

Headline: Fly-tipping damaging Merthyr as furniture and rubbish are dumped in parks



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How does the dumped waste affect you?

Think who would be best to answer these
questions;

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Try thinking of at least 2 more questions you can ask

Jack

Local resident

- Walks grandchildren and dog in the area
- Dumped waste doesn't look nice and makes him feel depressed
- Worries there might be dangerous waste like chemicals or broken glass
- Thinks people don't care about the area as much as they used to

Jason

Works for council

- Has to clean up all the dumped waste
- Cleaning up waste costs the council a lot of money
- People should make sure they take the waste to the dump themselves or pay a licenced waste company to take it away for them

Sally

Owens nearby cafe

- Less people are visiting the area because of the rubbish - means less customers
- Not making as much money as she used to and might have to close down

Norma

Works for Fly-Tipping Action Wales

- Fly-tipping is a big problem in the area
- People dump furniture and rubbish - cheaper and easier than taking to tip
- No CCTV - hard to catch fly-tippers
- Fly-tipping is illegal and if caught people will be fined and might go to jail

Headline: Fly-tipped waste removed from river to reduce the risk of flooding



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Alice

Local resident

- Lives near the river
- Has seen flooding on the news and is worried it could happen to her house
- Fly-tipping and flooding in the area makes people less likely to move there and could even cause house prices to fall

Edward

Volunteer

- Lives locally and wants to look after the area
- Worked with Fly-Tipping Action Wales to remove 1 tonne of waste
- Wishes people dealt with their waste properly by taking it to the dump themselves

Sian

Environmental scientist

- Waste can be very harmful to the environment
- Lots of different wildlife rely on the clean river for their homes and food
- Chemicals in the waste can get into the food chain and cause wildlife to die

Dafydd

Works for Fly-Tipping Action Wales

- Dumping waste in a river is a big problem in this area
- Waste can block the rivers and increase the chance of flooding
- We arranged volunteers to help us remove the waste but it still cost £1,000 to get rid of it all

Headline: Three cows die after eating fly-tipped waste in Conwy



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Sargent Rob Taylor

Police officer

- 3 cows found dead on the farm after eating poisonous yew tree branches dumped in the field
- Plans to look at CCTV footage to try and identify the fly-tipper
- You can get fined up to £50,000 and go to jail for illegally dumping waste

Dylan

Farmer

- Really upset and angry that 3 of his cows have died because of someone's selfish actions
- Will have lost income that he would have made from the 3 cows
- Will also have to pay to dispose of the dumped waste properly himself

Ffion

Local dog walker

- Walks her dog on public footpaths in the local countryside
- Worried that her dog could be harmed by poisonous or dangerous waste
- Will report anything suspicious to her local authority

John

Member of the public

- Worried that the branches on the farm may have come from his garden
- Recently paid someone to cut a yew tree in his garden and assumed it would be disposed of properly
- Will make sure that anyone taking his waste has a waste licence in future

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Matthew

Local builder who dumped the waste

- Dumped building waste in the field as it was cheaper than taking it to a landfill site, didn't think anyone would notice
- Been to court and fined £1000
- Name has been in local papers so will have a negative effect on his business

Officer Nia Jones

Police officer

- Used information given by local dog walker to track down the man who dumped the waste
- Investigations can take a long time and cost the tax payer money
- People don't realise they can get fined and even go to jail for fly-tipping

John

Local dog walker

- Saw a man dumping building waste in the field while walking his dog
- Wrote down the registration of the van used to dump the waste
- Reported it to the local authority

Councillor Clark

Local councillor

- Fly-tipping can damage wildlife and the way the area looks
- Wants people to take care of their local area
- Hopes this arrest sends a message to those thinking of fly-tipping

Headline: Chepstow man arrested after large amounts of business and household waste had been dumped in an industrial estate



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Jonathan

Arrested for illegally dumping waste

- Tried to make money by charging people to take their waste and then just dumped it on the industrial site
- Didn't think he'd get caught
- Worried now about going to jail and getting a fine
- Wished he hadn't done it

Officer Alun Phillips

Police officer

- Have spent a long time gathering evidence to find the owners of the waste and who they paid to get rid of it for them
- If fly-tipping was reduced he could spend his time on other crimes and keeping the community safe

Charlie

Local resident

- Got contacted by the police because letters with her name and address were found in fly-tipped waste
- She had paid a man to take away the waste but didn't check if they were licenced to do it
- Will check that they have a license next time

Carys

Runs a shop on the Industrial Estate

- Angry at the amount of waste that is dumped on the estate, as people think they can get away with it
- Less people visit because the waste makes it look untidy and run down
- This means less customers in her shop