Summary of Activity - Fly-Tipping Fortnight | 12th to 25th October 2026

Internal:

The work started with this article for the Intranet:

This is Fly Tipping Fortnight

Today, 12 October is the start of Keep Britain Tidy's Fly Tipping Fortnight and we're using this as a great opportunity to help tackle the problem in Stevenage.

Fly tipping takes a variety of forms which may surprise you. Residents are not always aware that behaviours such as leaving household waste beside a public bin, outside a charity shop or next to a recycling bank are all forms of fly tipping and could lead to a Fixed Penalty Notice of up to £5,000. These perceived low-level behaviours degrade the appearance of our streets and public spaces, encourage copy-cat tipping, and represent hefty clean-up costs for our council.

But there are other forms, especially if you fail to check if someone you get with a van to take away your waste has a licence. Failing to check where waste ends up can lead to it being fly tipped, and you could face enforcement action if you have not taken reasonable steps to ensure their waste was handled legally.

This week and next, our officers will be delivering leaflets and calling at homes across Stevenage to help better detect and prevent the problem here. The campaign will work on this timetable:

Date	Ward AM leaflet drop	Ward PM - Door knocking
Wednesday 14 October	Almond Hill	Roebuck
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There were over 15,000 reported incidents of fly tipping in Hertfordshire between April 2024 and March 2025. Fly tipping in an environmental and antisocial crime with real consequences – blighting communities, spoiling green spaces and public areas, and is a threat to both wildlife and public health, with the taxpayer bearing the cost of removal and clean up.

Find out more about **Fly Tipping(link is external)** and how to report it.

External:

Our social media campaign used the assets and messaging of Hertfordshire Waste Aware. Some of these posts were case studies of prosecutions across Hertfordshire towns. Some of these related specifically to Stevenage.

This was the opening post on 12 October:



Stevenage Borough Council
Published by Hootsuite · 12 October ·

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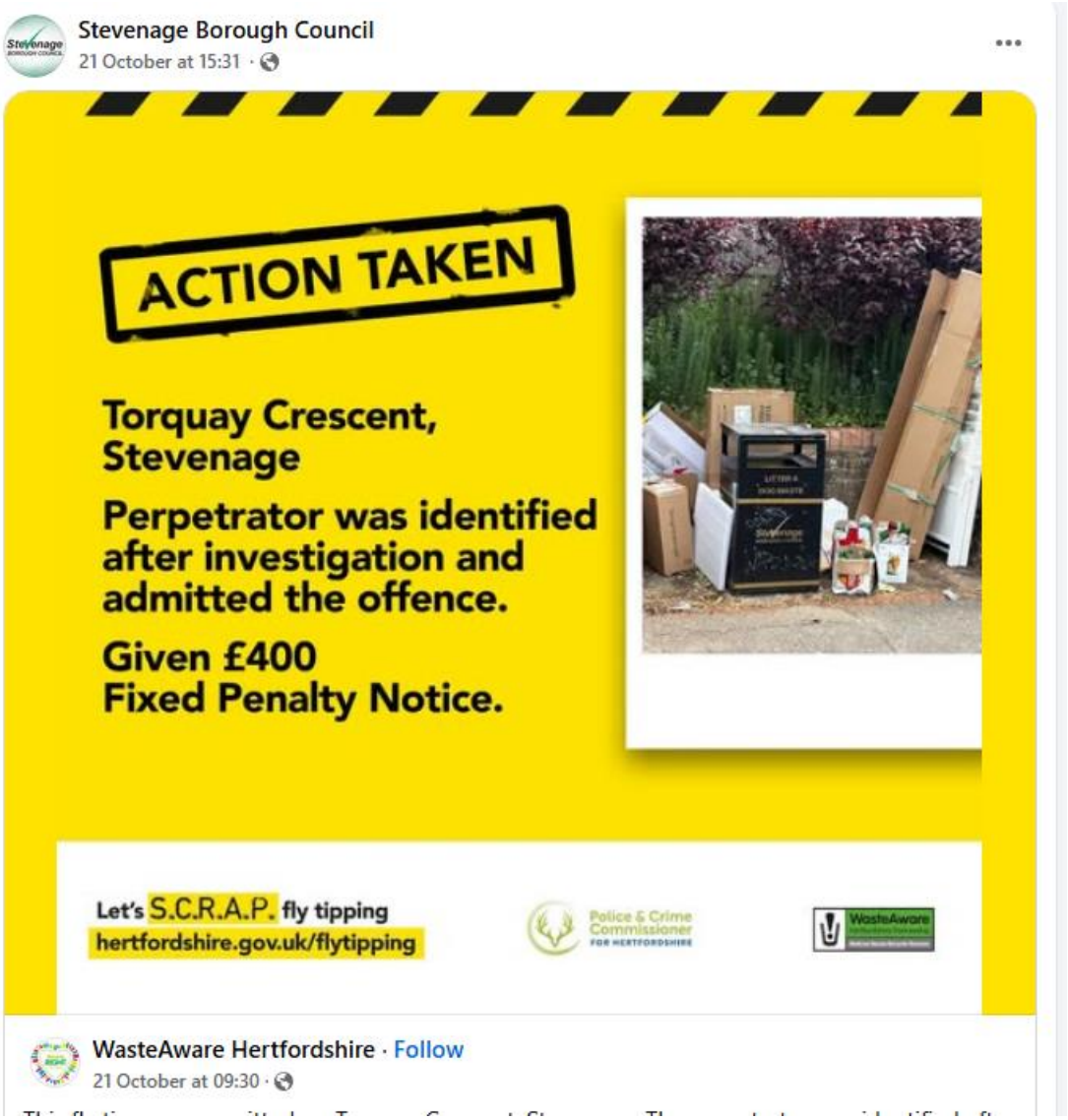
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But there are other forms, especially if you fail to check if someone you get with a van to take away your waste has a license. Failing to check where waste ends up can lead to it being fly tipped, and you could face enforcement action if you have not taken reasonable steps to ensure their waste was handled legally. They need an Upper Tier licence to be allowed to legally transport other people's waste.

