

# 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.

## December

### 22 December

- A man has been cautioned and made to pay £110 in clean-up and investigation costs after he dumped two cardboard boxes in the street. The boxes had his partner's details on them, so we were able to track him down. He admitted dumping the rubbish and apologised. All residents have a duty of care to ensure steps are taken to prevent their rubbish escaping

### 21 December

- Our enforcement team went on a late night fly-tipping operation. We issued 5 £400 fly-tipping fines, 1 £110 fine for use of incorrect receptacle and 6 waste enforcement notices to businesses in the borough

### 20 December

- A café boss in Hornsey has been ordered to pay £430 for fly-tipping after our team found boxes emblazoned with the company name dumped in a black bag. The café owner did not pay an initial fine and was prosecuted at Highbury magistrates' court. The café boss entered a guilty plea and must pay £430 in fines and costs

### 14 December

- A restaurant in Muswell Hill has been prosecuted for having unlicensed tables and chairs on the public highway following a complaint. The owner was warned about this in July and upon our return in December the chairs were still out. The owner was fined £150, but failed to pay this and the case was sent to Highbury magistrates. The owner pleaded guilty and was ordered to pay a £115 fine, £300 costs and a £30 victim surcharge
- A resident complained about waste deposited in a front garden in N15. Our officers served the property owner with a community protection notice and the waste was cleared

### 6 December

- Two £400 fly-tipping fines and ten £110 fines for use of incorrect receptacles were handed to businesses in a late-night crackdown

- A large cardboard box with a resident's name printed on it was found in the street in N15. We invited the resident for interview and they admitted it had come from their garden. The resident paid £110 towards clear-up costs and was given a formal caution for failing to control the escape of waste. All residents have a duty of care to ensure steps are taken to prevent their waste escaping

## 5 December

- In a late-night operation we issued 11 £400 fly-tipping fines, a £110 fine for use of incorrect receptacle and two £80 littering fines

## 2 December

- A member of the public took pictures of rubbish strewn across a street in N15. Based on the photos, we found a suspect who admitted responsibility. They were cautioned and had to pay £110 in clean-up costs

# November

## 28 November

- We and the police visited businesses suspected of licence breaches. Investigations are being carried out as a result. A premises was found to be allowing the use of shisha pipes in a smoke-free premises and the police seized a quantity of a controlled substance

## 24 November

- We issued 17 £400 fines to businesses for fly-tipping and served 10 enforcement notices during two late night operations this week. Three businesses were caught unlawfully depositing waste

## 9 November

- A man who dumped a fridge in the street has paid a £400 fly-tipping fine thanks to evidence from a member of the public. The witness spotted the fridge being dumped from a vehicle in N15. They provided us with pictures and information. With support from the police, we were able to identify the vehicle owner, who admitted to dumping the fridge. Here's [how you can help catch fly-tippers](#)

## 7 November

- An overgrown hedge at a property in N15 has been cut back by the owner after we got in touch following residents' complaints that it was obstructing the public highway

## 6 November

- A private alleyway near Muswell Hill Broadway suffering fly-tipping, littering and parking problems has been tidied and repaired following hard work by our enforcement team. Officers engaged with the business which owned the alley, and served notice on them to repair a damaged pavement. Other businesses that have access to the alleyway have also been served notice to ensure they comply with rules over bins. A £400 fine was issued to one business for unlawfully depositing waste in the alley, and another must install a cigarette bin for staff. The alley is now in a good state

## 3 November

- We checked more than 100 streets over the last seven days to identify fly-tips, dumped rubbish and potential fire hazards. They were reported to Veolia for clearance. We also handed out leaflets advising residents how to prevent car crime, keep their homes safe and prevent mobile phone theft

