

Planning and Public Protection Service

Quarterly Briefing on environmental crime patrols and serving of Fixed Penalty Notices (1st Oct – 31st Dec 2013)

This is a communication briefing to update Members on the environmental crime patrols that we have undertaken and the issuing of Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) for Environmental Crime in Denbighshire (Oct-Dec). You may be aware that since October 2012 we have commissioned enforcement officers from a private company called 'Kingdom' to help us tackle the problems of littering and dog fouling, which impacts upon one of the Council's Priorities of 'Clean and Tidy Streets'.

FPNs are issued to individuals who commit environmental crime and the fine is £75. Our agreement is that the Kingdom receives £45 per FPN that they serve. We manage the officers daily and deploy them to problematic and 'hot spot' areas which we gather through complaints and intelligence.

The following table shows the number of times Kingdom Enforcement Officers have visited the various towns in each month during the period Oct-Dec

Visits	Oct 13	Nov 13	Dec 13	Total
Corwen	1	1	1	3
Bodelwyddan	4	5	2	11
Dyserth	4	3	4	11
Llandyrnog	0	0	0	0
Denbigh	5	4	4	13
Llangollen	2	2	2	6
Rhuddlan	6	6	2	14
Rhyl	27	26	22	75
Ruthin	7	2	4	13
Prestatyn	26	26	22	74
St Asaph	3	4	3	10

The following table shows some statistics on the work of the Kingdom officers:

	Oct 13	Nov 13	Dec 13	Total
Total Number of FPNs issued	152	186	164	502
Broken down to the following crime:				
Smoking related litter	142	167	131	440
All other litter	0	1	0	1
Dog fouling	0	3	2	5
Smoking in an enclosed space	10	14	28	52
Signs not displayed	0	0	0	0
Chewing Gum	0	1	0	1
Spitting	0	0	3	3

Broken down to the following towns:				
Corwen	0	0	0	0
Bodelwyddan	0	1	0	1
Dyserth	0	0	0	0
Denbigh	0	0	0	0
Llangollen	0	0	0	0
Rhuddlan	1	2	0	3
Rhyl	134	173	155	462
Ruthin	1	0	3	4
Prestatyn	16	10	6	32
St Asaph	0	0	0	0

We have carried out a number of operations in known dog fouling 'hotspots'. These operations have not resulted in many FPNs being issued but have clearly raised the profile of our commitment to catch and fine those not picking up after their dogs. We believe this is having a positive deterrent effect and more and more people are picking up. It is therefore getting harder to catch those that don't pick up. We need your help, and help from those in your communities, to catch those who are not picking up.

We will also be reporting to Communities Scrutiny Committee in March 2014 regarding a public consultation exercise on introducing Dog Control Orders across the County. These powers will help us to exclude dogs from certain land e.g. children's playgrounds, sports pitches etc. They will also provide the power to require that a dog be put on a lead in certain areas. Please contact us if you have any thoughts on where dogs should be excluded in your communities.

Please contact us on the specifically dedicated phone line 0800 2300234 to report who is not picking up in your community. The more detailed intelligence we receive, the more likely it is we will catch those individuals responsible for letting their dog foul on your streets.



Officers spend time in the various towns in Denbighshire, and this is the uniform that you would expect to see the officers wearing whilst on patrols. They also wear body video cameras.

If you have any queries on the information contained in this briefing note, please contact Emlyn Jones, Public Protection Manager or Tim Wynne-Evans, Senior Community Safety Enforcement Officer

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