

Neighbourhoods

The Council's Environment & Neighbourhood Officers have recently been out in Loughton High Road, targeting littering offenders. In three hours the officers witnessed 11 littering offences, and subsequently issued Fixed Penalty Notices for the offences. Prior to the operation the officer visited the area and asked a number of shops to put up some "No littering" posters. It is important to note that cigarette butts and chewing gum deposited on the street are also classified as litter under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and, along with 'normal litter', can attract fines of up to £2,500 if the case goes to court.

This activity will be repeated on a quarterly basis with areas being targeted. It is also intended to authorise Police Community Support Officers to be able to issue fixed penalty notices for littering.

To date 17 Fixed Penalty Notices have been issued, of which 14 were for littering. One went to Court attracting a fine of £80 and £150 costs and another is proceeding to Court. Most however have been paid by the recipients.