

Flycapture and the Flytipping Protocols

Working in Partnership to prevent flytipping

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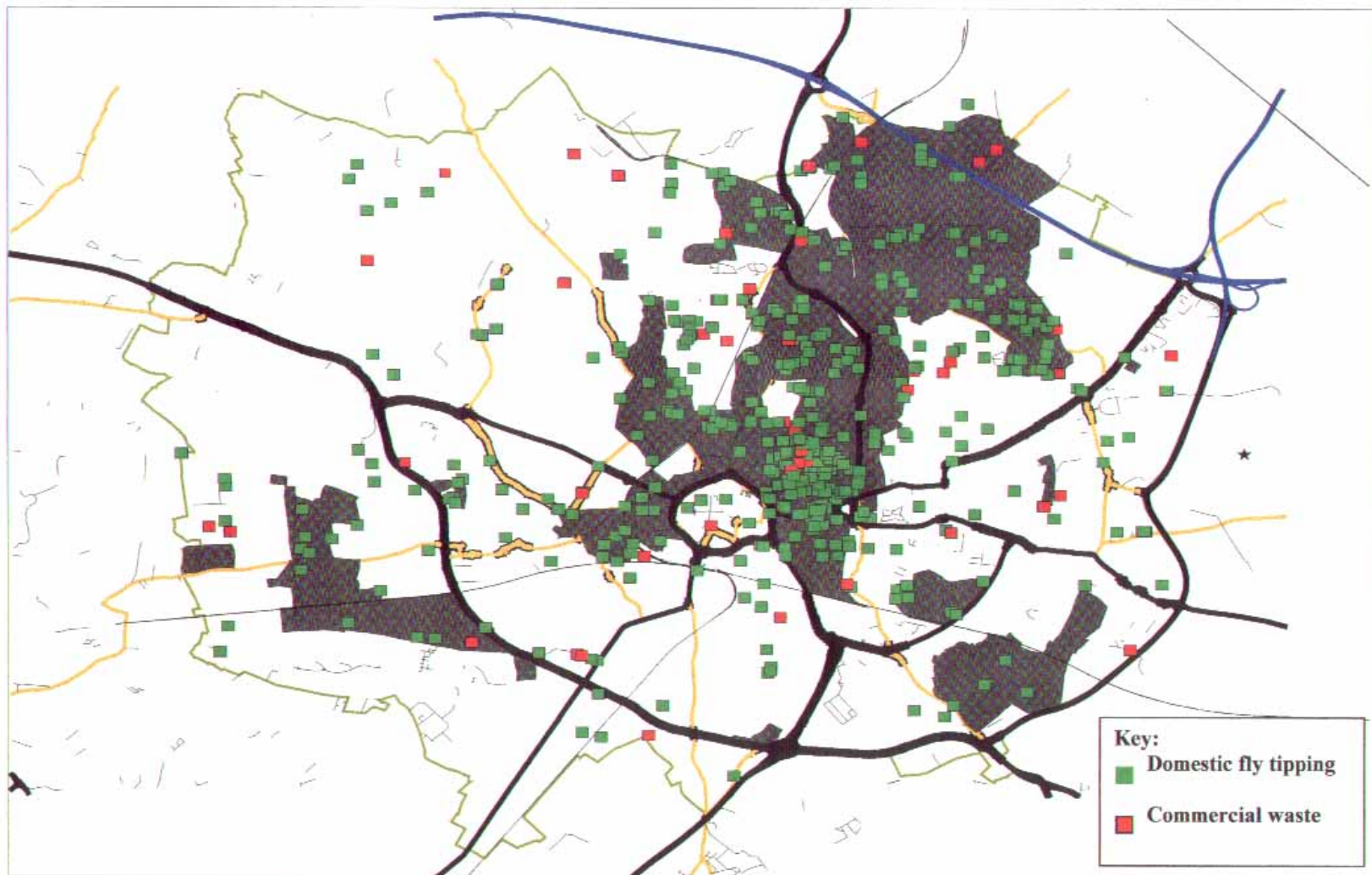
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The problem of Flytipping

- Somewhere in England, rubbish is illegally dumped every 35 seconds
- Last year English Local Authorities spent nearly £50M clearing over 1 million incidents of flytipping (89173 per month)
The Environment Agency spent £225,000 on 1542 incidents in England alone
- Flytipped waste can be domestic, commercial or industrial. It may be inert or hazardous but it is definitely anti-social and **expensive**

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Incidents of fly tipping in Coventry April 04-05



Fly Capture

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What is Flycapture?

