

# Environmental Enforcement



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Welcome to our first Environmental Enforcement newsletter, we want to give you an insight into the type of work that we carry out across the district.

As a team we tackle Environmental Crime, patrolling the district to make sure that the local environment is protected and support and engage with our community. We are on the look out for things like graffiti, littering, dog-fouling and fly-tipping and we then deal with people committing these offences.

We handle breaches of the Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPOs), including dog fouling, dogs in restricted areas, anti-social behaviour and unauthorised encampments. We also enforce the Health Act, which encompasses smoking in commercial vehicles and the failure to display no-smoking signs in multi-use commercial vehicles.

Our Environmental Protection team tackles fly-tipping, contaminated land, pest control, statutory nuisance including, noise, light, smoke and dust offences, drainage investigation and pollution control and large scale fly-tipping.

We are out and about in the district supporting the protection of the environment.



## Getting in touch

There are several ways you can do this.

Go to FHDC website and create a 'MyAccount'

Click on 'Report it'

Scan the QR code below to take you directly to the reporting suite.

Use our LiveChat service on



our website open from Monday to Friday, 10am to 5pm

Email us on: [environmental.services@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk](mailto:environmental.services@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk)

Call us on: 01303 853660 - Monday to Friday 10am to 5pm



# Meet the team

## Environmental Enforcement Team

Environmental Enforcement Officers from left: Haydee Blaskett, Shaun Staveley (Environmental Crime Officer), Greg McNeil and Troy Fox, pictured with the Mayor of Folkestone (centre)



The Environmental Enforcement team has attended many events during the year and it has been a fantastic opportunity to engage with the public, sharing information on the role of the officers and also a great chance to share easy it is report issues.

The team are keen to continue the success and is busy planning events for 2025. a schedule of dates and times will be available in the next newsletter.

## Paws for Thought



We have held several events during 2024 to promote our Paws for Thought campaign together with our RSPCA partners. They have been extremely well received and a great opportunity to engage with dog owners and provide free chipping or checking of microchips. We were pleased to discover that the majority of dogs who visited us during the events had a micro-chip, however a surprising amount (approximately 65%) required updating as the information was out of date. Keeping your information up

to date allows us to quickly reunite you with your dog.

It was great meeting everyone and explaining about the dog restricted areas around the district and the efforts that we are making to clamp down on dog fouling. This was a great success and the new dates for our Paws for Thought road-show will be shared in our next edition.



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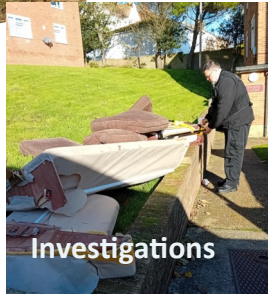
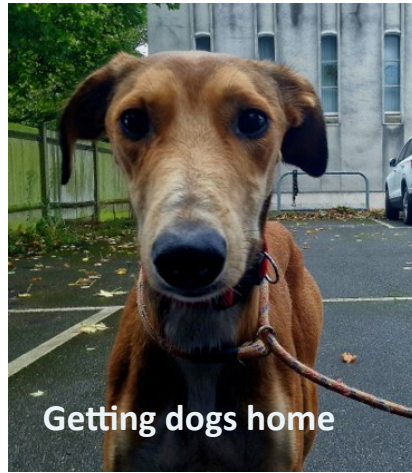
## Environmental Crime Officer



We have a new specialist role within the team. Shaun Staveley has been promoted to Environmental Crime Officer. The role encompasses working alongside both Environmental Enforcement Officers and the Environmental Protection team. This hybrid role involves investigating complex fly-tipping cases and environmental protection cases, such as commercial waste, instances of burning waste that creates dark smoke, duty of care, cases of contaminated land and also nuisance complaints such as noise, light, dust, air quality and odour.

This specialist role hinges the teams together to allow us to proactively tackle environmental crime across our district, pulling together our patrol teams and Environmental Protection specialists.

# Enviro-Crime busters #whatwedo



Let's work together to keep our district clean— report it!



# Waging the war on dog fouling

## The Warren campaign



Due to the amount of dog faeces found at The Warren, officers have targeted the area to tackle the problem by installing additional signage, increasing patrols and engaging with dog walkers and visitors.

To prevent any visitors to The Warren from standing in dog fouling, officers are spraying eco-friendly chalk paint around it. Dog walkers have been very supportive of this and expressed their concerns and disgust about irresponsible dog walkers in the community.

Work is being continued with regular patrols and we have been logging the number of incidents and it appears that the numbers are reducing which is really positive.

Recently five dog walkers have been issued £100 Fixed Penalty Notices for not clearing up after their dogs, one was prosecuted in the magistrates court.

There is no excuse for this behaviour and the council will take a hard line with anybody found doing this.

We want to hear from you. If you see anybody allowing their dog to foul and walk away, or bagging it up and throwing the bag away, or hanging it on a tree instead of correctly putting it any bin, please contact us via the link on page one in this newsletter.



*Please help to support your fellow community members by responsibly always picking up after your dog. If you see any dog fouling that requires removal or to notify out enforcement officers, visit our website.*

## COURT RESULTS

A resident recently had to face a fine of £816 at Margate Magistrates Court for failing to pick up after her dog in at The Warren—a site of Special Scientific Interest.

A Folkestone harbour resident pleaded guilty for not picking up after his beagle in Tram Road and was ordered to pay £260.

A dog walker fell foul of a fine of £480 when he didn't bother to pick up after his dog in the Old High Street, Folkestone.

## Enviro-Crime busters

A couple from Lydd who failed to clear up a build-up of waste were found guilty of breaching Community Protection Notices issued by Environmental Protection officers.

The waste was having a detrimental impact on neighbours. Attempts to work with the residents over a series of months failed, and opportunities were provided to clear waste from the garden.

Failure to clear the waste resulted in the couple having to pay a total of £1500 costs at Margate Magistrates Court.



This fly-tipper received a **£300** Fixed Penalty Notice for illegally dumping their sofas

Increased patrols in problematic areas resulted in officers issuing two Fixed Penalty Notices of £300 each for fly-tipping next to bins.



**Fly-tipping, help us by reporting it.**

Our Environmental Crime Officer investigated this fly-tip found in Paddlesworth, and issued a Fixed Penalty Notice relating to Duty of Care.



Responsibly dispose of household waste... it's free to visit our re-cycling centres for general household waste. These residents paid £300 for fly-tipping