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GUILTY FLY TIPPERS – NAMED AND SHAMED

Fifty-nine people are now on Buckinghamshire's name and shame list, which was launched a year ago as part of the 'Illegal Dumping Costs' campaign. Since the list was published an additional thirty-one people have been convicted for fly tipping or waste duty of care offences in the county. This has resulted in fines and costs of nearly £60,000.

The list (see notes to editor) highlights the names and details of companies and individuals who have been convicted for illegal dumping since 2006. If a person is convicted of illegal dumping, their name will appear on this list, which will be updated regularly. There's no getting away with it. If they don't want to see their name in the local paper, they need to ensure that they dispose of their waste correctly.

Householders can dispose of their waste by using one of the county's Household Waste Recycling Centres or a registered waste carrier. When using a waste carrier, checks must be carried out with the Environment Agency to ensure the person is a registered carrier.

All businesses must make similar checks when using a waste carrier to dispose of their waste. In addition they must also provided the carrier with a written description of the waste being disposed as well as keep copies of this for two years. If a householder or business fails in their duty of care they could be fined up to £5,000.

Councillor Martin Tett, Chairman of the Joint Waste Committee for Buckinghamshire said, 'In Buckinghamshire, fly tipping incidents have reduced by a third since 2004, saving the tax payers £250,000 in clean up costs. The Waste Partnership for Buckinghamshire has worked hard to achieve this, convicting over 100 people since the campaign started. We hope that by naming and shaming offenders we will further encourage people to dispose of their waste correctly.'

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Part of the 'Illegal Dumping Costs' campaign asks residents to report incidents where they see waste being dumped illegally. So far the response from witnesses has been fantastic, with over half of all convictions being witness led. If you witness someone dumping waste illegally, report it to the Waste Partnership by telephoning **0845 330 1856**

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Notes to Editors:

'Name and Shame' 2008 list

- 1) Buckinghamshire County Council operates nine Household Waste Recycling Centres [HWRCs] across the County.
- 2) The HWRCs are open for householders to take their wastes there between 0800 and 1700 hrs every day [including weekends] other than Christmas, Boxing and New Year's Days.
- 3) Facilities for trade waste disposal are currently available at the HWRCs at Rabans Lane, Aylesbury; London Rd East, Amersham; Pyebush roundabout A40, Beaconsfield [**Junction 2 M40**] and at the High Heavens Waste Complex, Booker, High Wycombe [where users will need to take a high vis. jacket and a hard hat].
- 4) A minimum charge of £23+VAT is raised for disposal of [250 kg] trade waste. This trade waste charge is made on a non-profit to the council basis by BCC.
- 5) Dumping wastes other than household waste facilities or at the gates of HWRCs outside the opening hours for the site are criminal offences and are defined in law to be the same as more conventional "fly-tipping".
- 6) More details on the HWRC provision within Buckinghamshire is available at http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/waste_strategy/waste_management/index.htm
- 7) Illegal dumping has been an arrestable offence since 7 June 2005.

- 8) Persons engaged in illegal dumping can be fined up to £50,000 or imprisoned for up to six months if convicted at Magistrates' Court. There is no limit to a fine which can be imposed at Crown Court, and a sentence of up to 5 years imprisonment can be imposed.
- 9) Householders must check that a person or business removing waste from their property is registered as a waste carrier. These checks may be made online with the Environment Agency at <http://www2.environment-agency.gov.uk/epr/or> by phoning 08708 506 506 and asking for the "Authorisations Team".
- 10) The 'Illegal Dumping Costs' campaign is being delivered by the Waste Partnership for Buckinghamshire, which includes Buckinghamshire County Council, Aylesbury Vale District Council, Wycombe District Council, South Bucks District Council and Chiltern District Council in association with the Environment Agency and Thames Valley Police.
- 11) Information for small businesses regarding their duty of care is available from the Waste Partnership for Buckinghamshire [contact and address supplied below] or at the website: http://www.bucksonline.gov.uk/illegaldumpingcosts/duty_of_care.htm