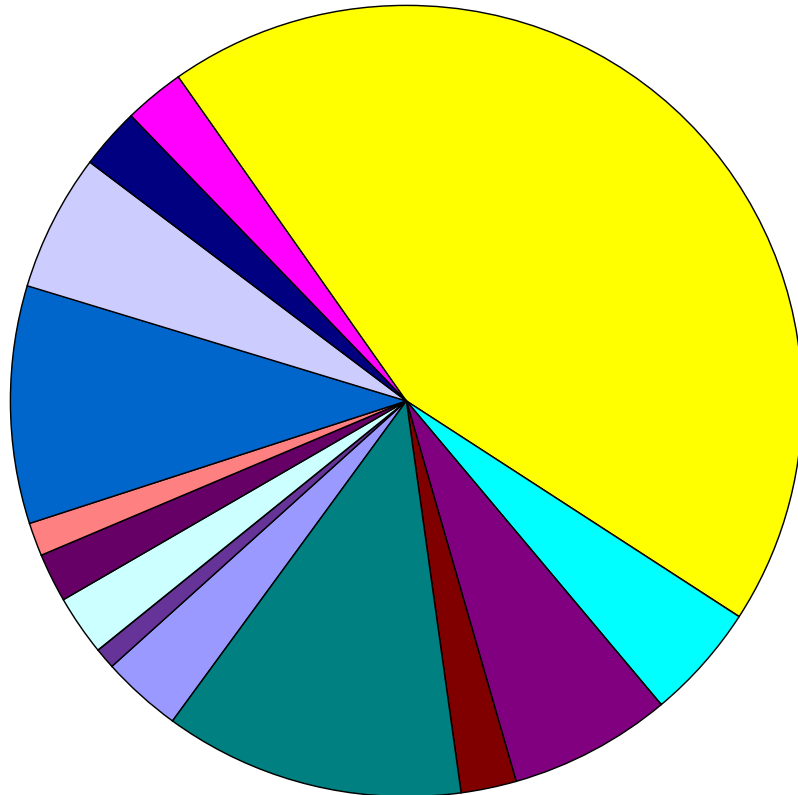
- ❑ Measure meets the requirements of the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003
- ❑ Managed for Defra by the Environment Agency
- ❑ Strategic tool for LAs to improve intelligence and focus resources on 'Hot Spots'
- ❑ Database holds info on number and types of flytipping incidents, plus sources and sites
- ❑ All contributors able to access standard reports and compare figures at National, Regional and Local levels

Any Objections to a closer look?

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Incidents by type - Warwickshire April - Dec 06