## 2 November

- OKAPI restaurant, West Green Road, was found guilty in court of fly-tipping and failing to produce waste documents. Black bags full of food and restaurant waste were discovered by our team as part of Operation Twilight this summer. The restaurant was fined £400 for fly-tipping and £300 for failing to produce waste documents, but failed to pay. Highbury magistrates imposed a £2,100 fine for the two offences, plus £900 costs and a £120 victim surcharge

## 1 November

- Skin lightening cosmetics containing a banned substance were seized from a shop in Wood Green. Our Trading Standards team found products containing hydroquinone, which experts say can damage the liver and nervous system

# October

## 31 October

- Our enforcement team and the police were out making sure no one could ruin the Halloween fun for our residents. We had extra officers out to target anti-social behaviour. As part of Autumn Nights we worked with the police to carry out a weapon sweep. We engaged with residents in Hornsey, Harringay and Tottenham, delivering leaflets on firework and bonfire safety and advice around reporting anti-social behaviour
- We worked with our outreach team to engage with rough sleepers in Harringay wanting assistance

## 30 October

- We've been visiting estates this week and delivering leaflets about firework and bonfire safety, as part of our Autumn Nights operation. We are also carrying out nightly checks for build-ups of debris for illegal bonfires and targeting anti-social behaviour

## 27 October

- We contacted more than 100 businesses urging them to be extra vigilant about under-age sales of knives, fireworks, alcohol, cigarettes and other age-restricted products. Businesses were also reminded not to sell flour and eggs to groups of youths who may be using them for Halloween pranks
- From 5.30am, our outreach team engaged with rough sleepers in Finsbury Park, with a number of people referred for support

## 26 October

- Illegal gaming machines, a betting terminal, a phone and suspected illicit tobacco have been seized as part of our Autumn Nights operation. Our enforcement team found the five gaming machines at three premises and the betting terminal was seized from a social club. A suspected fake iPhone and tobacco products on sale at a social club were also seized and another business was issued with a £400 fly-tipping fine
- Youngsters helped our Trading Standards team carry out 13 under-age test purchases of fireworks, knives and alcohol in Tottenham. All traders refused to sell such items to the youngsters. One shop did sell bangers, and they will face formal action

## 20 October

- Our Autumn Nights crackdown launched today, focusing on illegal fireworks sales, illegal bonfires, fly-tipping, late night bars, betting shops and underage knife sales
  - [Read more about Autumn Nights here](#)
- We issued five businesses with £400 fly-tipping fines and one resident was given an £85 fixed penalty for littering

## 18 October

- Sniffer dogs helped our Trading Standards team and HMRC to find illicit tobacco in Haringey. Two self-storage centres were visited, plus six shops. The dogs are specially trained to detect deliberately concealed tobacco hidden behind doors, walls and panels. The dogs sniffed out 7,620 illicit cigarettes in the basement of a shop in Tottenham – they did not comply with UK health warning or packaging requirements and were not duty paid. The cigarettes were seized pending further investigation

## 17 October

- An evening operation to target fly-tippers saw us issue eight £400 fines. 12 enforcement notices will be served and we caught one business putting out waste in street sweepers' sacks

## 8 October

- Eight offenders cleared 21 tons of rubbish from an alleyway in N17 as part of their community payback. Working with the council, Probation Service and Veolia, they also pulled down caged metal roofing across the alleyway entrance which would have prevented access in the event of a fire

## 5 October

- Two men have been fined in court after our enforcement officers and police caught them selling nitrous oxide – or laughing gas – to the public at Wireless Festival in July. They were found guilty in their absence of unlicensed street trading after failing to attend a hearing at Highbury Magistrates Court. They were each ordered to pay £1,066 – made up of a £660 fine, £340 costs and a £66 victim surcharge
- We issued four £400 fixed penalty notices for fly-tipping and 11 waste related enforcement notices in an evening operation

## 3 October

- We issued six £400 fly-tipping fines in a late-night operation. 12 enforcement notices requesting waste documents and ensuring businesses place their waste out correctly were also issued

## 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](#)