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Fly-tipping

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Information Request and Response by Lewes District Council

1. *How many incidents of fly-tipping were reported to the council in:*

- a) *the year 2015/2016 = 152*
- b) *2016/2017 = 143*
- c) *2017/2018 = 120*

2. *How much did the council spend on clearing up fly-tipping in the area in: a) 2015/2016? b) 2016/2017? c) 2017/2018?*

The council does not identify fly-tipping as a separate entity within its accounts and it is included in the general cost for waste and recycling.

3. *How many people were successfully prosecuted for fly-tipping in:*

- a) *2015/2016 1*
- b) *2016/2017 0*
- c) *2017/2018 0 - however, two fixed penalty notices issued and paid for fly tipping as an alternative to prosecution.*

4. *What were the ten highest streets in your locality for fly tipping? I am after the number of times your council has been called or has dealt with fly tipping in a street.*

The actual number of times is difficult to be accurate with but the 'hot spot' street/areas are as follows:

**The Hollow, Newhaven
Grand Avenue, Seaford
Underhill Lane, Ditchling
Fairlight Avenue, Telscombe
Piddinghoe Avenue, Peacehaven
Ditchling Road, Ditchling
Ham Lane, Lewes
The Highway, Peacehaven
Ridge Road, Falmer**

Gorham Lane, Telscombe

5. *Do you have any dedicated projects or trial schemes aimed at reducing fly-tipping? If so, please give details.*

We have identified the hot spots for fly tipping and erected signage at the sites which has had a positive result.

We have also carried out a day of action with VOSA and Police to stop and check all waste carriers using the A26 and A27 routes to the waste transfer sites to check licences and waste being carried.

We have also introduced seagull proof bags to assist residents to dispose of domestic waste more securely and prevent waste being attacked by seagulls and foxes which has been very popular with residents, reduced waste/littering in the streets and encourage lawful waste disposal.