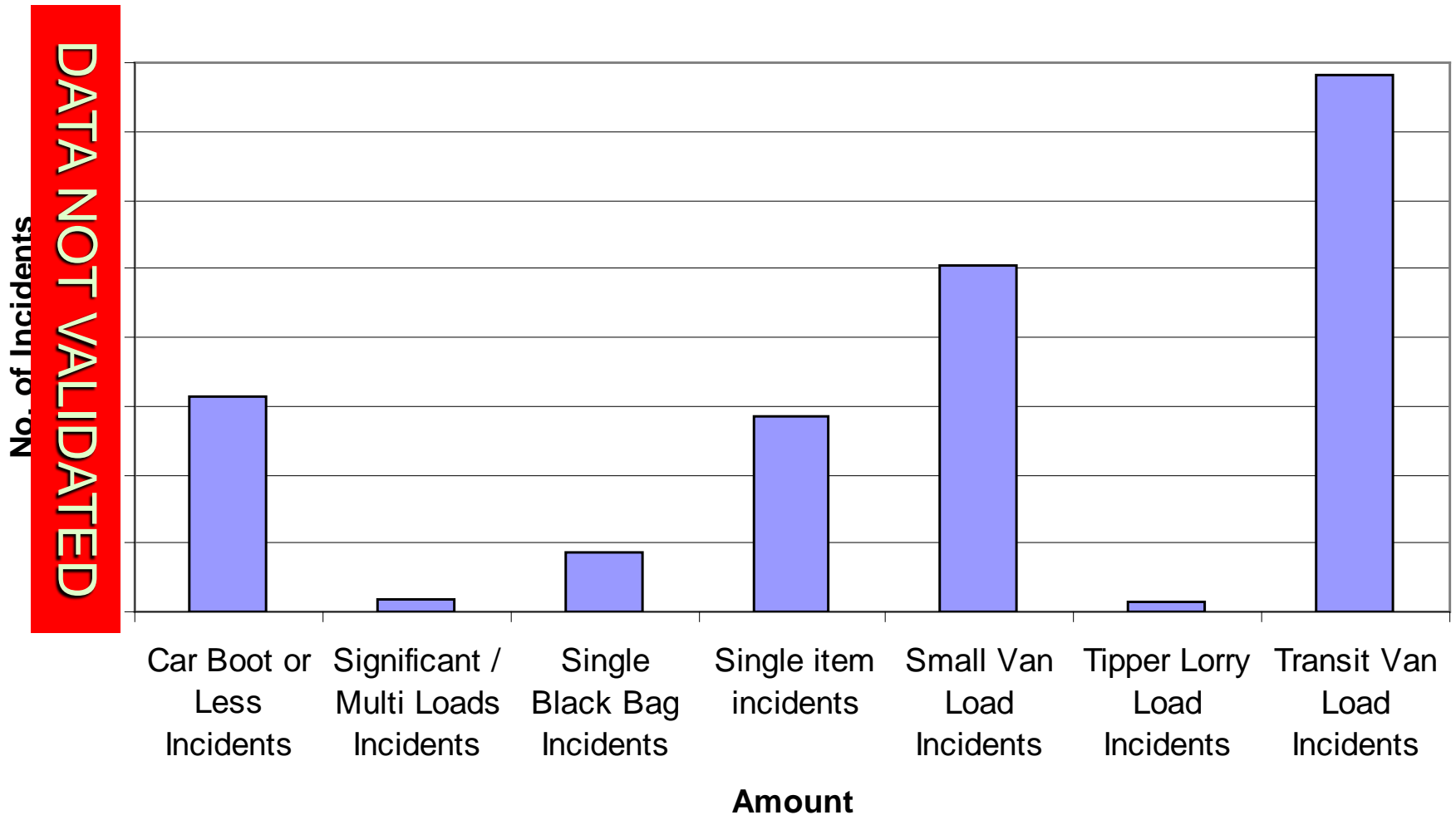


- Animal Carcass Incidents
- Asbestos Incidents
- Black Bags - Commercial Incidents
- Black Bags - Household Incidents
- Chemical Drums, Oil, Fuel Incidents
- Clinical Incidents
- Constr / Demol / Excav Incidents
- Green Incidents
- Other Commercial Waste Incidents
- Other Electrical Incidents
- Other Household Waste Incidents
- Other (unidentified) Incidents
- Tyres Incidents
- Vehicle Parts Incidents
- White Goods Incidents