Check the waste carrier is registered on the Environment Agency register at:
https://environment.data.gov.uk/.../search-waste-carriers...
#Stevenage #FlyTippingFortnight See less



Stevenage specific posts:



WasteAware Hertfordshire · Follow
21 October at 09:30

This fly tip was committed on Torquay Crescent, Stevenage. The perpetrator was identified after investigation and admitted the offence. This resulted in a £400 Fixed Penalty Notice.

Please continue to report fly tipping so they can be investigated by our teams: https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/.../report-littering-or...

Remember: Fly tipping is a crime. Tampering with evidence, or posting to local network groups, could prevent enforcement action or result in perpetrators returning to the scene to remove key identifiable information. Please report the fly tip and leave it as you find it.

Residents can dispose of their waste lawfully using the councils bin collection service, one of the many recycling centres in Hertfordshire or by using a licensed waste carrier to remove waste on their behalf.

#WasteAware #SCRAPFlyTipping #FlyTippingFortnight #FlyTipping #StopFlyTipping Broxbourne Council Dacorum Borough Council East Herts Council Hertsmere North Herts Council St Albans City and District Council Stevenage Borough Council Three Rivers District Council Watford Council Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council See less

And:

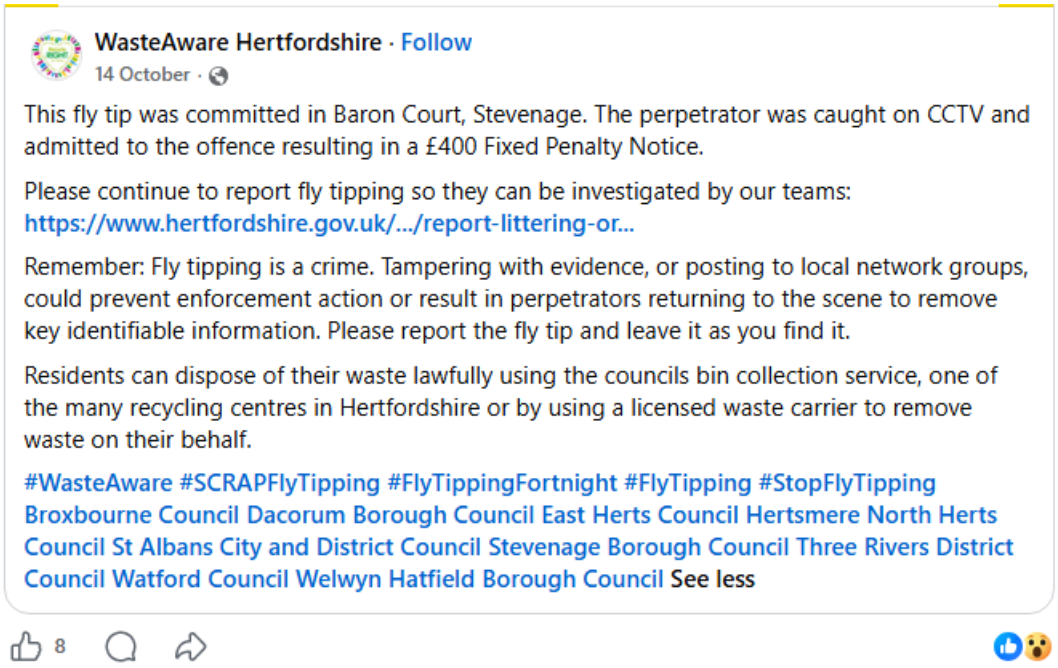
Stevenage Borough Council
14 October ·



WasteAware Hertfordshire · Follow
14 October ·

This fly tip was committed in Baron Court, Stevenage. The perpetrator was caught on CCTV and admitted to the offence resulting in a £400 Fixed Penalty Notice.... See more

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How the posts performed:

