

London Borough of Bexley

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DON'T TOSS LITTER OR FACE A FINE

Advertising will be used throughout the borough from today as part of a tough new clampdown on litter, dog fouling and fly tipping.

It is a criminal offence to drop litter, let your dog foul, or to fly-tip and under a new pilot scheme that has been in operation since mid-October, those who do this could be fined up to a maximum of £400.

Almost 800 fines have been issued in the first month, by uniformed litter enforcement officers patrolling areas of Bexley which are of particular concern to residents and businesses. Officers are all equipped with body worn video which is used to assist with the enforcement process.

The level of fines is £80 for littering, £50 for dog fouling and £400 for fly tipping. Full payment of the fine is required in all cases - with no reduction for early payment.

Young offenders are not currently fined but their details are recorded and a warning letter is sent to their parents or school. If the pilot scheme proves effective and financially sustainable, and a decision is taken to roll it out permanently, this approach may be reviewed.

Local Police have welcomed the pilot scheme and see it as one of a range of important initiatives that could assist them in their efforts to tackle anti-social behaviour.

For more information on the pilot go to www.bexley.co.uk/litterfines

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