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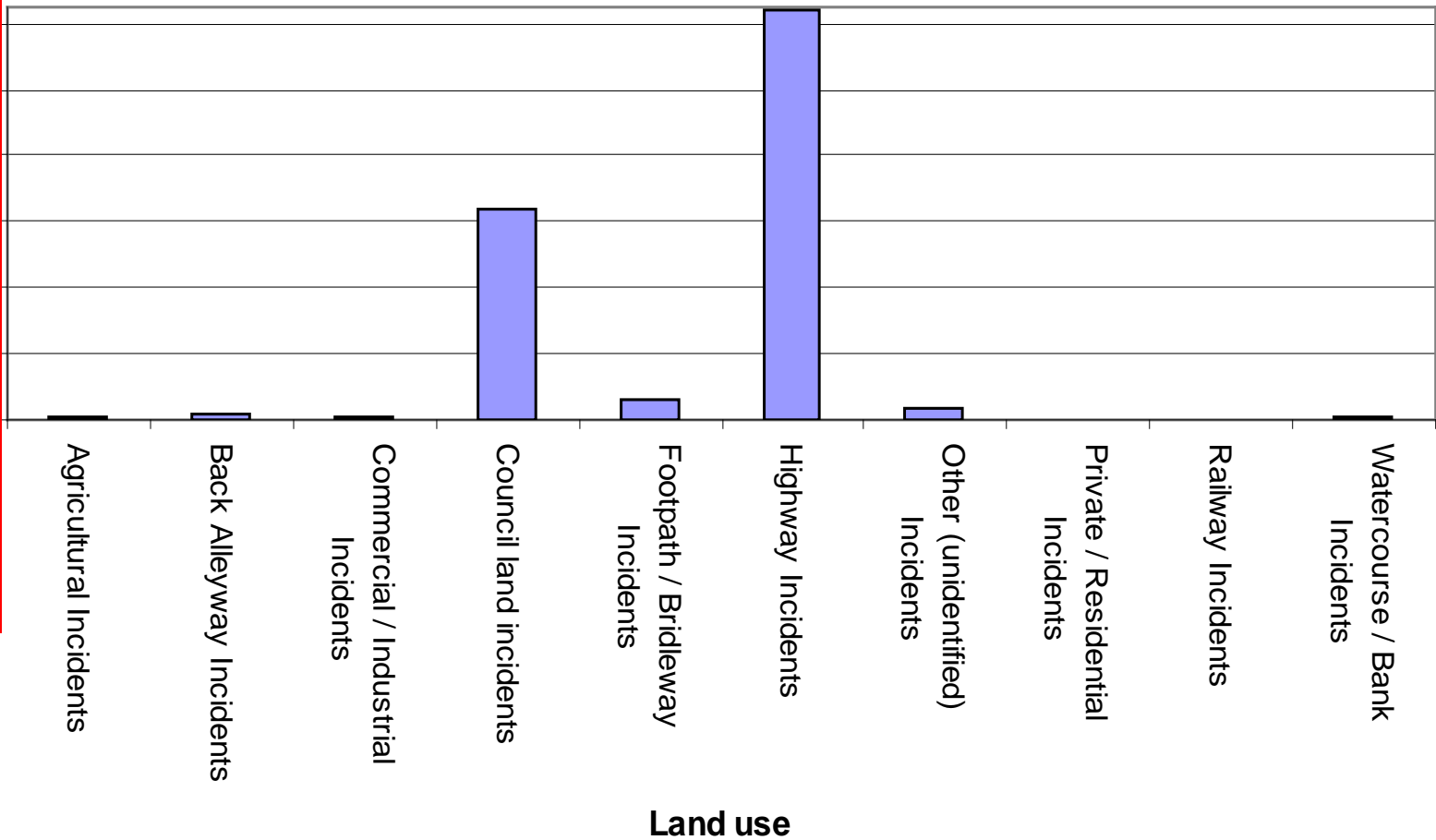
Waste Quantities - Warwickshire



