brought into the council offices for a formal interview. During the interview the landlord said the sofa had been left behind by one of his tenants that had moved out of the property he was renting. The landlord admitted fly tipping and was subsequently issued with a £400 fixed penalty notice.

## 21 July

- Last night our enforcement team issued 20 x £400 fixed penalty notices to businesses for unlawfully depositing waste. The waste consisted of either black bags or cardboard boxes.

## 19 July

- Trading Standards officers and HMRC discovered 361 litres of spirits which were not Duty Paid at an off licence in Hornsey. The find included large quantities of Albanian brandy which was on top of a large walk-in freezer. Officers also discovered vodka with fake Duty stamps. The total value of the seized goods is estimated to be in excess of £3,500.

## 13 July

- Our officers carried out a late night operation across the borough which involved enforcement on unlicensed shop front displays and premises licence checks with regards to unpaid fees and suspended licences. Ten fixed penalty notices were issued for fly-tipping with a fine of £400 each. Five fixed penalty notices were issued for unlicensed shop front displays at £150 each. A landowner will be served with a Community Protection Notice after an investigation of a large amount of fly-tipping. One business was visited and a licence check was carried out due to unpaid licence fees.

## 7 July

- We carried out an early morning operation, visiting a number of dumping locations in Bruce Grove. During the operation we witnessed a man walk his waste a significant distance from his property then dump it by a litter bin. He was challenged by officers, formally questioned and subsequently issued with an on the spot £400 fly-tipping fixed penalty notice. A further two fly-tipping fines were issued during the operation for waste that had been unlawfully deposited.

## 6 July

- We examined a massive fly-tip in Haringey for evidence and found waste from a home in Enfield. We visited the resident, who admitted paying a man £200 to take her waste away. The resident was given a formal caution.

## 3 July

- One of our enforcement officers caught a fly-tipper dumping a huge pile of rubbish on Green Lanes. The culprit was given an instant £400 fine.
- A man charged with possession of cannabis and cocaine has been taken to court and will be evicted if he causes any more problems. Our Anti Social Behaviour Team obtained a possession order against the man after police raided his property and found cannabis resin, a full jar of herbal cannabis and some cocaine. At Clerkenwell and Shoreditch County Court, the man was told to pay £481.75 costs.

## 2 July

- Offenders from the Community Payback scheme cleared an area of unregistered land in Tottenham. It had been used as a dumping ground by fly-tippers.

## Fly-tipping

One of our enforcement team's biggest tasks is tackling fly-tipping. Getting a conviction takes a huge amount of time and resources.

- Find out more on our [Fly-tipping: Help us catch the crooks page](#)
- Spotted something? [Report fly-tipping to Enforcement](#)