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DISTRICT COUNCIL
NORTH OXFORDSHIRE

Fly-tipping in Cherwell – Update and Future Plans

11th November 2025

Introduction

- Welcome

To cover :

- Put into context the fly tipping problems experienced in Cherwell
- Highlight what we do and have done to respond to fly tipping
- Highlight changes we intend to make in the coming months to better address the problem of fly tipping and reduce the numbers of incidents.



Introduction

- Regulatory Services includes our Environmental Enforcement Team (consists of four officers).

They receive and respond to:

- Complaints about fly tipping – investigate and take enforcement action
- Complaints of abandoned vehicles
- Accumulations and deposits (overgrown gardens and domestic accumulations of rubbish)
- Share information about reported fly tips with colleagues in Environmental Services (Street Scene Team) to get them removed and disposed of.
- Dog fouling
- Dog warden service



Overview and Context

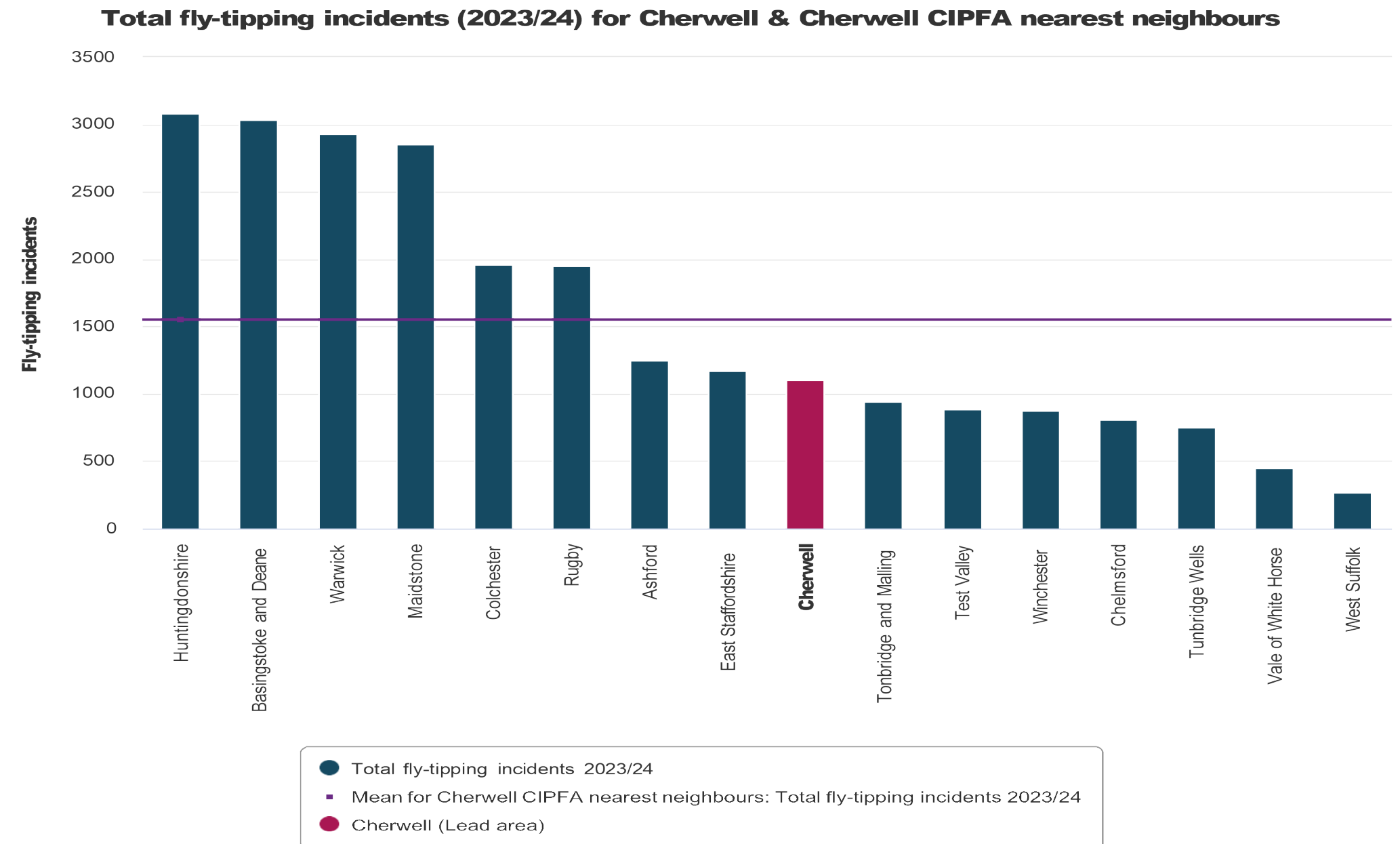


- What is fly tipping?
- Fly Tipping is national problem – thankfully, the photo above is not in Cherwell but occurred in Lichfield.



Overview and Context

- DEFRA figures show that fly tips in CDC are below average for comparable near neighbours that are statistically similar based on socio-economic factors.
- That is not to say we can't do better and improve further.



Source:
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs



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Local Statistics



Reports to CDC of Fly tips over the last 3 calendar years :

2022 – 1877

2023 – 2142

2024 – 2006

2025 is on course to be similar (1932 to end of October)

CDC Response & Enforcement Action

- Of the 1932 reports this year we have investigated 968 with 3 officers
- 30 FPN's issued in 2024 and 19 issued in 2025 so far
- 11 Community Protection Notices issued
- 4 Out of Court Settlements agreed.

Previous Court Cases

- August 2023 Spicy Kebabish fined £18,800 plus £10,000 costs.
- October 2022 Malthouse Banbury Limited, the owners of Malthouse Walk, were prosecuted for 5 Community Protection Notice Breaches. They were fine £1000 per breach, £500 victim surcharge, £772 clean up costs and £3,736 in costs.



CDC Response & Enforcement

- We respond to complainants and keep them informed of progress
- January 2025 – we set up a working group in response to a question at earlier Full Council. We wanted to understand Cllr concerns and invited representatives of all parties to attend.
- These meeting have provided opportunity for Cllrs to bring specific concerns to the attention of officers
- Provided opportunity for officers to highlight the activities undertaken to address fly tipping in the district and prompted discussion about potential areas for enhanced focus.



Enforcement Action

- There is NO excuse for fly-tipping.
- Every household in Cherwell is entitled to have their rubbish collected from their property by the Council:
 - All collections must be pre-agreed
 - In a bin or bag
 - On the set day or time of collection
 - Collection from a designated collection point
- In line with other councils, we charge to collect bulky waste from homes.
- Businesses are free to arrange their own collection services with legally allowed providers but by law they must have a waste agreement in place to deal with their waste. Any waste that comes from a commercial activity is business waste. This means, when a resident, landlord or business puts rubbish or bulky items out for collection outside of the agreed collection period this is fly-tipping and is illegal.



Improvements

- Removal of Bottle Banks
- Higher visibility of officers and signage
- Use of cameras to obtain evidence
- Improve the way fly tips are reported
- Improved and increased Comms
- Education to residents and businesses
- Better data Analysis on Database.
- Using funds from successful enforcement actions to improve equipment and response.



Thank You – Any Questions?



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