Land affected by flytipping in Warwickshire

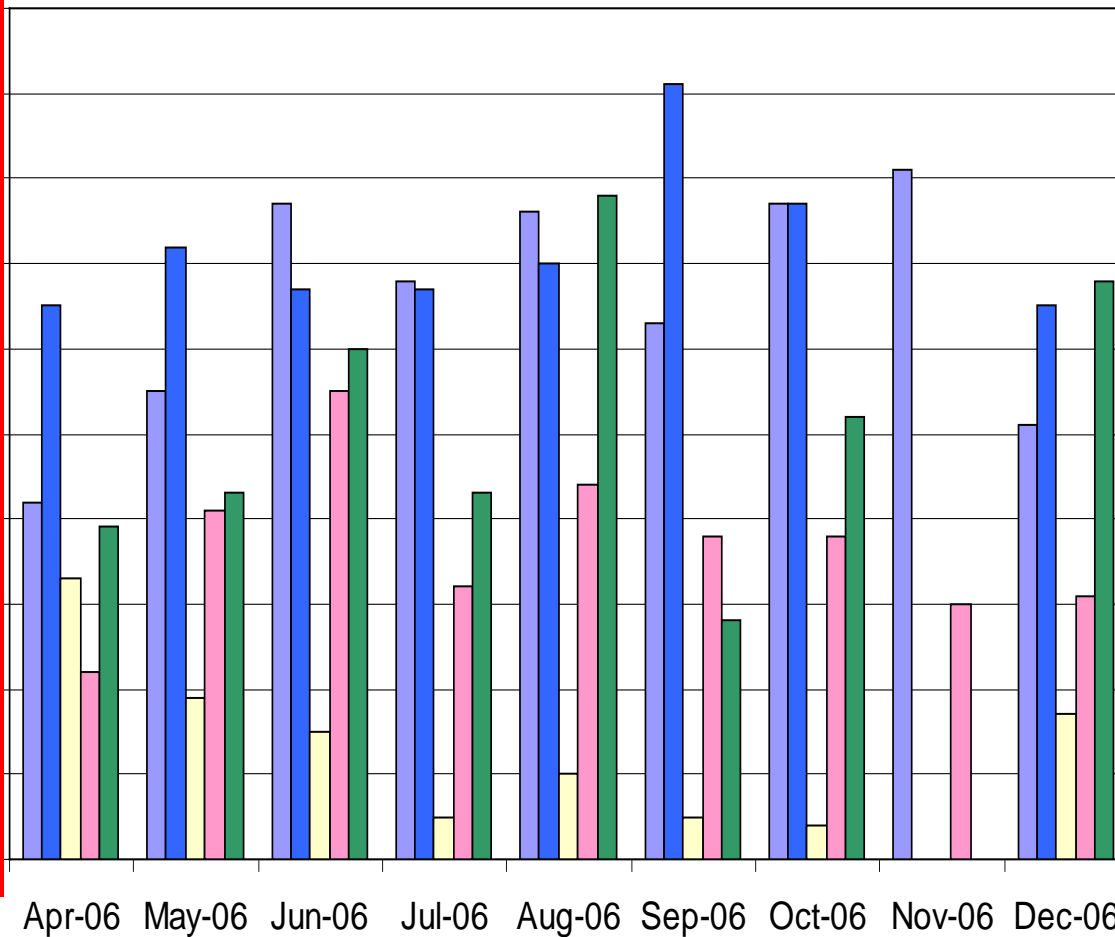
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Number of Incidents reported on Flycapture