We have full data for the first as we made that ourselves from our account. The other posts were shared from Hertfordshire Waste Aware:

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	Date	**Views**	**Viewers**	**Likes**	**Shares**	**Comments**	**Engagement**	**Impressions**
	12th	4816	3180	8	1	4	96	3201
	13th			8		1		
	14th			8				
	15th			2				
	16th			3				
	19th			4				
	20th			3				
	21st			28	2	9		
	22nd			4				
	25th			3		10		

HCC post performance data

Fly Tipping Fortnight		Facebook						Instagram			
		Views	Viewers	Interactions	Likes	Shares	Link clicks	Views	Viewers	Interactions	Likes
12 October 2026	SCRAP Launch	928	607	4	4	1	3	114	n/a	5	4
13 October 2026	James Altham and Oxhey Jets Football	1,935	1,203	5	4	2	1	347	224	8	7
14 October 2026	Baron Court, Stevenage	2,060	1,262	9	7	2	2	37	33	1	1
15 October 2026	Hammondstreet Road, Cheshunt	1,183	681	5	4	1	0	95	70	2	2
16 October 2026	Dagger Lane, Elstree	1,010	651	4	3	1	0	87	53	1	1
17 October 2026	Lilley Bottom, Lilley	148	96	2	2	0	0	56	40	0	0
18 October 2026	Rossgate, Hemel Hempstead	157	115	3	3	0	0	51	35	1	1
19 October 2026	Oxhey Jets Football Club, Carpenders F	1,686	1,051	7	4	3	0	54	31	2	2
20 October 2026	SCRAP Reminder Don't Touch	1,004	650	9	1	2	1	62	42	1	1
21 October 2026	Torquay Crescent, Stevenage	4,912	2,894	8	3	4	3	57	41	3	3
22 October 2026	Watery Lane, Hemel Hempstead	1,178	753	3	2	1	0	53	32	2	2
23 October 2026	Winch Hill Road, Hitchin	105	70	5	5	0	0	60	43	3	3
24 October 2026	Sarratt Road, Croxley Green	80	61	2	2	0	0	93	58	2	2
25 October 2026	SCRAP Conclusion	1,608	1,005	5	4	1	0	55	39	1	0

We've also made a few posts in recent weeks about egregious fly tipping at the bring site in St Nicholas where bulky waste has been left:

Stevenage Borough Council
Published by Hootsuite · 6 days ago ·

Recycling bring banks are there to make it easier for residents to recycle extra items between collections, or for those who have limited storage space at home.

