

Environmental Crime Enforcement

Catford South Ward Assembly

The Hybrid Environmental Crime Enforcement Team

- An innovative solution to tackling environmental crimes
- Dedicated to combat anti social behaviour from litter, fly tipping on public land, uncontained waste on private land, abandoned/ nuisance vehicles.
- Officer deployment is Boroughwide, and ward based.



Aims of the Environmental Crime Enforcement Team



- Overall aim of the hybrid service is to provide a dedicated enforcement team that is highly visible, engaging, supportive to other agencies such as the police and able to provide a rapid response daily.
- Council officers focus on high priority activities carrying out – large scale Fly Tipping Investigations, Serving Removal of Waste Notices to Private Land owners, CCTV Operations, Retention of Evidence, Casefile Preparation and coordinating other areas of the service under the direction of the Enforcement Manager.
- Contracted officers issue fines for antisocial behaviour from litter, low level fly tipping (discarded bags of waste) and issue removal notices for abandoned vehicles.



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Scope of the Environmental Enforcement Team

- CCTV Enforcement
- Antisocial Behaviour related Littering
- Fly Tipping on public/ private land
- Duty of Care Inspections
- Unlicensed Waste Carriers
- Unlicensed Street Trading
- Abandoned Vehicles
- Vehicles for sale/ repaired on the highway
- Highway obstructions
- Dogs fouling/ off Leads
- Walking more than 4 dogs
- Graffiti & Fly posting
- Leaflet distribution
- Community Engagement at Ward Assemblies
- Erecting Anti Fly tipping Signage
- Reporting fly tipping via Cleaner Lewisham App



Fly Tipping & Litter

- The team visit hotspots daily in high streets and residential areas
- Officers find evidence of fly tipping by looking through discarded waste in refuse sacks
- Eye witness reports can also be made confidentially to the team online or by telephone
- Fixed penalty notices can be issued on the spot
- Fixed penalty notices can be issued by post
- Formal Cautions can be given for 1st time offenders
- Community Protection Warnings/ Notices
- Prosecutions in extreme cases



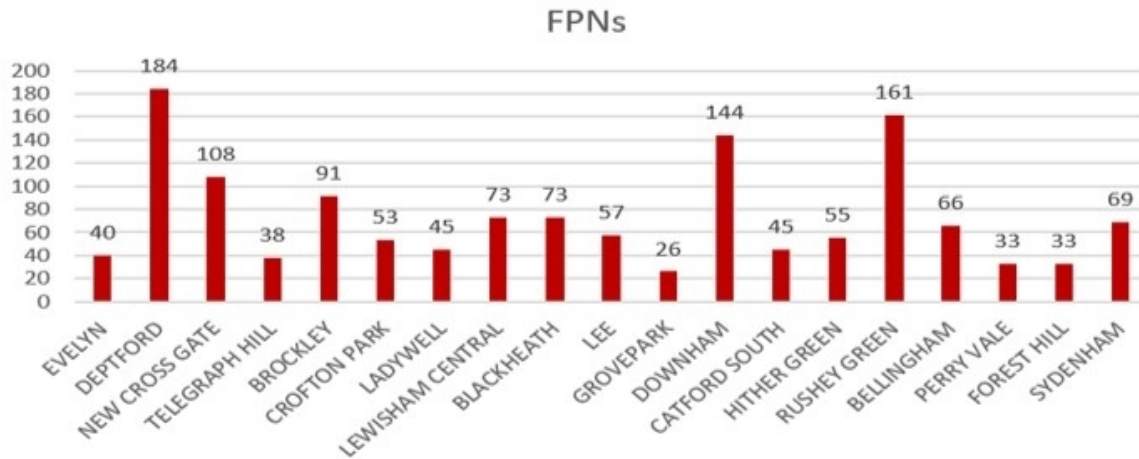
Environmental Crime Enforcement Team Ward Statistics

April 2022 - February 2023

Since April 2022, 45 fixed penalty notices have been issued to residents and businesses situated in the Catford South Ward.

Deptford Ward remains the ward with the most recorded fixed penalty notices (184).

Rushey Green, Dowham, New Cross Gate & Brockley Wards follow close behind.



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Catford South is in the middle bracket for recorded fixed penalty notices.

- Environmental issues recorded are mostly with household waste being left on residential streets.
- Evidence is mostly found from flats above shops and some local businesses.
- Over production of household waste from HMO's.
- Roadside vehicles repairs from mechanics





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Waste on Private Land

The Environmental Crime Enforcement Team continue to tackle important cases to do with uncontained waste that has been left on private land by serving removal of controlled waste notices to occupiers, managing agents and landlords.



Before



After

Enforcement: CCTV

- The team use deployable CCTV cameras at known fly tip hot spots
- CCTV is successfully used to observe fly tipping from vehicles
- Vehicle registration numbers are traced using ANPR technology
- CCTV isn't as useful in identifying individuals carrying items on foot
- Fly tipping from a vehicle is treated more seriously in court
- CCTV is redeployed if no offences are captured within a 3-6 month period



Abandoned Vehicles/ Roadside Repairs



- Over 100 Abandoned vehicle reports/ inspected monthly
- Approx. 20 or more vehicles issued with 7 day removal notices monthly
- 50 or more vehicles removed/ crushed per year
- Fixed penalty notices issued to garages for roadside repairs (restricted works)

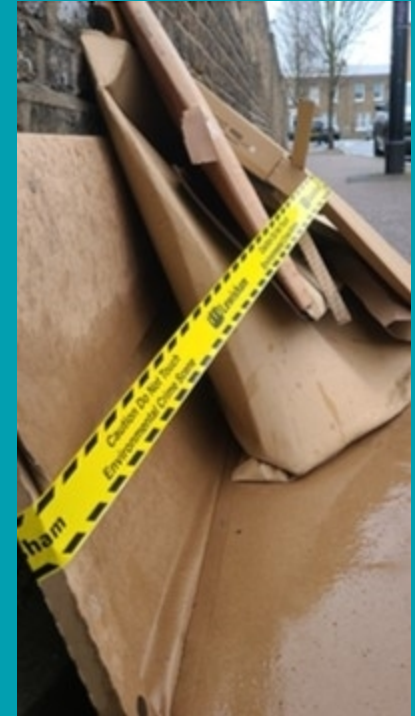
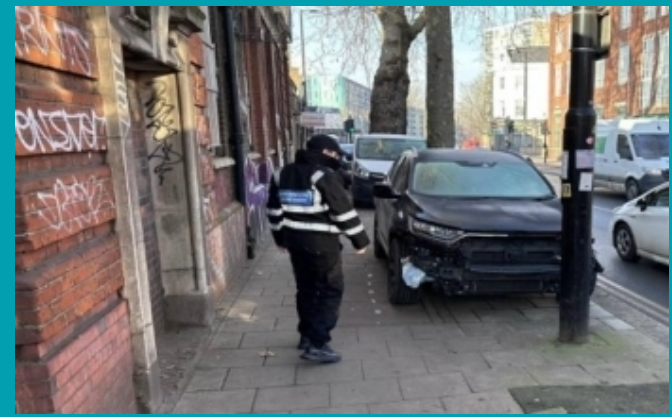
Community Engagement



- Regular Patrols (Feel good factor of safety)
- Attending Ward Assemblies
- WalkABOUTS with Residents
- Met Police Walk and Talks
- Leaflet Drops
- Community Litter Picks
- Promotion of Recycling, Reduce & Reuse
- Engage
- Educate
- Encourage
- Enforcement

Environmental Services in action:

- Enforcement Team
- Cleansing Services
- Refuse Collection



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