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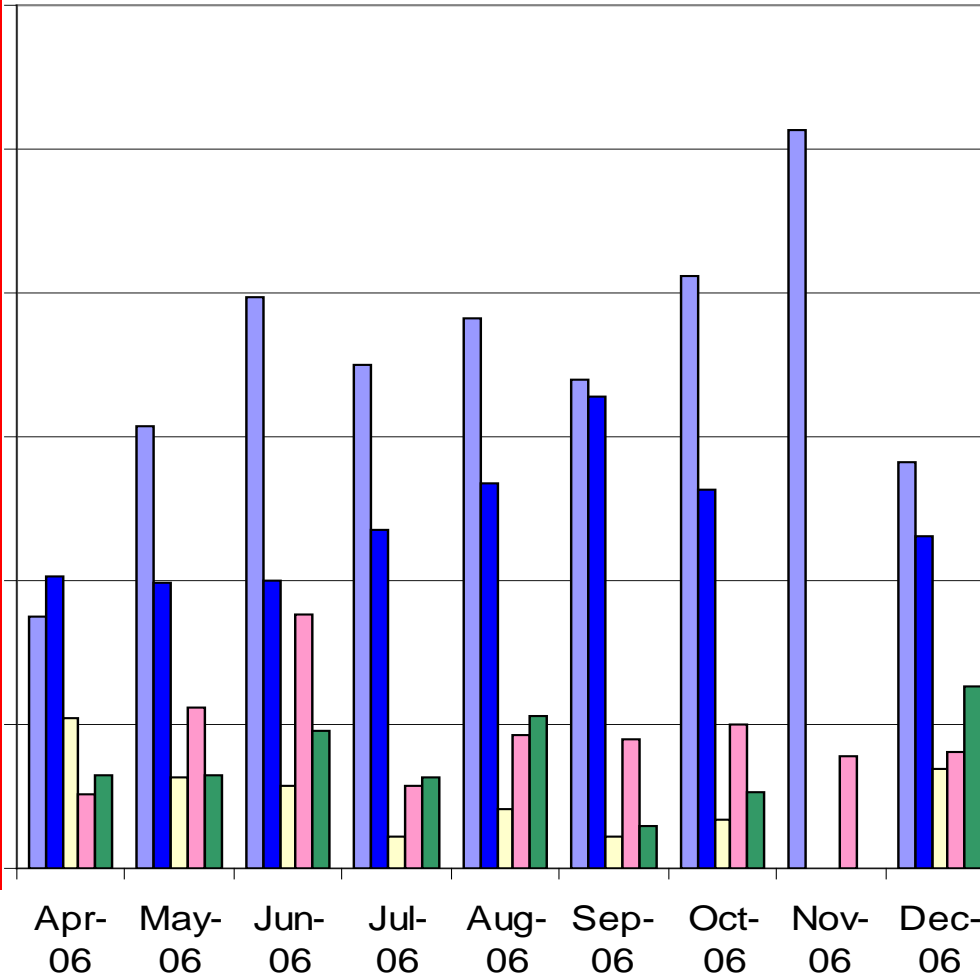


- North Warwickshire Borough Council
- Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council
- Rugby Borough Council
- Stratford-on-Avon District Council
- Warwick District Council