Unfortunately, we continue to see waste being left beside the bins at some of our neighbourhood centres, including the items shown in these photos from St Nicholas.

If waste is left next to the recycling banks, it is fly-tipping and has to be cleared separately. This takes time and money away from other services that benefit our communities.

Before visiting a bring bank, please make sure your items can be placed inside the bins provided. If they can't, the best option is to take them to the Household Waste Recycling Centre on Caxton Way, where a wide range of items can be disposed of safely and responsibly.

By working together and using the right disposal routes, we can help keep our neighbourhood centres clean, tidy and welcoming for all.

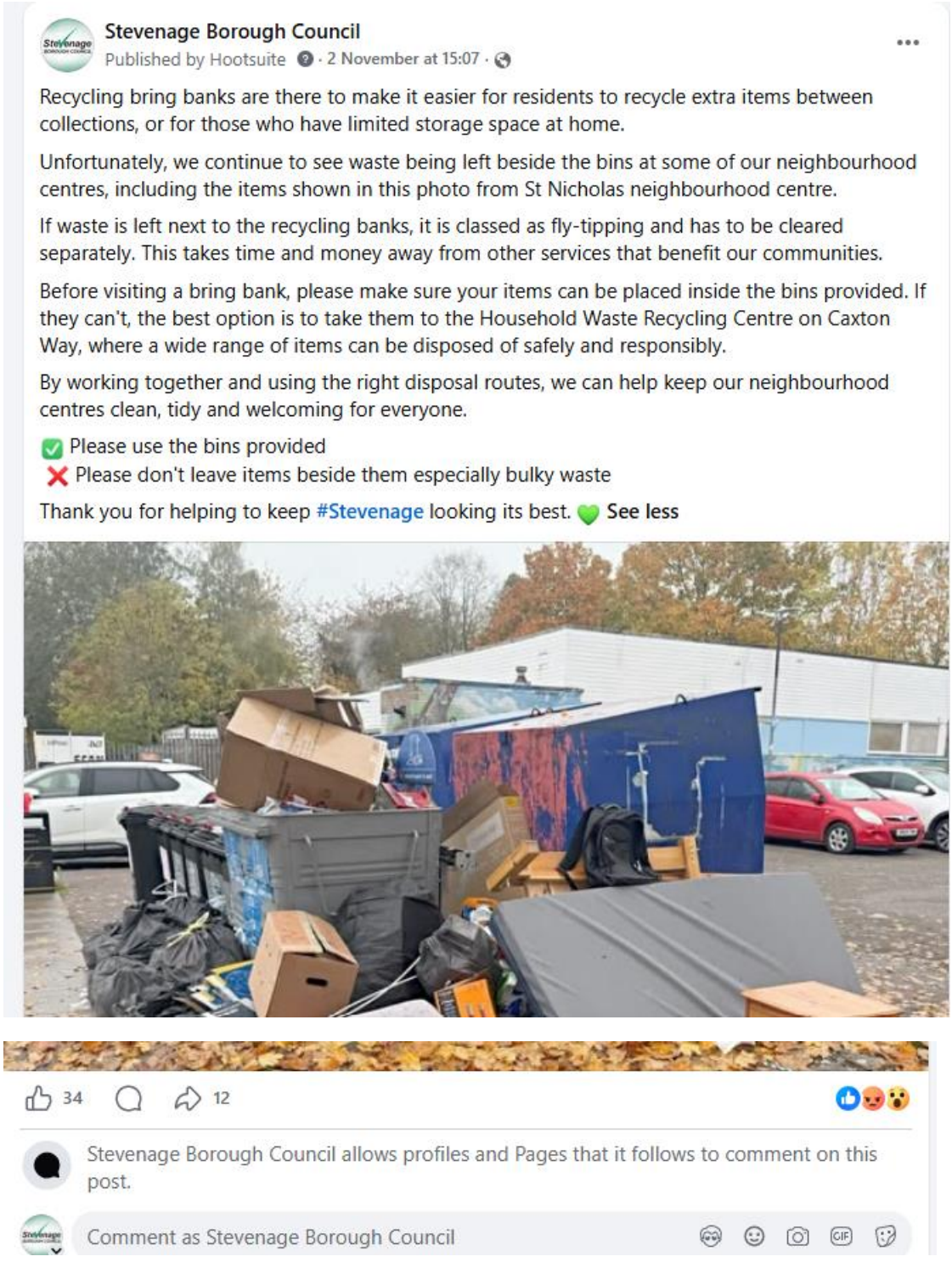
✅ Please use the recycling containers provided
❌ Please don't leave items beside them especially bulky waste

