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TORFAEN TOTAL FOCUS WEEK
10th – 14th October 2011

INTRODUCTION

Our initiative uses a 3 part approach to fighting fly-tipping on the ground – Enforcement, Engagement and Education. This method of working is best seen through our Total Focus Campaigns.

‘Total Focus’ campaigns aim to show that partners are working together to fight fly-tipping. They demonstrate that the regulatory authorities, businesses and residents are pulling together to clean up an area and fight environmental crime. Likely elements of a campaign could be:

- Waste carrier stop checks (Enforcement)
- Pollution prevention visits (Enforcement)
- Community skips and clean ups (Engagement)
- Environmental improvements to public spaces (Engagement)
- Roadshows in DIY stores and builders merchants (Education)
- Articles in local press (Education)

Canal Restoration Works

FtAW met with Gareth Jones and Heidi Le Rue of TCBC regeneration services team to discuss plans to carry out various initiatives to tackle fly tipping and litter problems in the Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal, in particular in the Ty Coch Road area.

It has been identified that abandoned trollies are a problem across Cwmbran, particularly in the canal and on Bron Afon Housing land. Partners we are planning to work with are Canal Watch, Keep Wales Tidy, local community, youth groups, probation, Bron Afon Housing and local retailers to tackle this problem..

Waste Carrier Vehicle Checks New Inn, Pontypool

Fly Tipping Action Wales, Environment Agency, Gwent Police, Torfaen CCBC and HMRC carried out a waste carrier check on Monday 10th October 2011 at New Inn. Over a 2.5 hour period 32 vehicles were escorted to the inspection site at VOSA resulting in a total of 111 PNC checks. The following offences were detected:-

- 2 x Section 165 seizures (No Insurance)
- 1 x GFPN issued (Exceed gross weight)
- 1 x £500.00 fine issued (Red diesel)
- 2 x VDRS (Construction & Use Regulations)
- 1 x FPN (No number plate)
- 1 x FPN (Glass not as prescribed)

- 1 x FPN (No vehicle excise licence)
- 1 x FPN (No MOT)

- 1 individual interviewed on suspicion of carrying waste without a licence



Torfaen Sustainability Week Launch, Greenmeadow Community Farm

On Monday 10th October 2011 Fly Tipping Action Wales had a stand at the Torfaen Sustainability Week Launch at Greenmeadow Community Farm, Cwmbran.

Chaired by the leader of Torfaen council, councillor Bob Wellington, the event included a keynote speech by John Griffiths AM, the minister for environment and sustainable development.

Fly Tipping Action Wales provided advice and information on Duty of care to dispose of waste legally, safely and responsibly. Pupils visiting the event spoke about their thoughts on people who fly tip.



Litter Pick at McDonalds, New Inn

On Monday 10th October 2011 Fly Tipping Action Wales together with Torfaen County Borough Council, Keep Wales Tidy and 9 members of staff from McDonalds cleaned up rubbish and litter from the area around the restaurant.

A total of 37 bags of rubbish were collected in one hour.



Bacon Butty Event at Travis Perkins Builders Merchants, Polo Ground Industrial Estate

Fly Tipping Action Wales staff were at Travis Perkins on Tuesday 11th October 2011, explaining to customers their Duty of Care and the need to be a Registered Waste Carrier if they carry Construction & Demolition Waste on the roads.

FtAW staff spoke to 13 customers who received information packs and a free bacon butty and cup of tea.

Application forms for registering as a waste carrier were given out to two customers.



Duty of Care Advice to Residents

Fly Tipping Action Wales together with Trevethin Communities First visited residents in the area to ask what they thought about rubbish and litter in their area and to check that they knew how to dispose of their waste safely, legally and responsibly.

Local hotspot areas for flytipping were visited and FtAW are working with Communities First on possible future projects to tackle the problem.



Survey of Commercial Waste Contracts Thursday 13th October 11

Fly Tipping Action Wales and Torfaen County Borough Council Environmental Health Department carried out visits to commercial properties in two areas; Commercial Street, Old Cwmbran and Fairwater Precinct. The aim of the visit was to carry out a duty of care waste audit of small businesses. 25 premises were visited and survey forms were left with 18. These were to be completed and returned in a freepost envelope provided within 14 days. These premises will be revisited following receipt of the survey form.

Initial findings show that the majority of small businesses had no waste collection contract.

A future consultation/information day with residents, proprietors and shoppers will possibly be held at Fairwater Precinct to provide advice on waste issues.



'Catch a Fly Tipper' Yr 6, Pontnewynydd Primary School

On Wednesday 12th October 2011
Fly Tipping Action Wales visited
Year 6 of Pontnewynydd Primary
School who took part in 'Catch a
Fly Tipper'.

This involved the pupils working in
teams to receive a telephone call
giving information about a fly
tipping incident; locate the fly
tipping and take photographs using
a GPS device and then search for
evidence to identify the perpetrator;
completing all necessary forms.

The pupils then spoke and wrote
about their feelings towards fly
tipping and the people who fly tip.



The pupils were enthusiastic and
thorough in their team work.