Total Number
>2000 incidents

Flytipping Clearance Costs

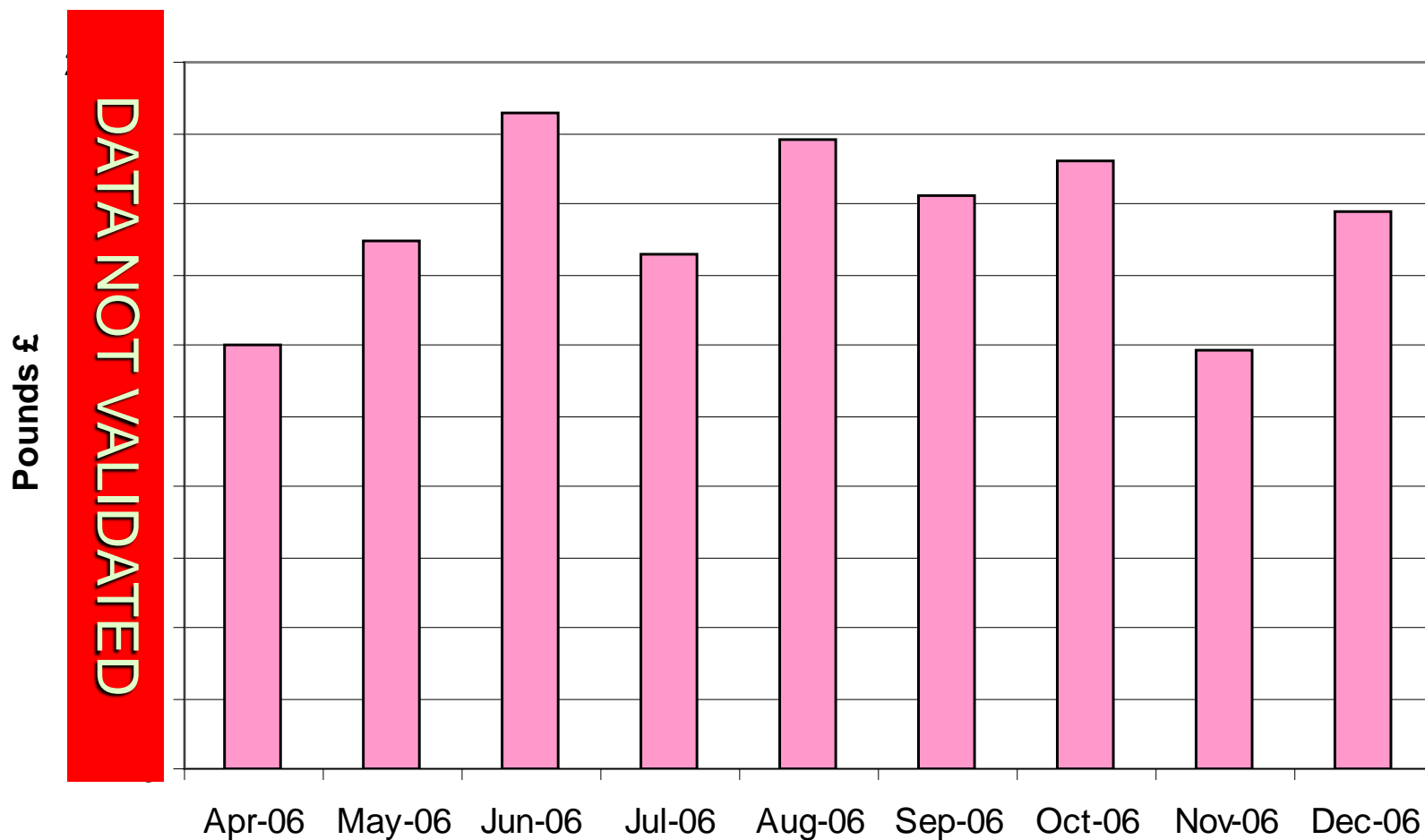
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Total Cost
>£138500.00

Total Clearance Costs for Warwickshire (£)



Where can I get the information?

Published Data available on Defra site:

www.defra.gsi.gov.uk

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Flytipping Protocol - Background

- In February 2003 the Local Government Association and the Environment Agency launched the " Working Better Together" protocol. The purpose of the document was to outline measures to enable Local Authorities and the Environment Agency are work better together.
- Under this agreement each local authority and Environment Agency office is committed to agreeing to a series of protocols. One of the protocols highlighted was for fly tipping enforcement. The involvement of the local Police service ensures support in the fight against anti-social behaviour

The need for a formal agreement

Government papers such as Living Rights and Responsibilities and the Fly tipping Strategy consultation highlighted the following:

- ❑ There was no formal agreement between the Environment Agency, Police Authority and Local Authority on enforcement relating to fly tipping
- ❑ The existing voluntary memorandum of understanding was difficult to understand.

It was therefore decided that a formal agreement should be created.

National Fly Tipping Protocol

□ **March 2005-**

LGA and the Environment Agency launch a National Agreement. Each LA is required to produce a protocol with its local EA office.

□ **Outline of the agreement:**

- The Environment Agency to deal with the "big, bad, and the "nasty". (significantly large incidents of fly tipping, fly tipped hazardous waste, and any tipping relating to organised crime).
- Any other incident falling outside this category would be referred to the Local Authority. The Police would work with both parties in crime prevention and with the more difficult aspects of environmental crime.
- National guidelines have been issued on how to create the agreements which highlight the importance of forming partnerships to enable all partners to tackle fly tipping locally.