Thank you for helping to keep #Stevenage looking its best. **See less**





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There was some fly tipping news we responded to:

Stevenage and North Herts among UK fly-tipping hotspots

9th October Fly-tipping Environment Local government Baldock Hitchin Letchworth Stevenage

https://www.thecomet.net/news/26618922.stevenage-north-herts-among-uk-fly-tipping-hotspots/

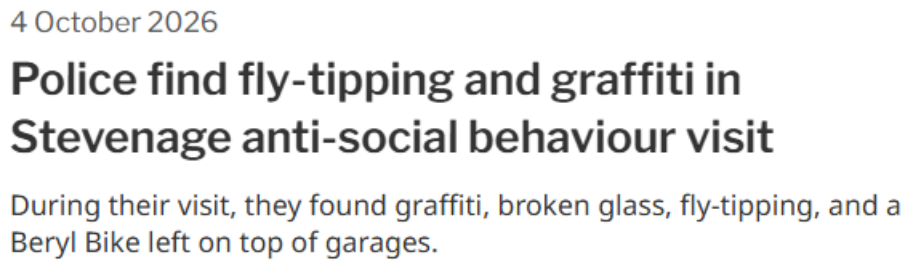
Cllr Nazmin Chowdhury, cabinet member for stronger communities and equalities, said Stevenage Borough Council was "committed to eliminating" fly-tipping.

"We take the issue of fly tipping seriously and we are committed to eliminating this crime," she said.

"So far this year, we have issued five fixed penalty fines to people caught fly tipping in our town.

"We also ask the public to report all instances of fly-tipping to us, providing as much information as possible. Fly-tipping carries a fine of up to £50,000 or five years in prison.

"Residents can report fly-tipping at stevenage-achieveservice.com/service/report-fly-tipping."



Staff were alerted to the above and we then had the bike removed and the graffiti dealt with.

Community Based Activity

As part of Fly Tipping Fortnight, leaflet drops and resident engagement activities were carried out across Almond Hill, Roebuck, Symonds Green, Bandley Hill and Poplars, Chells, Bedwell, Longmeadow and St Nicholas. This was led by Community Involvement Officers and ASB Officers.

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The leaflet drops were completed as planned, with door-knocking sessions taking place alongside ASB Officers where available. In Bandley Hill and Poplars, no ASB Officer was available for the afternoon session, so the route was completed with a focus on identifying and reporting fly tipping rather than resident engagement. Some examples are evidenced below.







Across all areas, the majority of fly tipping encountered consisted of waste left beside public litter bins or items placed alongside residential properties and garages. In a number of cases where enquiries were made, residents advised that the items belonged to them and were awaiting collection or disposal.

Door-knocking had limited success due to the time of day, with many residents being out at work. However, where contact was made, conversations were positive and residents were receptive to information regarding fly tipping, reporting methods and responsible waste disposal.

XXXXX from the ASB team provided some really positive feedback on 15 October. He advised it was a really productive afternoon and that he door knocked in Symonds Green area of Stevenage. He also visited the local shopping precinct and gave them leaflets.

An FPN in relation to littering was issued on 14 October, and 2x FPN for Fly tipping on 22 October and 23 October. The Littering FPN and the FPN served on 22 October have both been paid and we are awaiting payment from the FPN on 23 October.

In addition we also advertised that we issued an FPN for a Flytip on Torquay Crescent on Social Media on 21 October.

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