

# **Environmental Crime Enforcement**

**Brockley  
Ward Assembly  
11/03/23**

# 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



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- 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 1<sup>st</sup> time offenders
- Community Protection Warnings/ Notices
- Prosecutions in extreme cases



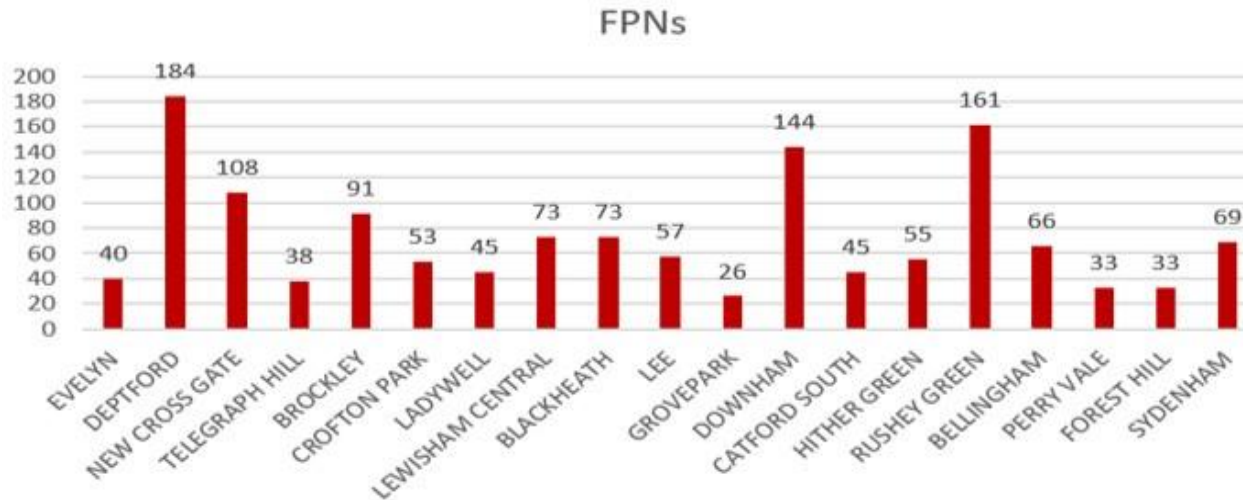
# Environmental Crime Enforcement Team Ward Statistics

**April 2022 - February 2023**

Since April 2022, 91 fixed penalty notices have been issued to residents and businesses situated in the Brockley Ward.

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

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



# Environmental Crime Enforcement Team Brockley

## Brockley Ward

**Brockley** is in the highest 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 businesses on Lewisham Way, Brockley Road, and some privately managed housing estates.
- Misuse of Recycling Banks
- Dogs off leads in Cemetery



# Additional Signage



The Environmental Crime Enforcement Team are able to erect additional no fly tipping signage to street lampposts and railings where it is needed upon request.

You can ask for this through your local ward councilors or by emailing [envirocasework@lewisham.gov.uk](mailto:envirocasework@lewisham.gov.uk)



# Enforcement: CCTV



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- 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



# Misuse of Recycling Banks

If you're using recycling banks, do not leave items next to them even if they are full. This is classed as fly tipping and may result in enforcement action.

You can report full recycling banks by emailing [recycle@lewisham.gov.uk](mailto:recycle@lewisham.gov.uk)



# 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)



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## Dogs off Leads

The Environmental Crime Enforcement Team continue to receive complaints of dog fouling and dogs off leads. This is particularly in the Brockley & Ladywell Cemetery.

Community Protection Warnings can be issued for failing to put your dog on a lead when instructed by an officer.

Fines can be issued for dog fouling with the introduction of a new Public Space Protection Order - PSPO.



# 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

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