

WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL

Flytipping Issues

1. Background

- 1.1 Some households in West Swindon have been seen to dump waste on public open space, copses, communal car parking areas and by public bins.
- 1.2 Generally, the most common behaviour for green waste flytipping is to tip over rear fences however there are also commercial contractors who 'hide' grass cuttings in public open space.
- 1.3 Whilst this has been a long running problem, the current restrictions on access to the household recycling centre and green waste collection have seen an increase.
- 1.3 Volunteers at Greendown Copse have reported a recent increase in green waste fly tipping and have asked the Parish Council to consider how to deter it:



2. Possible Steps

- 2.1 The Parish Council has no enforcement powers however it liaises closely with the enforcement team at Swindon Borough Council who are generally responsive. The challenge for enforcement team is where there is no evidence available to identify the perpetrators.

- 2.2 In areas of public open space and near hot spot areas, the Parish Council could run a campaign to promote the reporting of flytipping. Examples from other areas are below:



3. Financial Implications

- 3.1. Areas that are prone to flytipping eventually create a cost implication for the Parish Council. Each year, the Parish team invests in large scale clearance in hot spot locations. This often results in two to three days work and tons of dumped refuse being taken away.
- 3.2 The creation of signs would have a cost implication, however it could be contained within existing budgets for public open space. Likely expenditure could be contained to be within £200.00.

4. Recommendations:

- 4.1 That Councillors note the report and consider next steps including.
- creation of new temporary signs to deter flytipping in hot spot areas
 - promotion of the SCRAP campaign to raise householder awareness of obligations to use registered waste carriers
 - promotion of reporting of flytipping where it is witnessed by residents
 - promotion of SBC bulky waste collection service

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