

Planning and Public Protection Service

Quarterly Briefing on environmental crime patrols and serving of Fixed Penalty Notices (1st April – 30th June 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. 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:

Visits	Apr 13	May 13	June 13	Total
Corwen	0	1	2	3
Bodelwyddan	3	4	3	10
Dyserth	3	4	2	9
Denbigh	4	4	3	11
Llangollen	1	2	2	5
Rhuddlan	5	7	3	15
Rhyl	25	27	25	77
Ruthin	2	3	3	8
Prestatyn	13	24	10	47
St Asaph	3	3	2	8

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

	Apr 13	May 13	June 13	Total
Total Number of FPNs issued	225	383	347	955
Broken down to the following crime:				
Smoking related litter	210	360	316	886
All other litter	4	3	7	14
Dog fouling	6	2	1	9
Smoking in public space	4	15	21	40
Other	1	3	2	6

Broken down to the following towns:				
Corwen	0	0	0	0
Bodelwyddan	1	0	0	1
Dyserth	0	0	0	0
Denbigh	1	1	0	2
Llangollen	2	1	0	3
Rhuddlan	2	1	0	3
Rhyl	162	258	340	760
Ruthin	0	4	0	4
Prestatyn	57	118	7	182
St Asaph	0	0	0	0

As you can see from the statistics the vast majority of FPNs have been served in Rhyl in relation to smoking related litter. These statistics, however, don't tell the whole story as 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.

Since we employed Kingdom In October 2012 we have served 26 FPNs on dog fouling broken down to the following communities: Rhyl - 21; Prestatyn – 3; Rhuddlan – 1; and Ruthin – 1. We are determined to serve more FPNs for those not picking up, but we need your help and help from your constituencies, so please let us know who is, or who you think is, responsible and we will do the rest.

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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