

REPORT FROM:	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES MANAGER
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ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME UPDATE

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To inform Members of the Environmental Crime action for 1st October to 31st December 2015 in the West Craven area, (including spend on litter/ dog waste bins) along with the totals for 2015/16, and to ask for feedback on any problems with substations in the committee area.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) To note the report on environmental crime actions.
- (2) To provide feedback on any problems with substations in the committee area.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) Members are kept informed of any environmental crime action taken.
- (2) To bring problems to the attention of Environmental Services in order to help remedy any substation sites.

ISSUE

Section 215 notices

Section 215 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 allows a local authority to serve a notice on the owners and occupiers of land, requiring the site to be tidied up if the condition of any land is in such a state as to adversely affect the amenity of the neighbourhood.

Section 215s pending

The Section 215 process was started on the following 5 properties during October to December 2015.

IDNO	ADDRESS	COMMITTEE	COMMENCED
28491	6 Cobden Street, Barnoldswick, Lancashire, BB18 5AJ	West Craven	08/10/2015
28492	7 Waddington Street, Earby, Barnoldswick,	West Craven	08/10/2015

	Lancashire, BB18 6QW		
28556	1 Cecil Street, Barnoldswick, Lancashire, BB18 5EX	West Craven	20/10/2015
28749	Land at rear of Ardendene, Dotcliffe Road, Kelbrook, Barnoldswick, Lancashire, BB18 6TB	West Craven	24/11/2015
28829	Land/Garages on North side of New Road, Earby	West Craven	04/12/2015
		Total	5

Section 215s completed

The following 5 properties were dealt with under Section 215, but were cleared and the process completed during October to December 2015.

ID NO	ADDRESS	COMMITTEE	COMMENCED	CLOSED
28304	14 School Lane, Earby, Barnoldswick, Lancashire, BB18 6QF	West Craven	14/09/2015	02/10/2015
28491	6 Cobden Street, Barnoldswick, Lancashire, BB18 5AJ	West Craven	08/10/2015	27/10/2015
28556	1 Cecil Street, Barnoldswick, Lancashire, BB18 5EX	West Craven	20/10/2015	26/11/2015
28829	Land/Garages on North side of New Road, Earby	West Craven	04/12/2015	11/12/2015
28749	Land at rear of Ardendene, Dotcliffe Road, Kelbrook, Barnoldswick, Lancashire, BB18 6TB	West Craven	24/11/2015	15/12/2015
		Total	5	

Section 215s completed by Legal

There were 0 Section 215 notices completed by legal during this period.

Section 46 Notices

Section 46 of the Environmental Protection Act (EPA) 1990 allows a waste collection authority to specify how waste is presented for collection, i.e. require an occupier to place waste for collection in receptacles of a kind and number specified. This is used to enforce separation of waste for recycling and also for the removal of containers from the public highway following the scheduled collection of waste.

There was 1 Section 46 Notice issued by Environmental Services between October and December 2015.

ID NO	ADDRESS	COMMITTEE	COMMENCED
28791	1 Gisburn Street, Barnoldswick, Lancashire, BB18 5ER	West Craven	27/11/2015
		Total	1

Section 79 Notices

Section 79 of the Public Health Act 1936 allows a Local Authority to serve notice where the owner of the land / property has accumulated noxious matter i.e. food waste and the notice gives the owner 24 hours to remove the waste. On failure to act upon the Notice the Local Authority can remove the waste and recover the expenses of any actions taken.

There were 0 Section 79's carried out by Environmental Services between October and December 2015.

Community Protection Notice

CPN's can be used by the Council to target those responsible for specific ongoing problems or nuisance which negatively affects the quality of life in a community. Examples of behaviour covered by CPN's include owners allowing dogs to persistently stray and or cause a nuisance, owners of dogs persistently allowing dogs to foul without then removing the waste and vehicle repair garages parking vehicles for repair on residential streets.

The following actions were undertaken via a Community Protection process by Neighbourhood Services between October and December 2015:

Resolved after warning 2

Fixed Penalty Notices

The Council has various powers to issue Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN) for offences such as littering, failure to remove dog fouling, graffiti and fly tipping.

There were 5 Fixed Penalty Notices served in the period between October and December 2015 in the West Craven area by Environmental Services.

ID NO	ADDRESS	COMMITTEE	COMMENCED	TYPE
28839	Sami Swoi, 2 Clayton Street, Barnoldswick, BB18 6BQ	West Craven	04/12/2015	FPN - Duty of Care
28664	Kelbrook Road, Barnoldswick, near to junction Higher Park Road	West Craven	10/11/2015	FPN - Litter from a vehicle
28640	Centre of Earby, Victoria Road junction with Edwards Street	West Craven	02/11/2015	FPN - Littering
28665	Centre of Barnoldswick, Fern Lea Avenue, Co-operative food customers car park	West Craven	10/11/2015	FPN - Littering
28751	Edward Street, Earby	West Craven	24/11/2015	FPN - Littering
		Total	5	

Annual Summary of Environmental Crime Actions for 2015/16

	S215 pending	S215 closed	Sec 46	Sec 79	Fixed penalty notices					
					FPN Duty of Care	FPN Dog	FPN Fly Tip	FPN Litter	FPN Vehicle	Total
West Craven	19	21	4	2	1	1	2	12	3	19

The table above summarises the total number of actions taken by Environmental Services in 2015.

Provision of litter / dog waste bins

Members approved a total allocation for £6,099.00 inclusive of slippage from 2014/15. At the start of Quarter 3 £4926.26 remained unused. Members are advised that 3 bins were placed out/removed during October to December leaving a remaining total of £4597.87.

TOWN	DESCRIPTION	BIN	COST
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		TYPE	FOR BIN
EARBY	ERECT A NEW POST MOUNTED LITTER BIN IN THE NEW SEATING AREA AT BUS STATION	POST	£123.39
EARBY	REPOSITION DOG BIN NR NO. 28 TO DIAGONALLY OPPOSITE THE 1ST BUNGALOW		£40.00
BARNOLDSWICK	NEW F/S LITTER BIN ERECTED NEXT TO THE BRIDGE		£165.00

Members are further advised that due to wear or damage, 5 bins have been replaced by Environmental Services between October and December at no cost to the area committee's budget.

TOWN	DESCRIPTION	BIN TYPE	COST FOR BIN
EARBY	RESET POST HOLDING DOG BIN, JUST ABOVE RED LION PUB	DOG	£20.00
BARNOLDSWICK	REPLACE OUTER COVER OF F/S BIN NR NO. 27	LITTER	£122.40
BARNOLDSWICK	REMOVE THE F/S LITTER BIN IN THE GROUNDS OF ST JOSEPHS COMMUNITY CENTRE	LITTER	£40.00
BARNOLDSWICK	REINSTATE THE DOG BIN ON PATH JUST OFF GREENBERFIELD	DOG	£20.00
EARBY	REPLACE F/S LITTER BIN NEXT TO THE SCHOOL ON ASPEN GROVE	LITTER	£185.00

Substation Sites

Following the scrutiny review of Litter and Detritus carried out in 2008, all area committees are encouraged to report if there are any substations within their area that may need tidying up. Members are asked to provide location details of any substations that are causing a problem with litter and/or fly tipping to Environmental Services.