The Fly-tipping Protocol

A local agreement between Warwickshire and Coventry Local Authorities, Warwickshire Police and the Environment Agency to tackle the problem of fly-tipping and environmental crime

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Dumping, Detection and Detention

- ❑ Regulation and enforcement is by Local Authorities or the Environment Agency (by overt and covert means)
- ❑ Offenders will be interviewed under caution by warranted Officers and will face prosecution in the Magistrate or Crown Courts
- ❑ Digital video evidence collected where possible
- ❑ Illegal tipping of waste (S.33 EPA) max £50,000 (magistrates)
- ❑ Duty of Care offence max £5000



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Enforcement methods

- ❑ Increased public awareness through uses of local advertising and signs
- ❑ Use of covert (and overt) surveillance at fly tipping hotspots
- ❑ Undertake joint enforcement exercises to tackle and prevent fly tipping – targeted campaigns (illegal transfer sites and waste clearance vans)
- ❑ Use vehicle stops to identify illegal carriage of wastes and prevent other environmental crime

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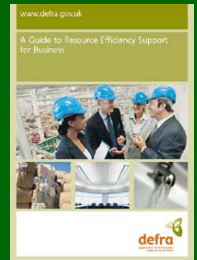


BREW funding - defra

Last year the Environment Agency received £4.75m from defra's **B**usiness **R**esource **E**fficiency and **W**aste Programme

This was used to;

1. Set up targeted enforcement campaigns against flytipping
2. Carry out roadside checks, improve surveillance techniques and do high profile media work
3. Produce advice for business in a range of languages including Bengali & Urdu
4. Continue funding for both its NetRegs and Waste Crime projects, as well as securing funding for the Waste Protocols Project with our partner organisation WRAP. (Waste & Resources Action Programme)



The money comes from increased landfill charges and meets the Government's commitment to returning the money raised to assist Businesses in becoming greener, and reducing the amount of waste passing to landfill

The Good Practice Guide

The Defra good practice guide illustrates a five-point plan that goes beyond clearance and prevention:

- ✓ **Decrease rewards:** Major motive can be to avoid waste disposal costs. Tactics: consider free bulky waste collection, work with neighbouring councils to ensure consistent charges.
- ✓ **Enhance Risks:** Fly-tipping can be quite easy at times. Tactics should include CCTV, publication of successful prosecutions and increasing patrols/spot checks.
- ✓ **Focus services:** Long queues after travelling long distances to tips can be a problem. Try extending opening hours, ensuring that collection services meet demand and assessing fairness of charges for trade waste.
- ✓ **Remove excuses:** "Because other waste has been dumped" is often an excuse. Tactics should centre on effective communication of services available. Householder responsibilities and potential fines should be publicised.
- ✓ **Address hotspots:** Sometimes it can take more effort to dispose of rubbish legally, than to fly-tip it. Tactics should include reduction in the availability of fly-tipping "hotspots".

Examples from other LAs

- Use of ASBOs
- Restricting access to Hot Spots (bollards etc)
- Duty of Care – invoicing householders for clearance costs
- Community Skips
- Increased use of overt and covert CCTV
- Detection and enforcement rather than clean-up
(e.g. extending reporting measures by using field staff & technology – Coventry)

Flycapture enforcement

- New training courses developed for Defra by Environment Agency to better equip some LAs to take appropriate enforcement action (level of training varies across Country)
- 1st course- Provides practical training programme for LA staff and Lawyers on case-files, investigation techniques and powers available
- 2nd course- Policy, strategy and resource issues
- Defra working with other key stakeholders and Government Departments to ensure training complements existing courses.
- Pilot courses (Spring 2006) delivered by Park Hearne Training Consultants on behalf of Defra and WAG.
- **Courses now available to book!!**
- Course schedules etc. detailed at www.defra.gsi.gov.uk

Fly-tipping – Together we'll tip the balance!

Environmental Outcomes



By working together, Local Authorities, Police, the Business Community and the Environment Agency will reduce the costs and environmental impact of anti-social behaviour, and make our environment a safe and pleasant place in which to live and work.

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Thank You for Listening
Any Questions?

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